



- 1. Rose Gardens**  
Roses have always graced the entrance to the garden and the Damask Roses, *Rosa damascena*, were in place when Thomas Brayton purchased the property in 1877.
- 2. Topiary Border**  
This border contains some of the oldest topiary on the property. The geometric designs and shapes have changed over the years, and new topiary is added and renovations made, as necessary.
- 3. Formal Garden**  
A formal parterre edged in *Buxus microcarpa* 'Little Missy' Boxwood. Each year a new spring bulb display followed with new flowering annuals is planted, surrounding the oldest and most famous topiary forms. These topiaries were started in 1901 in a nursery area, and then moved to their present location in 1912. The formal garden was renovated in 2013. (2022)
- 4. Orchard Beds**  
Once planted with a variety of peach, plum and cherry trees, the orchard beds now host crabapple trees, under planted with an assortment of perennials.
- 5. Upper Topiary Lawn**  
Made from California privet *Ligustrum ovalifolium*, these animals were added to the garden after 1920.
- 6. Teddy Bears & Unicorn**  
The most popular topiaries are the teddy bears made of yew *Taxus*. The unicorn is made from California privet. All were created in the 1970s.
- 7. Spot the Dog, Yew Rooster**  
Spot the Dog and the Yew Rooster were created in the 1970s. Spot is named for the variegated privet on its hind leg and was renovated in 2019. The Baby Giraffe is a newer addition; planted out in 2004 and rebuilt in 2017.
- 8. Dahlia Garden**  
Green Animals' original estate gardener, Joseph Carreiro, was a dahlia enthusiast. The Dahlia Display Garden continues this tradition and is a joint project between The Preservation Society of Newport County and the Rhode Island Dahlia Society. Blossoms from this garden are entered into the Dahlia Society's annual show held in early September. For more information, please visit: [www.RhodeIslandDahliaSociety.org](http://www.RhodeIslandDahliaSociety.org).
- 9. Gourd Arbor**  
Planted annually with gourds.
- 10. Fish Pond**  
Dating to the 1920s, the fish pond was renovated in 2005, thanks to a generous donation by The Newport Horticultural Society. The fountain was added in 2012.
- 11. Bamboo**  
This variety of running bamboo, *Phyllostachys aureosulcata*, is highly invasive and must be mown around regularly to be kept in check.
- 12. Pet Cemetery**  
The Brayton family had a long history of raising award-winning show dogs. Alice Brayton's beloved Lhasa Apsos are buried here.
- 13. Crown**  
Planted with California privet and Handsworth boxwood *Buxus sempervirens* 'Handsworthiensis'.
- 14. Cutting Garden**  
Planted with bulbs, perennials and annuals, this space is in bloom from spring to frost highlighting the diversity of the garden and new introductions. Florals are used for fresh arrangements on the property.
- 15. Figs**  
Native to the Mediterranean, the brown and white figs thrive in the moderate coastal conditions and sheltered microclimate of a west-facing slope.
- 16. Vegetable Garden:**  
In the estate's heyday, the vegetable beds filled the entire upper lawn area. George Mendonca's handcrafted scarecrows, dating to the 1940s, still welcome visitors to explore over 100 varieties of vegetables and herbs.
- 17. Espaliered Fruit Trees**
- 18. Berry Garden**  
Red currant *Ribes sativum*, Gooseberry *Ribes uva-crispa*, High-bush Blueberries *Vaccinium corymbosum*, Foxberry *Vaccinium vitis-idaea*, Golden Raspberry *Rubus idaeus* 'Fall Gold', Raspberry *Rubus idaeus* 'Heritage', *Lycium barbarum* Goji Berry, Blackberries *Rubus* 'Chester' and Strawberries *Fragaria* 'Ozark Beauty'
- 19. Perennial Border**  
The perennial border planting scheme emphasizes late summer and early fall bloom. Note the uncommon *Poncirus trifoliata*, Hardy Orange tree, at the far end of the border. The working coldframes, opposite the perennial border, are used to help in the production of Green Animal's seasonal plantings.
- 20. Arbors**  
The Grape Arbor *Vitis vinifera*, and the Saucer Magnolia Arbor (*Magnolia x soulangeana*).
- 21. Scottie the Dog, Birdbath & T-Rex Topiaries**  
The Birdbath was re-shaped and re-designed in 2015. T-Rex topiary currently being rebuilt
- 22. Giant Reed Grass**  
Giant Reed Grass *Arundo donax*. Growing up to twenty feet in one growing season, the canes can be cut and dried and used for garden structures and fencing.
- 23. Copper Beech Tree**  
*Fagus sylvatica Atropunicea*. It is approximately 160 years old.

### Private Events

Plan your outdoor celebration and enjoy the changing seasons of the gardens and the spectacular water views at Green Animals. Contact [Events@NewportMansions.org](mailto:Events@NewportMansions.org) for details on planning your wedding or special event at this magical property.

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| <b>A. Brayton House</b><br>A two and a half story Victorian summer residence built in the 1860s for Amasa Manton of Providence. Closed to the public. | <b>C. Ticket Sales &amp; Gift Shop</b>                 | <b>F. Gardener's Cottage</b><br>Private residence |
| <b>B. Restrooms</b><br>Located in the estate's original summer kitchen.   | <b>D. Original Greenhouse</b><br>Closed to the public. | <b>G. Greenhouse</b><br>Closed to the public.     |
|   | <b>E. Barn-Maintenance</b><br>Closed to the public.    | <b>H. Garden Shed</b><br>Closed to the public.    |

**Beech Nursery:**  
The Preservation Society's 88 acres of landscapes across 11 historic properties in Newport County include more than 1,800 trees – many of them beeches. This nursery of young European Beech trees will provide replacements for beeches that are lost to storms, age and disease.

# The Topiaries

