


The Museum's Garden

The Miguel O' Reilly House Museum welcomes you to our garden. This green space grows many varieties of plants, herbs, and vegetables known to have thrived in historic St. Augustine. The SSJ have maintained the garden's authenticity, recreating the 1800's atmosphere when Father O'Reilly and the first Sisters lived and taught in the adjacent house.

Let's Get Social

Explore the beauty of our garden and share it with friends! **Take pictures of your museum trip, tag us on social media, and claim free museum swag.**

 Father Miguel O'Reilly House Museum and Garden

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The Sisters in Florida wrote letters to their Mother Superior in France, sharing their experiences as early as 1866. So, we know they grew many of the crops that you see here today.





They also grew spinach, sweet potatoes, rice, corn, hominy (corn flour), sugar cane, and various herbs and spices.

Year-Round Vegetation

FLOWERING PLANTS

-  Sweet Olive: *leaves used to perfume tea*
-  French Lavender: *used for its calming and cleansing properties*
-  Aloe: *Used to to treat burns and other skin conditions*
-  Hibiscus: *used to treat cancer and gallbladder attacks, lower blood pressure, and relieve dry coughs*
-  Drift Rose
-  African Iris
-  Agapanthus
-  Gardenia

FRUIT TREES & PLANTS



-  Mulberry Bush: *leaves used to lower blood sugar*
-  Dwarf Pomegranate: *used for treatment of tapeworm and other infections.*
-  Valencia Orange Tree: *peels used to increase appetite; reduce phlegm; and treat coughs*
-  High Bush Blueberry: *used in teas as a muscle relaxant, especially for women during childbirth.*

Seasonal Vegetation

VEGETABLES

-  Lettuce
-  Cabbage
-  Tomatoes
-  Datil Peppers
-  Jalapeño Peppers
-  Kale
-  Canteloupe
-  Squash

HERBS & SPICES

-  Sage: *used to make mouthwash and for treating mouth ulcers and sore throats*
-  Mint: *used for digestion and colic*
-  Parsley: *used to prevent kidney stones*
-  Thyme: *used for headaches, insomnia, and stomach cramps*
-  Rosemary: *used for headaches, poor circulation, and digestion*
-  Dill: *used for treating stomach ailments, colic, hiccups, and bad breath*
-  Basil: *used to alleviate an upset stomach*