

## CHANNEL ISLANDS

For further information about how to use the Guide and for an explanation of the symbols, see pages vi-viii.  
For specific dates and times of opening, readers should telephone owners or consult the garden's website.  
Maps are to be found at the end of the Guide.

### GUERNSEY AND SARK

Liz and Pat Johnson

The Grange, St Peter Port GY1 2QJ.  
Tel: (01481) 701544

In town centre  
Open for Flora Guernsey, and by appt for parties and charities

Entrance: £4



#### GRANGE COURT

This is a gem of a garden, set in the heart of St Peter Port and continually being altered and improved by the present owners. The two-acre site is laid out as three distinct areas: a sensational formal rose garden with a folly wall; an informal garden planted with exotics such as bananas stretching the whole length of the property; and a grouping of rare plants and shrubs leading to a beautifully restored Victorian vinery, generously endowed with tender plants as well as vines. There is also a small walled garden next to a short driveway planted with tree ferns, the August-flowering *Strelitzia reginae* and an array of spider plants. The combination of a benign climate, a good irrigation system and lavish composting ensures that the plants are all in the pink of condition.

White House Hotel

Herm Island, Guernsey GY1 3HR.  
Tel: (01481) 722159;  
www.herm-island.com

#### HERM GARDENS

The realisation that this is an extraordinary place strikes home as soon as you step off the boat. The garden is either a riot of exotic plants from Central and South America, South Africa and the



Herm Gardens

Antipodes, or a sea of wild flowers in their natural habitat – the rocky bank below the famous hotel represents one extreme and the sweeping area of heathland to the north the other. The main areas of special planting are around and below the landing stages, the buildings and the chapel. A new woodland walk, where a parade of strelitzias, proteas, banissias, ensetas, echiums in variety, agaves, aloes, butias, yuccas, puyas, agapanthus and euryops stretches out alongside with the more familiar bluebells, tulips, watsonias, fuchsias and nerines, should be open for the 2010 season. With the positive and sympathetic input of the new management, and the professional expertise of its two gardeners Brett More and James Cordingley, who know how to take full advantage of the terrains and the benign climate, awarded a gold medal by Britain in Bloom in 2009, Herm could, given time, rival the Scilly Isles.

#### MILLE FLEURS ★

The three-acre garden set in a peaceful, wooded conservation valley has a wonderfully natural feeling about it, with much of the planting chosen with wildlife in mind. The areas around the house and holiday cottages are a profusion of roses, clematis, penstemons and other herbaceous perennials, with sweetly scented honeysuckles and jasmines framing arches and doorways. Paths flanked by lilies, lavender and other fragrant plants meander down to the bottom of the valley, where more tender, sub-tropical plants flourish in the sheltered microclimate. A natural spring feeds into two ponds surrounded by mature tree ferns and giant gunneras amid huge stands of arum lilies. A large mature fig tree and a host of terracotta pots brimming with red pelargoniums and cordylines, together with banks of crocosmias, phormiums and euphorbias, lend a Mediterranean feel to the swimming-pool area.

Directions: 20-mins ferry trip from St Peter Port, Guernsey – telephone 01481 721379

Open for guided tours main season, Tues – telephone or consult website for details  
Entrance: £7.50 for guided tour, children free

NEW WC

Mr and Mrs D. Russell

Rue du Bordage, St Pierre du Bois  
GY7 9DW. Tel: (01481) 263911;  
www.millefleurs.co.uk

6M SW of St Peter Port, 100 metres down lane from Rue de Quanteraine/Rue du Bordage junction

Open for limited season – telephone or consult website for details

Entrance: £4.50

Other information: Self-catering cottages available



Mille Fleurs