



The Museums at Lisle Station Park

Transcript: Tour Tidbit – Home Kitchen Garden

Hi everyone! My name is Concetta and I'm the Museum Manager and curator at The Museums at Lisle Station Park. I'll be harvesting some ripe information for this Tour Tidbit. So pull up a chair, and some pictures of this mini-sode's focus, the Home Kitchen Garden display.

A good place to find us is on our Clio walking tour, by going to www.theclio.com [SPELL] and typing in Lisle Illinois in the top search bar [SPELL]. You'll see all of our Clio walking tour entries pop up when you scroll down, so make sure you pick Home Kitchen Garden. If you're already on a virtual field trip with us, you're a step ahead and already have the link. Hit the pause button and pull it up, I'll wait for you.

In the 1800s and a lot of the 1900s, big stores like Walmart and Target didn't exist. You either had to find someone in your town that was growing and selling the exact foods you needed, or you had to grow it on your own. Almost all families had a home kitchen garden, even if they didn't have a big farm like the Netzley and Yender families.

The Netzleys set up their garden the way that they learned from their culture a design called a Four-Square Garden. Fruits and vegetables are grown in the 4 square box areas inside a fence, while herbs are grown just outside of it. Kids were mostly in charge of harvesting what was growing. They brought the herb plants inside to the Summer Kitchen and cooked with them fresh or tied them into bunches and hung them to dry. You may have some dried herbs and spices in your own kitchen or garden.

The Netzleys and the Yenders had a water pump like this one for their home, and also had neat ways to keep the gardens watered if they didn't get a lot of rain. They dug holes, put glass jars inside the holes, and filled the jars with water. They put a piece of cloth half inside the jar, and half in the ground, so the ground would soak up the jar's water and move it to the plants.



Take a look at our online resources for pictures and more! And field trippers – don't forget to check your instructions page to see everything we gave you!

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Our theme song was created by Big Cats.