



THE GROUNDS OF BELLEVUE HOUSE

Kingston, Ontario, Canada

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Bellevue Terrace was built in the 1840s as a gentleman's villa. It has the relaxed setting of a retreat and enough property for a kitchen garden to supply the needs of a family. Its most famous tenant, Sir John A. Macdonald, described his home and its owner in a letter to his sister:

*"I have taken a cottage or rather, I beg its pardon a villa...
The house was built by a retired grocer who was resolved to
have an 'Eytalian Willar' and who has built the most
fantastic concern imaginable"*

The picturesque terraced gardens at Bellevue House National Historic Site were restored by Parks Canada, under the direction of John Stewart. The restoration of this elegant garden not only provides a delightful setting for the house but also is itself a feature illustrating the manner in which the nineteenth century gentry designed landscapes. The restored grounds include a gingerbread gazebo and a large circular floral display in a geometric pattern.



Gingerbread Gazebo



Circular Floral Display