

Garden Adventure

Activity Guide



Rachel Ruysch, *Still Life with Flowers*, 1709
Art of Europe, Gallery 244



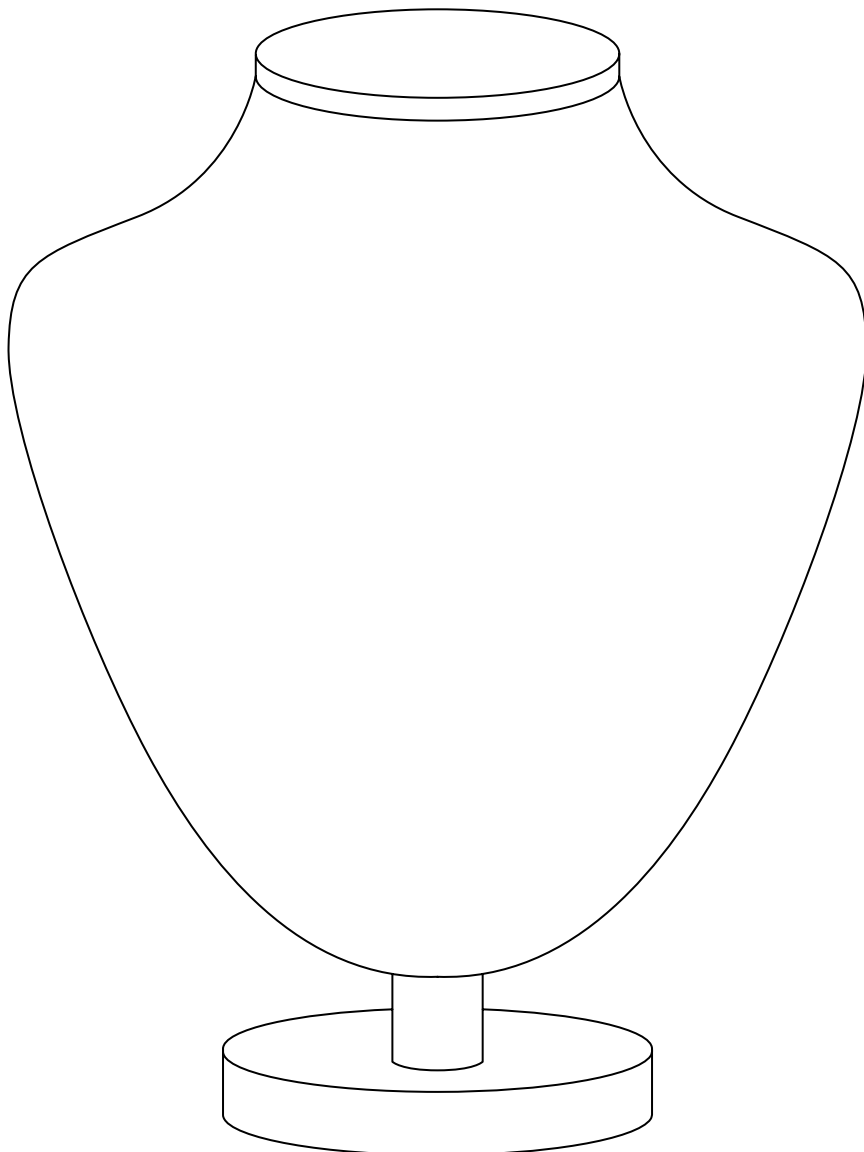
Start your search for plants, flowers, and gardens in Gallery 244 with this painting by Dutch artist Rachel Ruysch!

Nature's Necklace

The small flowers on this necklace are called lily of the valley. They symbolize good luck. When would you wear this necklace for extra luck? How would it make you feel?



Draw a necklace with flowers on it that you might like to wear.



Probably Maison Gripoux for Christian Dior, Lily of the Valley necklace, 1950s. Courtesy Christian Dior Courture.

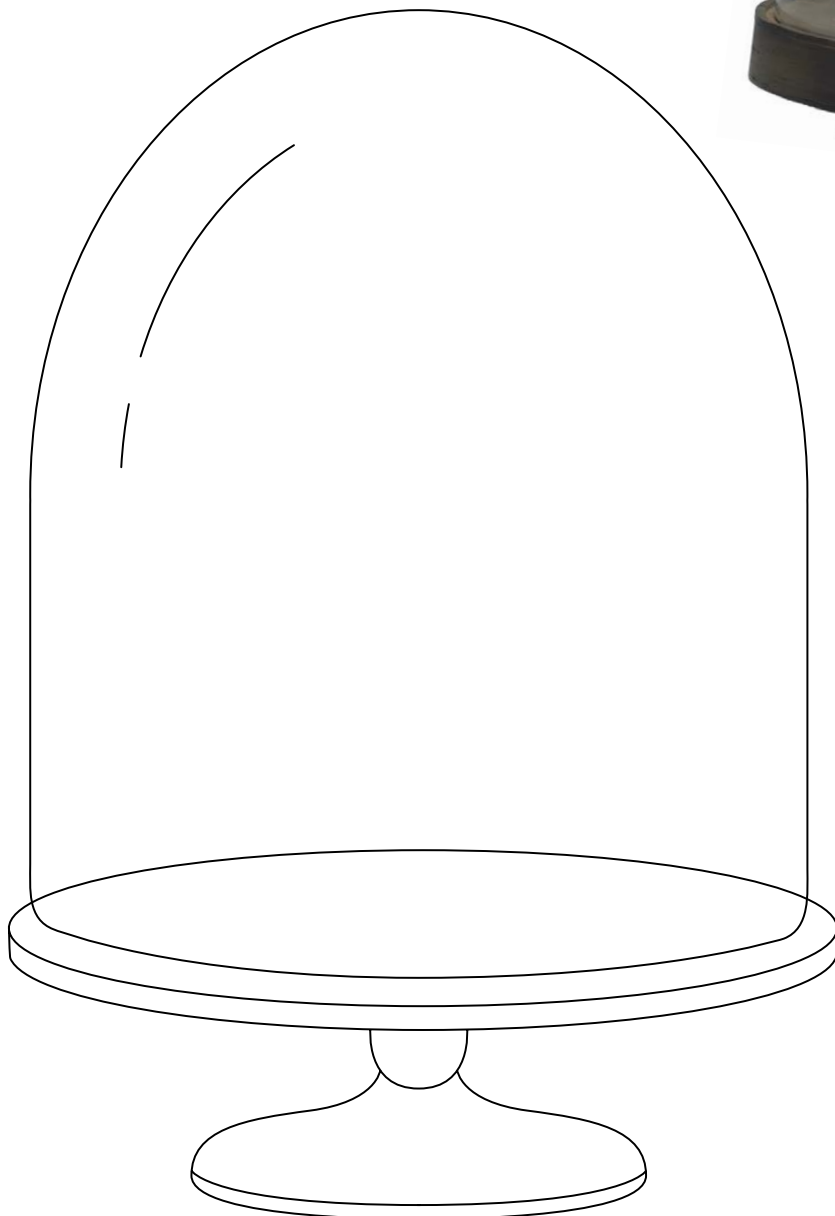
**Near Huntington Avenue
Entrance, Gallery 104**

Seaside Stems

This basket of flowers is made entirely from shells! Imagine how many different shells this artist had to find to create something so intricate.



Draw your own garden or bouquet in the case below. What material is it made of?



Artist unidentified,
Shellwork basket of
flowers, probably
American, about
1840–50

**Art of the Americas,
Gallery 238B**

Tiled Oasis

These tiles show a gateway, or entrance, with three arches to paradise. In Islamic tradition, paradise is described as a garden.



Artist unidentified, Tile panel, Syrian, about 1600

Art of Asia, Gallery 175

What does paradise look like to you?

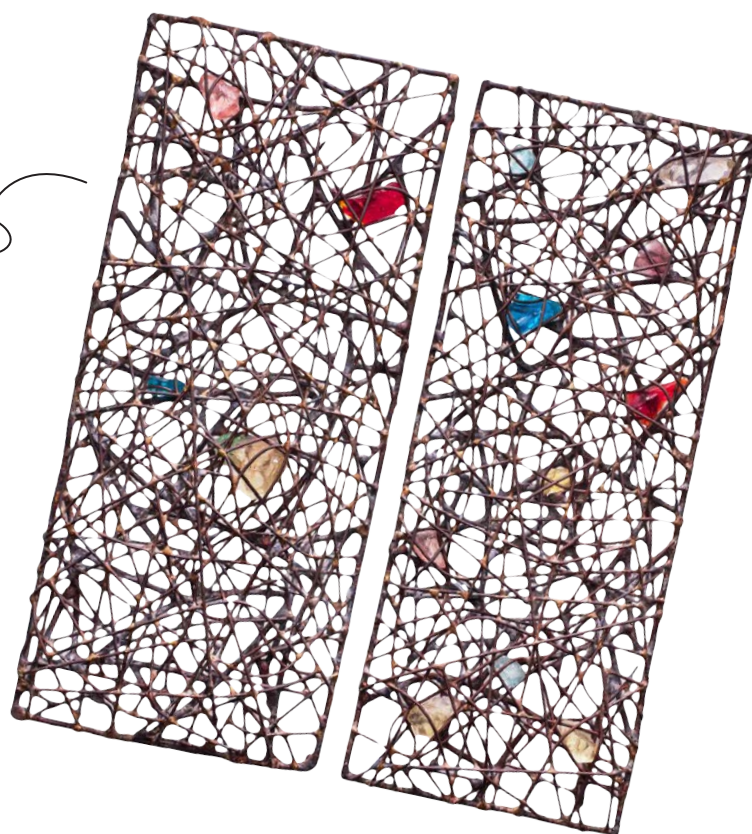
What words describe what you see and hear?

Secret Garden Gate

This small gate made of copper wire and glass is a model for a much bigger set of doors leading to a garden.

Claire Falkenstein, Model
for garden gates, 1961.
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**Modern and Contemporary
Art, Gallery 258**



Design your own gate leading to a garden.
What is your gate made of? Imagine you
push open the gates. Draw what you might
find in your garden.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for drawing a gate and garden scene.

Stop and Spot the Roses

You can find plants, flowers, and gardens all over the Museum. Some are obvious, and you might need to look closer for others. How many can you find? Can you spot more than the ones shown here?

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- 1. Linda Threadgill, Hanukkah lamp, 1999. Reproduced with permission.
Art of the Americas, Gallery 231
- 2. Louis Comfort Tiffany, Florifom Vase, about 1900–3
Art of the Americas, Gallery 228
- 3. Made at Chelsea Manufactory, Peapod, about 1755
Art of Europe, Gallery 241
- 4. Close to Exekias, Two-handled jar (amphora) with Dionysos in a vineyard, about 540–530 BCE
Art of Ancient Greece and Rome, Gallery 215B