

Presentation

The “Kitchen-Garden” at Eutin Castle

50 Volunteers as heart of a revitalized show-garden

1. Start slide: Aerial view of the kitchen garden

- Outline
- Short special classification
 - The location of Eutin in Germany
 - General Plan (castle/ castle garden/ kitchen garden)
 - Short outline based on the arial view

2. Short historic outline of castle and garden: Arial view title picture castle guide

Phase 1: Bishop’s administrative court and medieval castle (1154-1640)

- Administrative seat of the bishops of Lübeck at the Great Eutin Lake
- 1320 permanent episcopal residence with a medieval castle (Fig. 4: View Castle guide)
- During Christian Reformation: Decay and neglect, no bishop resides in Eutin
- 1586 Eutin becomes the seat of a prince-bishop, after Gottorf Castle the second sovereign’s residence in Schleswig-Holstein
- Consequence: Rudolph Matthias Dallin (ca. 1680 - 1743) transforms the fortified moated castle into an Italian-style Baroque palace
- Fig. 3: Rudolph Matthias Dallin, Eutin Castle before the reconstruction 1716, Westside, Southside
- Fig. 5: West façade
- After the reconstruction of the residence: construction of a representative baroque garden area through garden architect Johann Cristian Lewon (1690-1760). Nothing of that has been preserved except for 15 sheets of paper

documenting the construction. (Fig. 14: Johann Christian Lewen, Prospect of the high prince-bishop's pleasure garden, 1732 – 1742

- The baroque garden existed until 1785

Phase 2: Summer-residence and cultural centre (1773 – 1918)

- 1773 Contract of Zarskoje Selo: Union of the Prince-Bishopric of Lübeck with the Duchy of Oldenburg in the Russian-Danish exchange treaty. Prince-bishops from the House of Schleswig-Holstein-Gottorf become Dukes of Oldenburg.
- 1787/1788 transformation of the baroque castle garden into an extensive **English landscape garden**
- Fig. 13: Ludwig Philipp Strack, Ansicht des Eutiner Schlossgartens, um 1800
- Map?
- Elements:
 - Pleasure Ground
 - Lakeside pavilion with a panoramic view of Lake Eutin
 - Lindenallee with 55 Dutch linden trees, approx. 235 Years old (Fig. 45)
 - Small and great waterfall
 - Monopeterus in the English landscape garden (Fig. 50)
 - Chinese arch bridge
- **1803** Complete relocation of the dukes' court to Oldenburg
- Eutin becomes a summer residence.
- During that time a lot of scholars, poets and artists visit the castle like Johann Heinrich Wilhelm Tischbein.
- Fig. 41: View over the south terrace into the castle garden
- Fig. 42: South terrace with potted plants
- 1815: The Duchy of Oldenburg becomes a Grand Duchy

Phase 3: The castle becomes a museum (1918 – 1992)

- **1918:** The end of the constitutional monarchy in Germany; Castle Eutin becomes a private residence of the former grand ducal family of Oldenburg.
- Eutin castle remains property of the ducal family but opens partially up for visitors.
- Between the End of the Second World War and the 1950s, refugees are accommodated in the castle.
- After a long-termed restauration, first rooms can be opened for public again. **1961** the castle gets listed as a **historical monument**.

Phase 4: Castle Foundation and Museum (since 1992)

- 1992: Establishment of the public-law foundation “**Stiftung Schloss Eutin**” (Foundation Castle Eutin) through the ducal family. The castle, wide parts of the collection and the castle gardens are part of this foundation.
- The state of Schleswig-Holstein will continue the renovation and restauration work and the maintenance of the castle.
- Museum **since 2006**
- **2016: State horticultural show** with the area of the castle gardens and the lavishly restored Kitchen Garden

3. Facts about the foundation

- Foundation has 2 bodies (Foundation Council and Foundation Board)
- Chairmen: A State Secretary who is responsible for culture and the duke of Oldenburg
- Managing Direktor: Brigitta Herrmann
- 32 Employees in administration and Museum
 - Of which 0.5 position in the kitchen garden at Eutin Castle

4. Revitalisation Kitchen Garden

Phase 1 (since 1790)

- Integration of the Kitchen Garden into the English Landscape Garden
 - The Kitchen Garden lies amidst the English Landscape Garden like a foreign body (area of 1.8 ha)
 - Idea: Through walls and grown sight protection barely recognizable
- Historically preserved and restored elements
 - 1790: Construction of the Kitchen Garden Wall with bricks, original preserved
 - Climate-wall served the optimization of the climatic conditions of northern Germany
 - Orangerie:
 - At first Fig house for the cultivation of tropical fruits (1716 – 1784)
 - Comedy house (1784 – 1791)
 - After 1791 again an Orangerie
 - New Dutch House
 - 1791: Construction of a Pineapple-House (Price Pückler ordered Pineapples from Eutin to Bad Muskau)
 - 1739 Construction of a Geranium House (Temperature South Africa, Winter 8 – 12 degree)
 - 1842/43 Construction of the new Dutch House as a warm house for tropical plants (Australia / New Zealand)

Phase 2 (1918 - 2006)

- 1927: Reconstruction of the New Dutch House into a gardener's house
- 1927: The Kitchen Garden gets leased to the former gardener of Lüth
- Until 1963: Flower and ornamental plant company
- 1963: Master gardener Siebeck takes over the Kitchen Garden

- Clearing of the orchard, only the Holsteiner Cox remains
- Use as a tree nursery
- 1964: Piping of the open ditches
- 1970 – 1988: Maintenance and care on behalf of the city of Eutin
- 1970: The nursery is given up
- Until 1990: Spruce protection and fallow land
- 2000: The New Dutch House gets used as living space

Phase 3: Revitalization (2006 – 2016)

- 2005: Revitalization contest Kitchen Garden
- 2006: 1. Kitchen Garden Symposium
- 2007: Refurbishment of the outer walls
- 2009: 2. Kitchen Garden Symposium
- Preliminary archaeological investigations (rediscovery of the foundations of the climate wall, trenches, pathways)
- 2014 Start of the works to revitalize the Kitchen Garden
- Reconstruction of the Kitchen Garden for the State Garden Show 2016 as part of an international competition with EU funding
- Restoration of the historical water regime, supplemented by pumps in Lake Eutin and Kleiner Piependieck
- Alleys of cherry trees, Mirabelle plums, Reneclauden, Plums, Apples and Pears
- Trellis fruit
- Cordon hedges
- Kesselbaum (Apples, Plums and Pears)
- Vines
- 3 orchards in quincus formation with sour cherries, apples, plums, cherries, pears and quinces
- 10 information boards about the historic Kitchen Garden
- Living furniture and a living fence

Phase 4: Lively Show Garden (since 2017)

- Management of the Kitchen Garden with 5 teams of volunteers
- Over all 50 Volunteers
- 10 Parcels
- 5 teams
 - Medicinal and poisonous plant garden
 - Orchard with dwarf fruit
 - Hildegard-von-Bingen Garden
 - VEN (preservation of historic sorts of vegetables and herbs)
 - New Roots (garden for refugees)
- In cooperation with the Sparkassen Foundation East Holstein with “Educational fun in the Kitchen Garden”: A free educational offer for kindergarteners, 2 parcels)
- Special gardens:
 - Mulch garden
 - Asparagus bed with white and green asparagus
 - Flowering meadow
- Unique project in Germany
- Management of the Kitchen Garden: 0.5 position
- Foundation Castle Eutin ensures basic maintenance and protection of the buildings
- Triad: Foundation Castle Eutin, Sparkassen Foundation and volunteers
- Budget: 60,000 € (40,000 € state, 20,000 € city of Eutin)

Elements of teamwork

- Market stall: giveaway of harvested fruits and vegetables every Friday between 15 and 17 o'clock

- Packaging of seeds, giveaway on two Fridays in March in the Garden, meanwhile giveaway in the Shop of the castle (new target groups)
- Community time in the garden, social exchange and support with labour, knowledge, ideas, and tools
- Exchange of seeds and plants
- Social community:
 - Meetings of the teams
 - Fridays: Coffee time together, across teams
 - Thank you party, organized by the Foundation Castle Eutin on the second Sunday of September
 - End of the season in November (technical input, review of the year and annual planning)
 - Uniform vests as a recognizable feature (sponsored, since season 2023)
 - Photo shooting
 - Memorial Photo as a gift
- Further education/training
 - Pruning workshop with grower (pruning kettle trees, espaliers and cordons)
 - Pruning of vines
 - Introduction to irrigation techniques
 - Thank you gifts:
 - Participation in an expert guidance through the Kitchen Garden
 - Castle Guide
 - Expert guidance about species protection in the Castle Garden
 - Presentation about other Kitchen Gardens in Germany
- Monthly meeting of the team leaders for a joint technical planning
- Participation at the “Rendezvous in the garden” as a Kitchen Garden Party (Edutainment)
- Collection of surplus fruit from “Tafel Eutin”