350 years of Kitchen Garden Tradition at the Barony Rosendal, Norway

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Barony Rosendal in autumn colours, with a view to the rose garden and the impressive mountains in the background

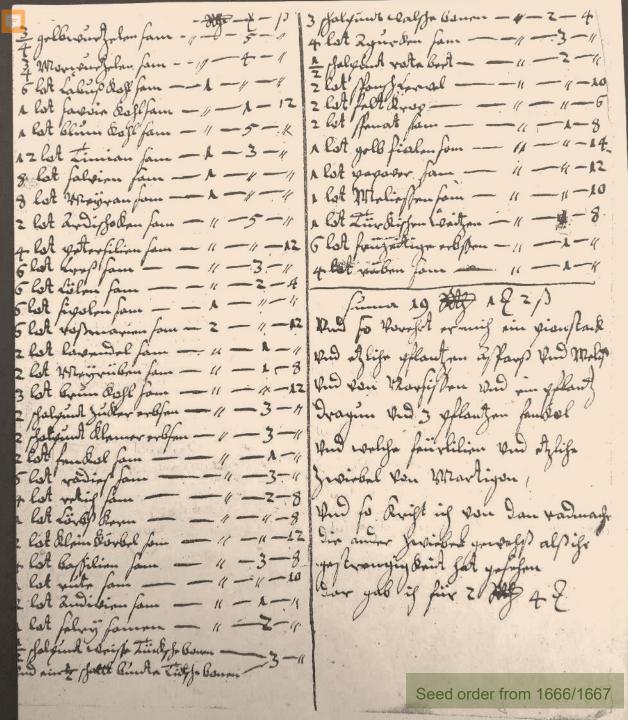
Source: Barony Rosendal





Views from the landscape park (1849-1880), featuring the Old Smithy



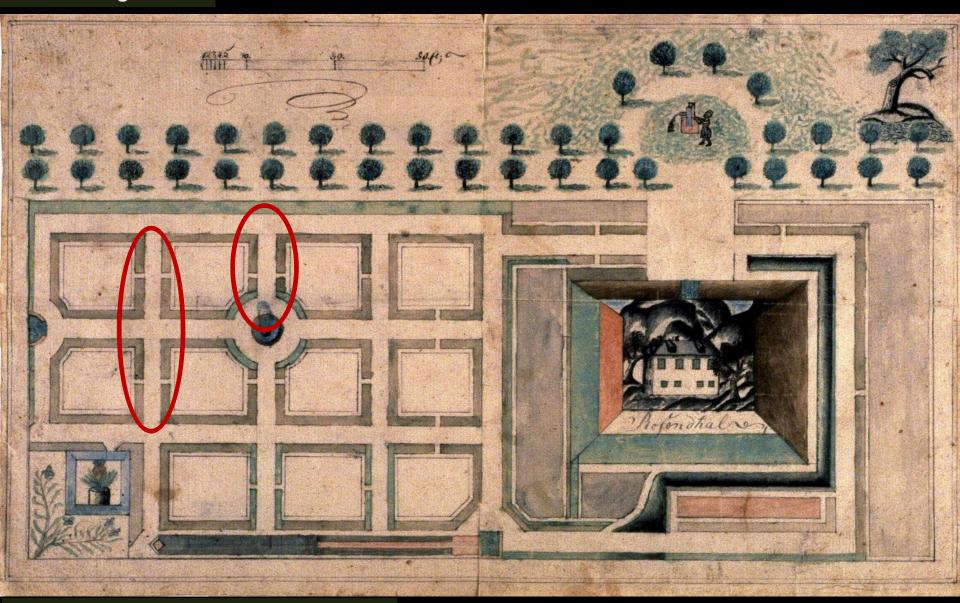


The first layer of kitchen gardens 1666-1678

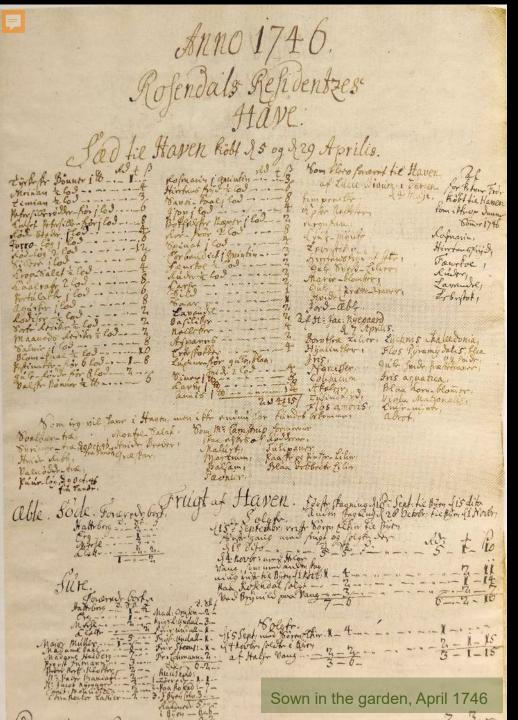


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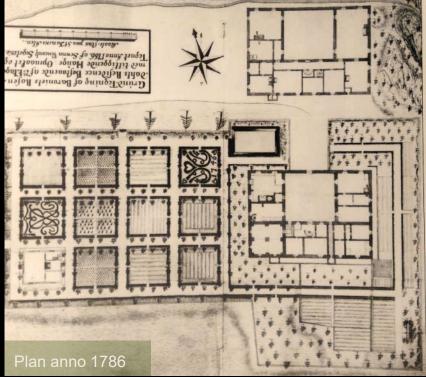
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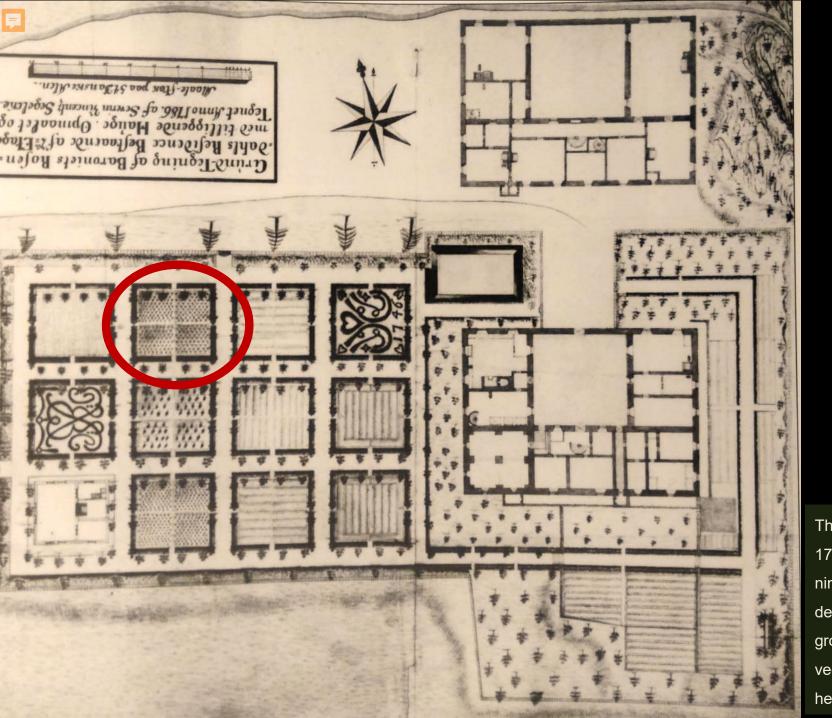






The second layer of kitchen gardens 1745-1786





The plan from 1786 shows that nine beds were dedicated to growing vegetables and herbs

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Interim layer 1811-1836

The formal (walled) garden was still used for vegetable and herbs. Here showing crop rotation between 1815-1820

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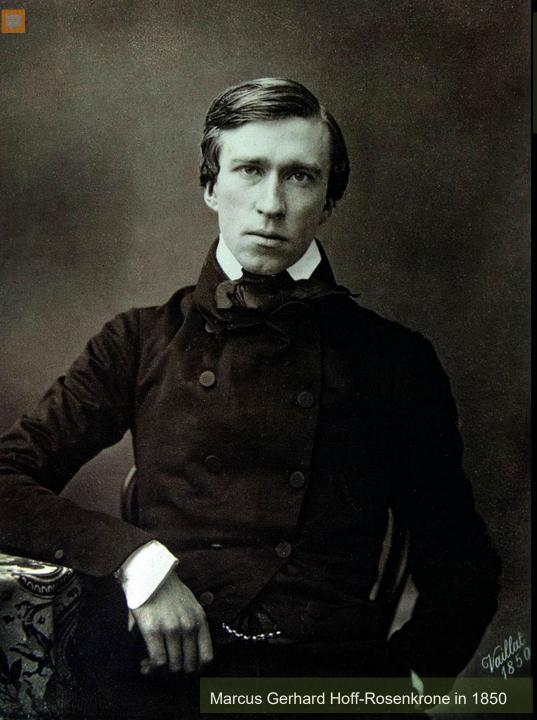


The picture shows a selection of vegetables that were cultivated in the formal garden between 1815 and 1820

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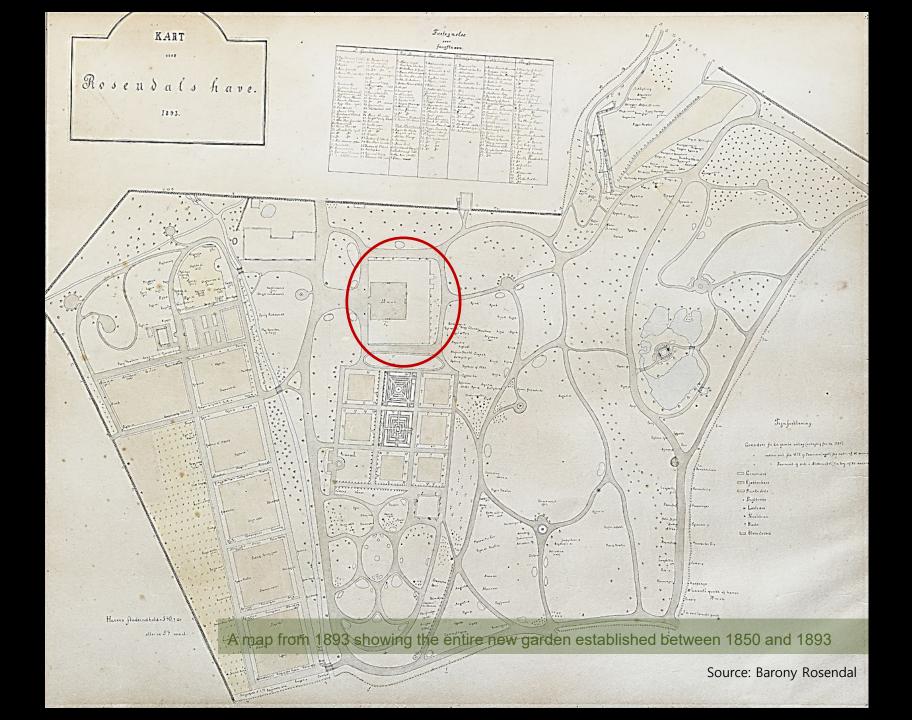


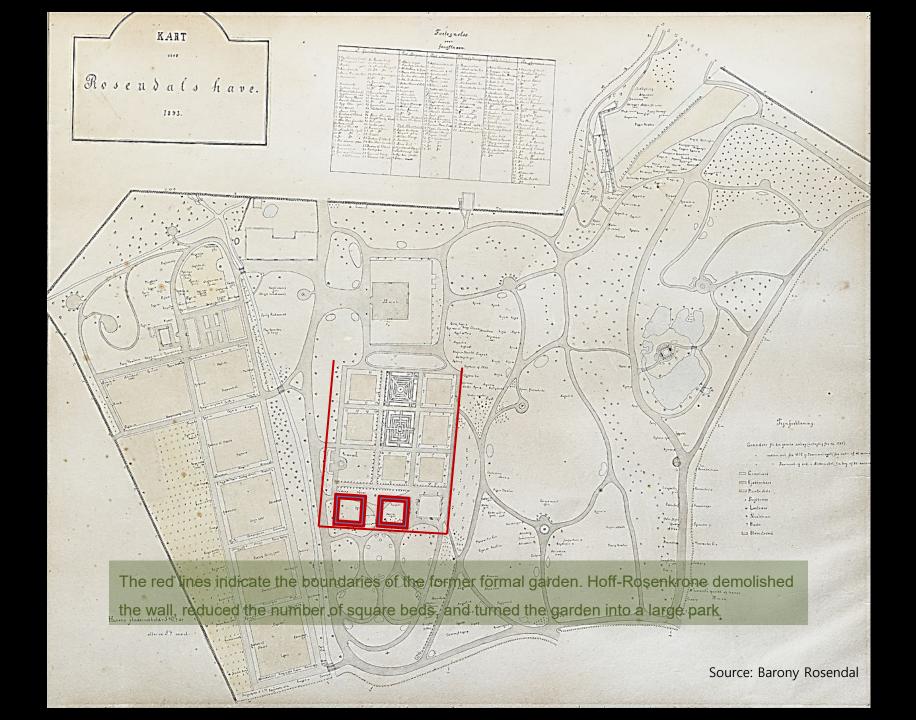
It was only in the 1830s that the owner invited a gardener from Bergen to transform one of the garden beds into a purely decorative feature. The picture showcases some of the plants introduced in 1834.

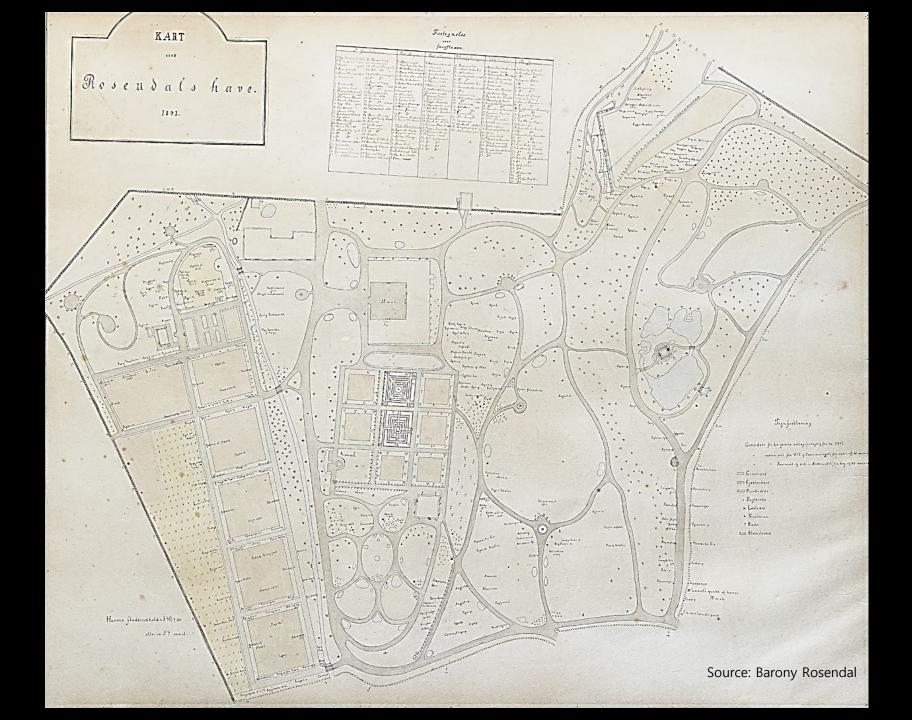


The third layer of kitchen gardens 1849-1896

Source: Barony Rosendal



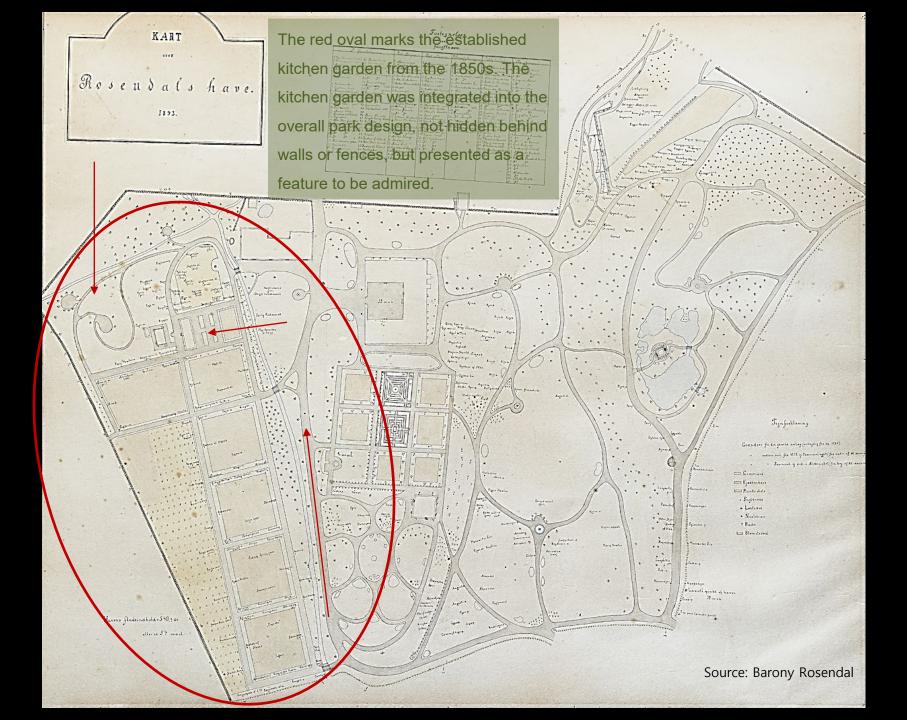


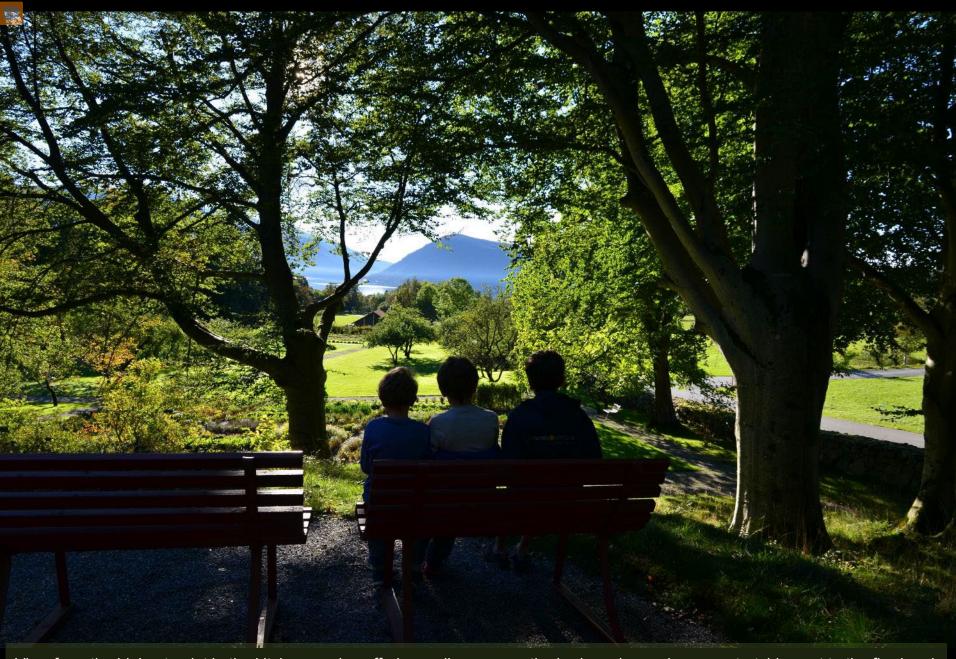




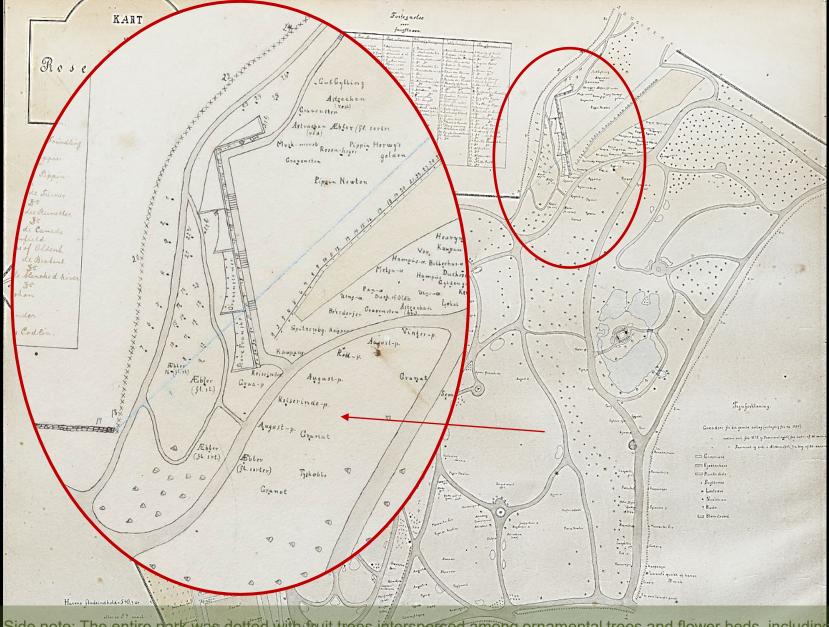


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View from the highest point in the kitchen garden offering a glimpse over the beds and greenhouses, stretching out to the fjord and the surrounding landscape



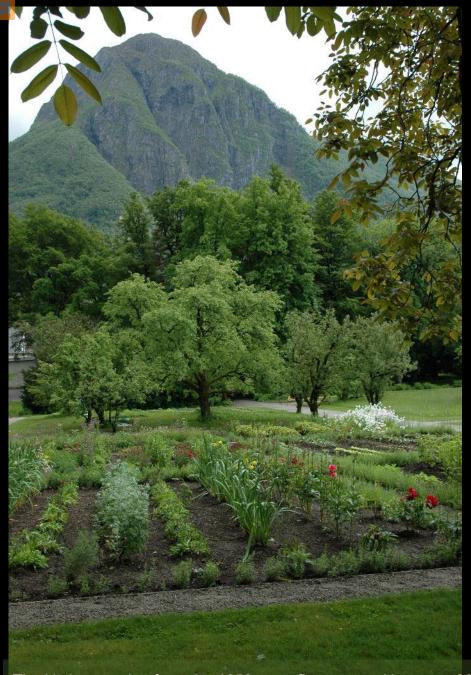
Side note: The entire park was dotted with fruit trees interspersed among ornamental trees and flower beds, including an espaliered orchard along wires and a large wall



The fruit trees are no longer there, but the area and the walls remain in the park – waiting for the next restoration project!



The park featured a wide variety of pear trees, alongside apples, cherries, plums, peaches, apricots, and other more exotic species.







The kitchen garden from the 1850s was first restored between 2000 and 2005











Ongoing restoration projects nearing completion – the kitchen garden wall: before and after



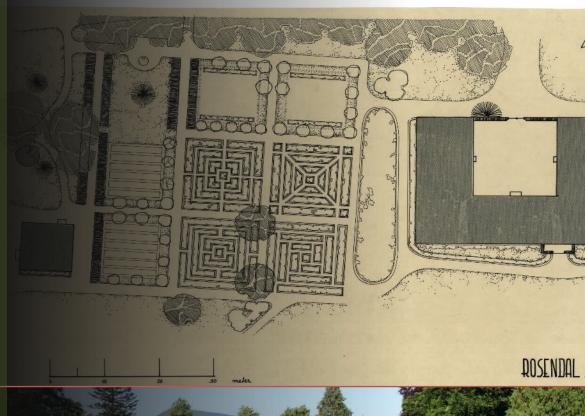




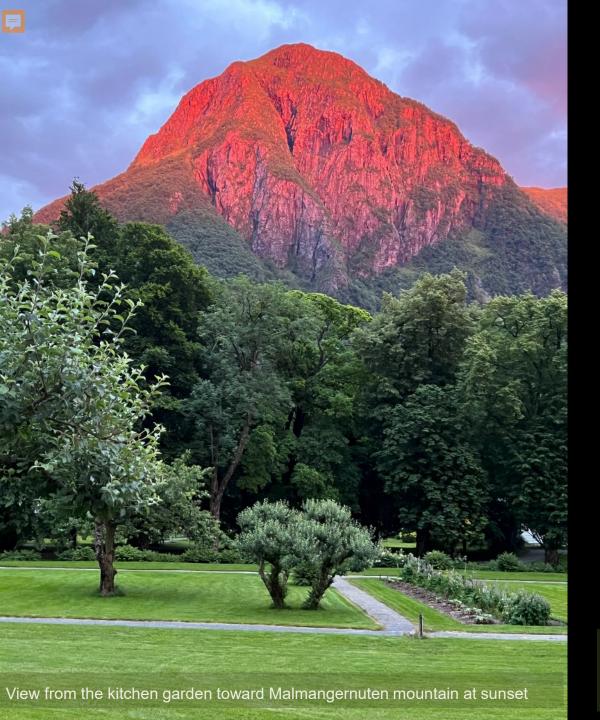
Restoration of the garden beds featuring plant examples from the 17th and 18th centuries 2022-2023

The future of the kitchen garden at Barony Rosendal

- Should the kitchen garden be reintegrated into the formal garden?
- Can we ultilize the extensive plant lists from all three historical layer?
- How can the kitchen garden tradition play a larger role in todays activities and outreach efforts?
- Could it serve as a gene bank for plants adapted to Nordic conditions and needs?
- What happens to the narrative of the rose garden in Rosendal?







Thank you!
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