Obviously the place for the big kitchen garden is in the area between the present gardener's house and the east terrace. The survey shows it to be the only approximately level part of the ground and there is no reason why it should not be worked attractively into the scheme of walks leading from the house around the boundaries. The cutting garden should be thought out as a part of this scheme and espaliered and cordon, small fruit and large, should be planted on either side of the walks and also on the hillsides sloping down from the terraces to the garden. This would seem to tie the whole scheme of house, terrace and green garden, swimming pool and kitchen garden, into a unit.
Kitchen Gardens: Draft Plan

Kitchen Garden, 1926

LA.GD.F.1.01

- vegetable garden
- arboretum
- hot beds
Elevation of Vegetable Garden Wall
Looking South

Plan, Herbaceous Boarder, 1928?
LA.GD.F1.08
Kitchen Gardens: Final Plan

- Vegetable garden
- Arboretum
- Hot beds
Vegetable Cultivation
Summer 1927

- corn
- tomatoes
- bush beans or potatoes
- cucumbers or melons?
- beets?
- garlic or onions
- asparagus
Vegetable Cultivation
Summer 1929

- asparagus
- potatoes or beans
- onions
- beet or potatoes
- radish?
- lettuce?
- tomatoes
Flower Cultivation
circa 1927-1933

Cutting Garden with Tool House
LA.GP.28.07
In order to provide for replacement of the plants which seem inevitably associated with Dumbarton Oaks it may be wise to start a small nursery for Box, Yew, Holly, Oaks, and other plants which are costly to buy in large size.
Demonstration Garden for Victory Gardeners

Washington Post
3.26.43
Dearest Mildred:

Very neglectfully the question as to growing vegetables at Dumbarton Oaks was not answered in my last letter. This subject is one which is constantly brought up by Mr. Thatcher as he seems to feel much inclined to at least try omitting vegetable growing for a year. Mr. Thatcher feels there is considerable work entailed and that the expense in labor is not worth the return in kind. Bryce also confesses that the vegetable garden, while useful, does mean a considerable amount of work, and taking all of these various elements into consideration it would seem to be wise to omit vegetable growing for one year at least as an experiment. If the Quarters costs rise appreciably as the result of not having home-grown vegetables the question will be answered, but otherwise I feel there will always be uncertainty in Mr. Thatcher's mind until there is actual visible proof in the account books. It is of course understood that Bryce and Kearney would be given permission to grow vegetables for themselves in their own over-time, but this is a very different undertaking from producing the amounts needed to feed the students.

P.S. Bryce has just asked me if the order not to plant vegetables is definite. If so, he will convert the space into a nursery. I told him that I would speak to you again about it and I shall ask Thatcher today, or to-morrow. My own opinion is that it would be a mistake to suppress the vegetables. This year, for instance, Mrs. Fitch would have been unable to properly provide for the Scholars and Fellows had she not had the conserves put up at Dumbarton Oaks, and obviously the quality is much better than what can buy.
Cutting Garden
Plan for Byzantine Garden
Robert W. Patterson, 1951
1) Lower Cutting Garden. Many of the chrysanthemums being started for transplanting to boarders this summer were drowned out here because of flooding and bad drainage coming down from above. Mr. Kearney proposed, and I approved, building a shallow open drain, running north and south right alongside the path near the west wall, which will connect with an underground drainage system already in place. A pipe will be run all the way out to Lover’s Lane, to avoid any possible muddy spots around the arbor. The interior of the open drain will be pebbled. All work will be done this winter by the D.O. crew.
Peonies Bed (Frame Yard)


Orchard

Apple trees removed and replaced with flowering Crabapples starting in 1955.

Plum Walk (1954)

Yew Hedge replaced with 40 Prunus blireiana along walk. Privet planted along cutting garden wall. Cononaster planted along stairs to Cherry Hill.
6) At proper time, osmanthus hedges will be put in between lower cutting garden and the new peony-iris garden. Also the present hedge will be removed running to east of lower cutting garden and osmanthus put in its place.
Espaliered Fruit Trees, 1984

Cutting Garden
1 Apple Irish Peach
2 Pear Buerre Superfin
3 Plum Green Gage
4 Peach George IV
5 Apple Akero
6 Pear Sheldon
7 Plum Perl
8 Peach Champion

Vegetable Garden
1 Nectarine Morton
2 Peach J.M. Mock
3 Nectarine Morton
4 Nectarine Morton
5 Plum Elephant Heart
6 Apple Caville Ablne d'Hiver
7 Apple Golden Nugget
8 Apple Swaar
9 Pear Chapin
10 Apple Cox's Orange Pippin
11 Pear Comice
12 Apple Golden Russet

Existing, 2009

House Archives: Kitchen Garden Planings 1968-1984
"Fruit Trees Planted 1984"
salad greens
okra
cucumbers

radishes
beets
potatoes

garlic
onions
peas

bush beans
pole beans

okra
artichokes
peppers
eggplant

tomatoes
tomatillos
tomatoes

tomatoes
Salad Greens
2009

- mini green iceberg lettuce
- asian baby mesclun mix
- catalina spinach
- lettuce: black seeded simpson
- pak choi (harvested)
- lettuce: black seeded simpson
- catalina spinach
- asian baby mesclun mix
- mini green iceberg lettuce

- okra

- mini green iceberg lettuce
- asian baby mesclun mix
- catalina spinach
- lettuce: gourmet blend
- pak choi (harvested)
- lettuce: gourmet blend
- arugula
- catalina spinach
- asian baby mesclun mix
- mini green iceberg lettuce

- cucumber

- catalina spinach
- lettuce: gourmet blend
- pak choi (harvested)
- lettuce: black seeded simpson
- arugula
Reccomendations for next year

greens:
omit head lettuces
add romaine lettuce
try again with spinach, hope for better germination
continue with Asian mesclun and Burpee Mixes

increase number of beds to utilize entire E-W strip

include kholrabi, possibly blueberries

provide for adequate maintenance: kitchen garden intern

fewer tomato plants per bed

plan in winter for three crop cycles so new can be germinated and planted as
pervious crops finish

continue efforts to compost garden waste and generate compost tea
Edible Plants at Dumbarton Oaks

Plants for a Future: www.pfaf.org

Fruit Trees/Vines
- Apples
- Pears
- Fig
  - Chinese Quince
  - Persimmon
  - Bitter Orange
  - Pomegranate
  - Cornelian Cherry
  - Serviceberry

Mixed Herbs

Vegetables
- Squash
- Tomatoes
- Beans
- Cucumbers

Vegetable Beds

Japanese Cherry

Crabapple

Plants for a Future: www.pfaf.org
Google Earth