



NELLEMANN'S GARDENS TODAY THE AREA OF THE GARDENS IS 6HA

VIBEKE NELLEMANN'S PLAN FROM 1996

- 1 The lawns, a: the southlawn, b: the northlawn
- 2 The slope, a: the southern slope, b: the northern slope, Lise's Pavilion
- 3 The moor
- 4 Bust portraying Nic. Nellesmann
- 5 The glasshouse garden
- 6 The Rhododendron garden
- 7 The rose garden
- 8 The water garden, a: the big lake, b: the little lake
c: the brook/the ditch
d: flower meadow
e: public toilet
- 9 The woods
- 10 The crab apple garden
- 11 Schoolgarden and new Jens Hvass' Woods
- 12 Nursery, packed lunch area
- 13 Common
- 14 Lise's Pavilion. Moved to 2b

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Gardens*



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Nic. Nellemann was born in Saltofte, Funen in 1892. After graduating as a chartered surveyor in 1913, he was hired by a firm of chartered surveyors in Nørresundby. In 1934 he was the sole owner of the firm.

The family had long wanted a plot for a holiday cottage, and the choice fell on Sæby, because *"here there was more hours of sunshine than further south"*.

In 1925 he acquired 2,6 acres of uncultivated land, containing an old gravel pit, a couple of bog holes and a heathered moor slope, which in the years to come was transformed into a truly scenic gem of nature.

This area was expanded several times in the years before 1969.

It had a herbaceous garden, rose garden, dahlias, glasshouse and a large collection of fruit trees and other interesting trees both coniferous and deciduous trees, which we can also enjoy today.

Nic. Nellemann received the challenge cup for the most beautiful gardens from The Jutlandic Horticultural Society three years in a row in the early 40s.

Nic. Nellemann's great passion was crab apple trees. In 1969 the gardens contained no less than 100 real Chinese kinds along with a number of crosses, which Nic. Nellemann himself had grown, just as he often experimented with seed plants.

He had an extensive collaboration on new trees with other people in Denmark, which also resulted in the exchange of scions. Special kinds were procured from foreign countries, in order to expand his great collection. He did a thorough job of recording his many trees until his death in 1976.



The gardens were a great attraction for tourists. Many experts also visited the gardens in connection with their studies.

In the early 70s the gardens were taken over by the Nic. Nellemann Foundation, by which it is still owned. The son Ib Nellemann continued the great work after his father's death. Former forester Jens Hvass of Rold woods was a consultant in 1974, at which time planting and re-arranging was done, to create a correlation between the cultivated and the wild nature and with the layout of paths through the area.

In 1991 there were more than 1000 trees in the gardens. 300-400 of these were named kinds.



The largest collection of crab apple trees north of the Danube.



The gardens are now going through an extensive re-establishment. Following a great clearing-up, started in January 2008, with thinning on several locations in the gardens in collaboration with the municipality of Frederikshavn, The Friends of Nellemann's Gardens could in the spring of 2010 start a re-planting according to Nic. Nellemann's own plans from the layout of the great crab apple garden.

New larch hedges have been planted, the rosebed from 1936 has been re-planted according to Nic. Nellemann's original colour scheme. The re-planting of crab apple trees started in September 2010.

Furthermore an area for packed lunches and a nature playground have been built, and there is access to public toilets.

The gardens are yet again an attraction for tourists. Admission is free.

*For more information on the current activities
in the gardens and on*

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