

Sandra Gerdes



As manager of the Better Homes and Gardens Test Gardens®, Sandra Gerdes shapes the landscape of a metro city block into a display garden, a testing ground for plants, and an outdoor photography studio for Meredith Corporation's many publications and Web sites. Sandra is constantly seeking unique plants that provide excitement and good performance for those who visit the garden, whether in person or through the pages of a magazine.

Sandra's interest in plants began on her family farm in Iowa and led to a degree in agriculture from Iowa State University. Her passion grew during her career at Walt Disney World where she was involved with innovative, world-class horticulture.

She is a member of the American Public Gardens Association and the Perennial Plant Association. She lectures to garden clubs and professional organizations and visits gardens around the world for education and inspiration.