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We passed this impressive little garden this morning while driving to The Wild Animal Sanctuary [1] (Colorado, USA). It presented itself with great dignity just a few feet from a busy road. The owner?s love and attention were everywhere evident; it was very meticulous and well designed.

To me, this is a most impressive garden because it exemplifies the Latin phrase *multum in parvo*, which roughly translates into English as ?much in little.? The gardener has clearly accepted the small space he or she has been given in life, but has transformed it into an oasis of abundance and well-being. This is not ?just another little garden;? it is a particular point of exuberant human individuation, and a profound source of basic goodness, dignity, and joy.

How about honoring the gardens we find along the way by creating a photo album of ?Found Gardens? on this site? I love looking at photos of other people?s gardens; they make me feel good and I often get good ideas from a close examination of the photos.

What if a category of ?Found Gardens? was added to the topic list? Over the years, we could build a beautiful album of gardens we come upon as we go about our daily activities, inspiring us all, and honoring even the smallest most diminutive garden plots.

And if, in doing this, we strike up a conversation with the gardener, tell them that we like their garden and want to take a picture of it to post on KGI, telling them what KGI is, we might set in motion something much bigger than we expected. Shouldn't we be leaning-out toward each other? Wouldn't the photo be a good way of doing this?

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