

ELLEN ECKER OGDEN is a writer, published author and co-founder of *The Cook's Garden*, America's premier seed company specializing in vegetables, herbs and edible flowers. She is a recognized speaker specializing in kitchen garden designs and published author of six books.

She is the author of *The New Heirloom Garden* (Penguin Random House 2021) *The Vermont Country Store Cookbook* (Grand Central 2015) *The Complete Kitchen Garden*, (Abrams 2011), *From the Cooks Garden*, (HarperCollins 2003), and *The Vermont Cheese Book* (Countryman Press 2007), among others.

Ogden attended the *Montserrat School of Visual Arts* and is a graduate of Hobart and William Smith College, with a double degree in Fine Arts and Studio Arts, and studied with Marcella Hazan at the *Marcella Hazan School of Classic Italian Cooking* in Venice, Italy, and Darina Allen at the *Ballymaloe School of Cookery* in Shanagary, Ireland.

Ellen has written and published articles in numerous food and garden magazines that include *Country Living*, *Organic Gardening*, *Eating Well*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Herb Companion*, *Vermont Magazine* and *Vermont Life*. Her kitchen gardens have been featured in *Victoria*, *Horticulture*, *Martha Stewart Living and Garden Design*, as well as *The New York Times* and *Country Gardens*. She has been the subject of cover stories in *Country Journal*, *Boston Herald Sunday* and the *Boston Globe* magazines, and has been a guest on *PBS Victory Garden*, *HGTV's Gardening by the Yard* as the Baroness of Basil.

The Cook's Garden began as a market garden and farm stand in southern Vermont, specializing in lettuce and European salad greens, and evolved into a seed catalog with close to a million readers. For more than twenty years Ellen marketed the catalog through her recipes, and design skills. Now owned by the W. A. Burpee seed catalog, Ellen served as a lifestyle and marketing consultant until 2008, when she joined the Vermont Cheese Council as Executive Director, designing a website and marketing data for members that led to the annual Vermont Cheese Festival held at Shelburne Farms.

Ellen has been a brand consultant and spokesperson for White Flower Farm, W.A. Burpee Seeds, American Meadows, and D. Landreth Seed companies. She currently teaches class on writing and design, and is a featured speaker at Botanical Gardens, Master Gardeners and horticultural symposiums throughout the US.

Prior to founding The Cook's Garden, Ellen founded Boston Teaco, as the head designer and president, manufacturing a specialized line of quilted jackets for women. Her clients included Talbot's, Land's End, Brook's Brothers, and Bloomingdale's, as well as carriage trade stores throughout the Northeast.

A founding member of the Vermont Fresh Network, Slow Food USA, International Association of Culinary Professionals (IACP), Northeast Organic Farmers Association (NOFA), and Garden Writers Association of America (GWAA,) and Les Dames d'Escoffier.