

Development of the Ethnobotanical Garden at the Andromeda Botanic Gardens
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The Andromeda Botanic Gardens are gardens in Barbados which focus on providing a natural space for locals to learn and enjoy. *The Ground* at Andromeda's Ethnobotanical Garden is a garden designed to educate on ethnobotany and create a space for Bajans to enjoy their culture in relation to nature. Ethnobotany, which studies the intersection between nature and culture, is an important aspect of Bajan culture. *The Ground* works to preserve the botanical and medicinal knowledge of past generations while providing a curated and enjoyable space for any individual.

This project took sixty-two medicinal plants native to the Caribbean and designed a garden space with them. The garden plan includes a small bed dedicated to plants that cure sore throats. Some trees will be turned into bonsai trees and placed on the small deck in the garden. The rest of the sixty-two plants are arranged throughout the space according to size and shape to maximize the sightlines of the viewer.

We completed a detailed planting plan that will allow the team at Andromeda Botanic Garden to plant the different species as they are gathered. We propagated and planted some species during our time; however, the rest of the planting will be an ongoing project.

The Ground will serve to preserve Bajan culture and native plant species. Native flora will be displayed while honoring the history of enslaved people in Barbados. It will be a longstanding place where Bajan culture physically manifests and is accessible to the public.

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