



# Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

## Bright Spots

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Several times a month Garden volunteers record the most dramatic seasonal displays and highlight exceptional plants in the Conservatory and the garden.

Plant Material	Location
<b><i>Fountain Terrace</i></b>	
Variegated Boxwood, <i>Buxus sempervirens</i> 'Aureovariegata', variegated evergreens shaped into pyramids, leaves edged in yellow	16 matched specimens
Winter Daphne, <i>Daphne odora</i> 'Aureomarginata', rounded form, yellow-margined leaves	Corner bed by door on Garden Shop side
<b><i>Four Seasons Garden</i></b>	
Oregon Grape, <i>Mahonia x media</i> 'Underway', bushy, upright evergreen shrub with dark green spiny glossy leaves, fragrant spikes of yellow flowers	Left side, front, corner bed
Winterberry, <i>Ilex verticillata</i> 'Winter Red', abundant red berries on a large, upright, mounded plant	Both far corners
Christmas Rose, <i>Helleborus niger</i> 'Nell Lewis Strain', low clumps of white blossoms tinged with pink	Far right corner bed
<b><i>Arbor</i></b>	
Lenten Rose, <i>Helleborus x hybridus</i> 'Pickadilly Strain', clusters of pale pink flowers that open above foliage	Right side of path
<b><i>Medicinal Garden</i></b>	
Rosemary, <i>Rosemarinus officinalis</i> 'Arp', tall stems with narrow leaves, pale blue flowers	Left side of front bed
Ornamental Cabbage, <i>Brassica oleracea</i> 'Flowering White', center area of foliage turns white in response to cooler weather	Curved Bed
Holly, <i>Ilex opaca</i> , 'Greenleaf', tall evergreen trees, red berries along stems	End Bed
Coralberry, <i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i> , low arching shrub with abundant pink/purple berries	End Bed
Winterberry, <i>Ilex verticillata</i> 'Winter Red', abundant red berries on a large, upright, deciduous shrub	End Bed
<b><i>Meditation Garden</i></b>	
Black Haw, <i>Viburnum prunifolium</i> , tall shrub, dangling clusters of blue/black berries	Left side by arbor
Violas, selection of colors throughout Medicinal and Meditation Garden	Throughout

<b><i>Fountain Garden</i></b>	
<b>GARDEN VISTA #1: STOP</b> at the top of the stairs to the fountain garden. The sunken fountain complements the dome of the Conservatory and is circled by an inner ring of purple and white pansies and violas and an outer ring of nandina shrubs. The hollies on each side anchor the vista.	
<i>Abelia x grandiflora</i> ‘Little Richard’, compact, foliage tinged with bronze, seed heads in clusters at ends of branches.	Upper level beds
Heavenly Bamboo, <i>Nandina domestica</i> , ‘Gulf Stream’, small shrub, intense red foliage	Lower level, outer ring
<b><i>Conservatory: Palm House</i></b>	
Christmas Palm, <i>Veitchia merrillii</i> , 35 feet tall, weighing 3,000 lbs., compact crown of arching fronds	Center of spiral planter
Bird of Paradise, <i>Strelitzia reginae</i> , vivid orange and bright purple crane-shaped flower, large, dark green, fan shaped leaves	Palm Court, corner beds
Jaboticaba, <i>Myrciaria cauliflora</i> , small tree, white flowers are borne directly on main trunk and branches, dark green, glossy leaves	Corner beds
Poinsettia, <i>Euphorbia pulcherrima</i> ‘Ice Punch’, tight green and yellow flowers (centers) and stunning cranberry- and white-patterned bracts	Corner beds in large pots
Rieger Begonia, <i>Begonia elatior</i> ‘Clara’, medium-sized, shiny green leaves and masses of relatively large, showy, white, rose-like flowers	Corner beds
<i>Cyclamen persicum</i> , sweet scented small flowers that are produced on long stems, held upright above the foliage, leaves are heart shaped with silver marbling; variety of colors, including hot pink, bright red and pink with white edges	Corner beds
<b><i>Conservatory: East Wing</i></b>	
Flamingo Flower, <i>Anthurium andreaeanum</i> , ‘Sarah’ large salmon-pink flowers on tall stems, glossy; heart-shaped leaves	Left side
Flamingo Flower, <i>Anthurium andreaeanum</i> , ‘Miss June’, petite pink flowers on tall stems; glossy, heart-shaped leaves	Left side
African Mask, <i>Alocasia x amazonica</i> , large, glossy green scalloped leaves with silver-white veins are shaped like arrow heads or masks	Right side
Wax Begonia, <i>Begonia</i> ‘Dragon Wings’, deep, glossy-green wing-like leaves with drooping clusters of pink flowers	Look up! Hanging basket at entrance.
Lipstick Plant, <i>Aeschynanthus</i> sp. , glossy green leaves, red trumpet-shaped flowers	Look up! Hanging basket at entrance.
Neon Pothos, <i>Epipremnum aureum</i> ‘Neon’, bright yellow, heart-shaped waxy leaves	Right side along edge of wall
Peace Lily, <i>Spathiphyllum</i> , long, glossy, dark green leaves, white flower on tall stem	Grotto walls
Vein Plant, <i>Fittonia verschaffeltii</i> , variegated ground cover	Right side along wall
Ponytail Palm, <i>Nolina recurvata</i> , narrow flat pendulous leaves arranged in a rosette, the bulbous base is used to store water	Right side across from Grotto
Spiral Ginger, <i>Costus comosus</i> , glossy green leaves, velvety underside, spirally arranged, maroon bracts with yellow flowers	Left side after Grotto
White Bird of Paradise, <i>Strelitzia nicolai</i> , large banana-like leaves are arranged like a fan; large, crane-shaped, creamy white flower	Left side just past the grotto, corner bed
<i>Bougainvillea</i> x ‘Monka’ Oo-la-la®, magenta-red flower bracts on dwarf shrub form	Left far corner bed
Bromeliad, <i>Tillandsia cyanea</i> , arching, long, narrow green leaves, plumes of pink flower bracts with violet-blue flowers	Left far corner bed

Croton, <i>Codiaeum variegatum</i> 'Mami', narrow, twisted leaves are heavily marbled in red, green, yellow, and almost-black	Right far corner bed
Red Angel Wing Begonia, <i>Begonia</i> sp. Tropical Americas, upward growing wing-shaped leaves, pink flowers	Look up! Hanging Basket at rear exit.
<b>Conservatory: East Wing - ORCHID HIGHLIGHTS</b>	
<i>Sophrolaeliocattleya</i> , Jewel Box 'Dark Waters', a compact plant, deep red flower petals are long, elliptical and slightly ruffled	Right side in pot across from Grotto
<i>Cattleya</i> , "David Sweet", large, showy yellow-orange flower with red throat	Right side in pot across from Grotto
Slipper Orchid, <i>Paphiopedilum delenatii</i> , rosy pink pouch offset by almost circular white petals, delicate fragrance	In Grotto, right side near front
<b>Conservatory: North Wing</b>	
Temporarily closed in preparation for Orchids Galore! Coming March 10 through April 22.	
<b>Conservatory: West Wing Cottage Garden</b>	
<i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i> 'Shooting Star', lacecap-type flowers are pure white, double, and star shaped	Both sides
Azalea, <i>Rhododendron</i> 'Keepsake Pearl', white, semi-double, pointed petal flower, glossy, medium green foliage	Right side
Azalea, <i>Rhododendron</i> 'Keepsake Scarlet', scarlet red, semi-double flower with ruffled margin, dark, glossy green foliage	Right side
<i>Cyclamen persicum</i> , heart-shaped silver leaves with pointed tips, varieties include flowers that are bright red, purple, red with white edges	Throughout
Winter Daphne, <i>Daphne odora</i> 'Aureomarginata', rounded form, yellow-margined leaves, pink flowers	Right side by cottage
Paper White Narcissus, <i>Narcissus tazetta</i> 'Ziva', clusters of spicy scented pure white flowers, foliage is upright and bright green	Throughout
<b>GARDEN VISTA #2:</b> Walk to the rear of West Wing to the left of the cottage. Notice the striking contrast between the magenta cyclamen and kalanchoe and the white cyclamen and azalea. Also notice the varying texture and shapes of the potted evergreens in the backdrop.	
Flaming Katy, <i>Kalanchoe blossfeldiana</i> , dark, shiny, rounded green leaves, clusters of flowers above foliage; varieties include 'Parina'	Right side by cottage
Orange Cestrum, <i>Cestrum aurantiacum</i> , tall shrub, clusters of yellow-orange flowers	Right side past cottage near rear exit
<b>RETURN TO CENTRAL GARDEN THROUGH MAIN DOORS; FOLLOW DIAGONAL PATH ON LEFT TOWARD VISITOR'S CENTER.</b>	
Holly, <i>Ilex</i> 'Winter Gold', deciduous upright multi-stemmed shrub, pinkish-orange berries, lightening to yellow	Left side of path before Asian Valley
Lavender Cotton, <i>Santolina chamaecyparissus</i> , dense mound with attractive grayish-silver foliage, effective ground cover	Left of path
<b>TURN LEFT AT CAFE SIDE OF VISITORS CENTER. ENTER ON COMPOSITE PATH SLOPING TO POND</b>	
<b>Asian Valley</b>	
Oregon Grape, <i>Mahonia x media</i> 'Winter Sun', evergreen shrubs with spikey leaves, tall stems, sprays of yellow flowers on top	Left of path by entrance
Lily of China, <i>Rohdea japonica</i> , dark green elongated leaves, red berries somewhat hidden at base	Left of path

<i>Camellia japonica</i> ‘Spring Promise’, semi-double shell pink flowers, large evergreen leaves.	Right of path, top of bank near terrace
Sawara Cypress, <i>Chamecyparis pisifera</i> ‘Filifera Aurea’, mounded shrub of threadleaf golden foliage	Right side of path at intersection
<b>GARDEN VISTA #3:</b> At intersection of path from Visitor’s Center with path along lake. Looking left along path, notice the variations of color and texture of the evergreens and shrubs: the intense red foliage of the nandina on the left, the green hues of the false cypress and cedars to the right and the junipers and Himalayan pine to the left.	
Heavenly Bamboo, <i>Nandina domestica</i> , ‘Gulf Stream’, intense red foliage	Left side across from pond
Tarajo Holly, <i>Ilex latifolia</i> , long, magnolia-like glossy deep green finely serrated leaves, brick-red berries	Left of path after intersection
<i>Camellia sasanqua</i> ‘Winter’s Star’, evergreen shrub, pale violet-pink fading to white flowers, deeper pink center, many yellow stamens	Left of path after intersection
<i>Camellia japonica</i> ‘Royal Intrigue’, semi-double, bright red flowers, glossy dark green foliage	Right side of path
<b>AT INTERSECTION, TURN RIGHT AND WALK TO THE BRIDGE BY THE TEA HOUSE. STOP IN THE CENTER AND ENJOY THE GARDEN VISTA</b>	
<b>GARDEN VISTA #4:</b> When you reach the stream, turn back for a view that embodies the Asian Valley experience. Notice the red bark on the Japanese maples and the fuchsia of the Japanese apricot blossoms. The rocks, water, evergreens, and space between plantings are additional Asian elements.	
Japanese Apricot, <i>Prunus mume</i> ‘Matsubara Red’, medium size tree with delicate fuchsia blossoms, fragrant	Right side of stream on hillside
Japanese Maple, <i>Acer palmatum</i> , ‘Sango-Kaku’, coral red winter bark; color intensifies in cold weather to almost salmon	Right side of stream on hillside
<b>REVERSE DIRECTION AND WALK THROUGH MOON GATE. FOLLOW PATH THROUGH ROSE GARDEN BELVEDERE.</b>	
<b><i>Rose Garden</i></b>	
<b>GARDEN VISTA #3:</b> Walk across the Belvedere in the Rose Garden to the intersection of the path along Sydnor Lake and look left.  View <b>Diamonds in the Rough</b> Stickwork Sculpture by Patrick Dougherty woven from saplings, branches and twigs from local woods. Notice that the tops of the sculpture mirror the dome of the Conservatory.	
<b>TURN RIGHT, FOLLOW PATH BETWEEN ROSE GARDEN AND LAKE</b>	
Japanese Winterberry, <i>Ilex serrata</i> , abundant red berries on large, upright plant	Edges of Lake by Rose Garden
Corkscrew Willow, <i>Salix matsudana</i> ‘Scarlet Curls’, branches and twigs grow in a spiral, twisting manner, curly leaves	Edges of Lake by Rose Garden
Bald Cypress, <i>Taxodium distichum</i> , rusty brown, soft textured, needle like leaves, deciduous conifer, “cypress knees” only occur near water	Left side of Rose Garden and around Lake

Japanese Pussy Willow, <i>Salix chaenomeloides</i> , erect arching branches with large silky silver catkins	Edges of Lake by Corkscrew Willow
<b>GARDEN VISTA #4:</b> Cross Sydnor Lake on the Lotus Bridge, stopping at the second curve. Look across the lake toward the white gazebo. The white branches of the sycamore tree tower over the gazebo and evergreens of various colors and textures, punctuated by bright red winterberry to the left. Notice the colorful reflection in the placid lake.	
<b>CONTINUE ACROSS THE LOTUS BRIDGE, STRAIGHT AHEAD TOWARD THE HOUSE.</b> <b><i>GRACE ARENTS GARDEN</i></b>	
<i>Helleborus foetidus</i> , thick succulent stem with glossy leaves	Crape myrtle allée leading to house
<b>CONTINUE IN FRONT OF HOUSE, TURNING RIGHT ON PATH LEADING TO WHITE GAZEBO</b>	
Winter Jasmine, <i>Jasminum nudiflorum</i> , slender deciduous shrub, arching shoots of bright yellow flowers	Across from White Gazebo
If weather permits, continue through the Woodland Walk and Flagler Gardens to view a variety of plants with evergreen interest, returning to the main path by the Rose Garden. On colder days, reverse direction and cross the Lotus Bridge to the Main Path	
<b><i>Main Path</i></b>	
<i>Viola</i> ‘Penny Yellow’, semi-trailing habit, bright yellow flowers	Both sides of Path
<i>Viola</i> ‘Deep Blue’, deep, true-blue flower, mounded	Both sides of Path
Pansy, <i>Viola x wittrockiana</i> ‘Ultimo Morpho’, named after the beautiful ‘Morpho’ butterfly, blue and yellow flowers on compact plant.	Both sides of Main Path
Gold Leyland Cypress x <i>Cupressocyparis leylandii</i> ‘Gold Rider’, evergreen to 6’, foliage slightly twisted, upper branches flushed with gold, stunning in winter sun	Left of path
Japanese Maple, <i>Acer palmatum</i> , ‘Sango-Kaku’, coral red winter bark; color intensifies in cold weather to almost salmon	Left side of path near cafe
Winterberry, <i>Ilex</i> ‘Winter Gold’, tall leafless shrub with abundant berries, surprising gold/pink/orange color	Left side of path
Oregon Grape, <i>Mahonia x media</i> ‘Underway’, tall stems of evergreen spikey foliage, sprays of yellow flowers on tips of stems	Left of path against hedge

### Did you know that . . .

The stones in our Asian Valley were placed in the Garden facing the same way that they faced in nature. According to legend, this practice derives from the fact that stones have souls or spirits and need to remain in harmonious relationships with their surroundings.

The large, dominant rocks found throughout the Asian Valley were brought to the Garden from Virginia’s Shenandoah Valley and strategically placed to make them an integral part of the garden design.

