

Bright Spots



Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

A SELF GUIDED WALKING TOUR

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Did you know...?

A collection of Beauty Bush, *Kolkwitzia amabilis*, is in full bloom along the Main Garden Path, just opposite the Rose Garden. These deciduous shrubs are members of the honeysuckle family, and not to be confused with Beautyberry (*Callicarpa*).

The pink flowers with yellow throats are small, delicate, and bell shaped. They appear in profuse clusters (corymbs), covering the bushes completely. The seed capsules are hairy. Beauty Bush grows to about 8' tall and as wide when mature, so room should be allowed for the long arching branches that develop.

This shrub is native to central China, and reportedly first discovered there by the Italian missionary Giuseppe Giraldi in the 1890's. The plant explorer E. H. Wilson is also credited with collecting seeds while employed for the Veitch nursery in 1901. It wasn't until plants from this seed bloomed in 1910 in the nursery that the attractive flowers were first seen in the West.

Kolkwitzia honors Richard Kolkwitz a professor of botany in Berlin in the early 1900's. *Amabilis* translates as "lovely". You may see Beauty Bush blooming in older Richmond neighborhoods. It was fashionable in the years between the World Wars.

Sources: <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=a931>; <http://dendro.cnre.vt.edu/dendrology/syllabus/factsheet.cfm?ID=416> Fact sheet VA Tech]; *Garden shrubs and their histories*, Alice M. Coats, [SB 435 .C587 1992];

***Notable Plants:** Several times a month, Garden Volunteers record the most dramatic seasonal displays and highlight exceptional plants in the garden and Conservatory.

+Denotes Virginia Native Plant

Plant Material	Location
CENTRAL GARDEN and CONSERVATORY LOOP	
FOUNTAIN TERRACE	
Florida Azalea, <i>Rhododendron austrinum</i> , soft orange bloom, long stamens	Corner by Gift Shop
<i>Panola</i> 'Baby Boy Mixture XP'	Throughout & pots
OUTSIDE THE GATES TURN LEFT	
Weigela, <i>Weigela florida</i> 'Java Red', red buds open to pink tubular flowers on arching branches of green foliage flushed with bronze	Left of path
Lungwort, <i>Pulmonaria longifolia</i> ssp. <i>cevennensis</i> , deep purple-blue flowers over green leaved spotted with cream	Left of path

Carolina Jasmine, <i>Gelsemium rankinii</i> , bright yellow flowers on vine	Over fence
TURN RIGHT TO ENTER	
GEORGE BRAGDON DAFFODIL GARDEN	
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'My Mary', Exbury Azalea ,yellow flowers , long stamens	Right side of path at corner
<i>Dianthus</i> 'Fancy Knickers', double white flowers over mat-like low foliage	Both sides of path
Blue Star, <i>Amsonia hubrechtii</i> , pale blue to white star-shaped flowers on tall feathery stems	Along walkway
* Tree Peony, <i>Paeonia</i> 'Goldfinch' , pale yellow flower with prominent yellow stamens with gold tips and red stamen stems	Both sides
RETURN TO THE BRICK PATH, TURN RIGHT TO	
EAST and WEST TRIANGLE BEDS	
Viola, <i>Viola x wittrockiana</i> 'PAS702648'Panola™ XP White	Throughout
Viola, <i>Viola x wittrockiana</i> Panola™ Blackberry Sundae Mix	Throughout
Viola, <i>Viola x wittrockiana</i> 'PAS702632'Panola™ Deep Blue/Blotch	Throughout
Viola, <i>Viola x wittrockiana</i> 'PAS284643'Panola™ Lilac Shades	Throughout
<i>Tulipa</i> , 'Red Paradise', 'Foxtrot', 'National Velvet', 'Kings Blood', red bloom	Throughout
<i>Tulipa</i> , 'Sky High Scarlet', 'Black Parrot', 'Maureen', 'Queen of Night', 'Pink Diamond', 'Black Hero', shades of red, white, pink and deep purple	Throughout
<i>Tulipa</i> , 'Albert Heijn', 'Exotic Emperor', 'Sugar Love', 'Apledoorn', 'Night Club', pink and white flowers	Throughout
<i>Tulipa</i> , 'Calgary', 'Scarlet Baby', 'Honeymoon', 'New Design', 'Clearwater', white and pink blooms	Throughout
CONTINUE UP THE STEPS	
Ornamental Onion, <i>Allium</i> 'Globemaster', globe-shaped lavender floret spikes above elongated foliage in a distinctive rosette pattern	Grass beds outside the Conservatory
CONSERVATORY	
Palm House	
Enjoy a variety of orchids	
Sago Palm, <i>Cycas revoluta</i> , lush stems radiating from center. This 32 year old plant was started from seed by a garden volunteer and recently donated to LGBG. Notice the emerging red seed.	Central bed, mid level, left of center
Lindley's Orchid, <i>Dendrobium lindleyi</i> , pale yellow buds opening to golden yellow flowers with deeper golden center	Pots on ledge of spiral planter
* Clivia, <i>Clivia miniata</i> , clump forming perennial with strappy leaves and bright orange trumpet flowers, yellow/white centers	Center left and right in pots on floor
<i>Ctenanthe burle-marxii</i> , foliage plant with glossy oval leaves, bold dark green fishbone pattern on light olive background. Leaves fold up at night to reveal purple undersides	Spiral bed beside ledge
Queen Sago Palm, <i>Cycas circinalis</i> , cone bearing evergreen, stiff leaves with stiff narrow leaflets and strongly recurved margins. This plant is not actually a palm tree.	Central spiral planter, right side
Bromeliad, <i>Aechmea blanchettiana</i> , tall colorful flower spikes of red and yellow above strappy sharp-edged leaves	Spiral planter & corner beds
<i>Cymbidium</i> orchids, notice large pots of mature clumps of orchids with long sprays of flowers	Rear side of spiral planter

Bromeliad, <i>Portea</i> 'Jungles', large rosette of stiff leaves, tall orange flower spikes	In large hanging baskets
Bromeliad, <i>Aechmea</i> 'Burning Bush', rosette of stiff leaves, central stem with deep pink flowering spike	Corner beds in back
East Wing ENJOY THE ABUNDANCE OF ORCHIDS	
Moth Orchid, <i>Phalaenopsis</i> 'Yu Pin Panda', pure white flowers with irregular purple splotches	Right side by door and right side on ledge
Moth Orchid, <i>Phalaenopsis</i> , notice multiple pots of moth-shaped orchids in white, pale yellow, purple, lavender and splotched	Throughout
Spleenwort, <i>Asplenium antiquum</i> , bright green, arching, elongated ruffled fronds, growing vigorously out of stone wall.	Right side
White Bird of Paradise, <i>Strelitzia nicolai</i> , large banana-like leaves are arranged like a fan, crane shaped abundant creamy white flowers	Left side beyond grotto, corner bed
Spiral Ginger, <i>Costus comosus</i> , glossy green leaves with spirally arranged velvety undersides	Left side at rear
* <i>Bougainvillea</i> x 'Monka', Oo-la-la®, magenta-red flower bracts on climbing branches	Far left corner and overhead
Moth Orchid, <i>Phalaenopsis</i> 'Fuller's Sunset', creamy yellow, large petals with deep pink throat	Left rear in pots on ledge
North Wing BUTTERFLIES LIVE IS OPEN!!	
West Wing ENJOY THE VARIETIES AND COLORS OF TULIPS	
Ellemeet's Agave, <i>Agave ellemeetiana</i> , huge specimen with gracefully curving leaves, from the cloud forests of Mexico near Oaxaca.	Left of entrance
Calamondin orange, x <i>Citrofortunella mitis</i> , abundant miniature orange fruit on small tree in pot	In pot, right side near the entrance
* Passion Flower , <i>Passiflora vitifolia</i> , bright red flowers adorn the lobed grape-looking leaves.	Left side on trellis over the bench
* <i>Oxalis triangularis</i> 'Mijke', deep purple triangular-shaped foliage with delicate pink clusters of flowers	Throughout
Firecracker Plant, <i>Justicia spicigera</i> , bright orange tubular flowers with multiple flowers above green glossy leaves	Right side in front of cottage
* Anise-scented Sage , <i>Salvia guaranitica</i> 'Black and Bloom', spikes of deep blue/purple flowers on dark stems, leaves glossy above	Cottage garden
Mealycup Sage, <i>Salvia farinacea</i> , upright perennial with narrow spikes of blue/violet flowers on gray stems	Cottage garden
<i>Tradescantia pallida</i> , dark green leaves tinted purple on trailing stems, small pink flowers with yellow stamens	In pots, both sides of path
FROM CONSERVATORY, PROCEED AHEAD TO	
FOUNTAIN GARDEN	
<i>Tulipa</i> , 'Pink Emperor', 'White Emperor', 'Strawberry Ice', early bloomers	Sunken Garden
<i>Tulipa</i> , 'Dallas', 'Worlds Fire'; <i>Narcissus</i> , 'Stainless', mid-season blooms	Sunken Garden

<i>Tulipa</i> , 'Wilja', 'White Triumphator', 'Valerie Gergiev' late blooms	Sunken Garden
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> 'Blue Ridge', <i>Helleborus</i> x 'Peppermint Ice', <i>Heuchera micrantha</i> x <i>villosa</i> 'Fire Alarm'	Sunken Garden Pots
TURN LEFT ALONG TRIANGLE BEDS FOUNTAIN GARDEN Upper Level THESE BEDS ARE CURRENTLY UNDER RENOVATION	
AT INTERSECTION TURN RIGHT TOWARD EDUCATION CENTER , THEN LEFT TO ENTER	
MEDITATION GARDEN RIGHT OF PATH	
Forget me not, <i>Myosotis sylvatica</i> 'Victoria Blue', Snapdragon, <i>Antirrhinum majus</i> 'Solstice Yellow'	Center beds
MEDICINAL GARDEN LEFT OF PATH	
Lily of the Valley, <i>Convallaria majalis</i> , tiny white bell shaped flowers along stem, Very Fragrant	Outside beds
Dianthus, <i>Dianthus gratianopolitanus</i> 'Fire Witch', mat-forming perennial with numerous scented bright magenta flowers on wiry stems over blue foliage	Outside beds
WALK STRAIGHT INTO	
FOUR SEASONS GARDEN	
* <i>Yucca</i> , <i>Yucca filamentosa</i> 'Color Guard', low growing plant with brilliant, striped gold and green sword-like leaves	Left side, front bed
+Fringe Tree, <i>Chionanthus virginicus</i> , small tree with slightly fragrant, fringe-like creamy white flowers	Corner bed
Spanish Bluebells, <i>Hyacinthoides hispanica</i> , blue hyacinth-like stalks with buds opening to bell-shaped flowers	Far right corner
Candy Tuft, <i>Iberis sempervirens</i> , low evergreen edging plant with small white flowers	Corner bed
Golden Columbine, <i>Aquilegia chrysantha</i> , pale yellow bloom with dark center	Around fountain
Columbine, <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i> 'Little Lanterns', deep orange spurs with yellow tips and centers	Around fountain
RETURN TO THE VISITOR CENTER OR ADD	
ASIAN VALLEY LOOP TAKE NOTE OF THE VARIETY OF FOLIAGE COLORS AND TEXTURES CHARACTERISTIC OF AN ASIAN GARDEN	
FROM THE VISITOR'S CENTER, WALK THROUGH THE IRON GATE AND TURN RIGHT ON THE AGGREGATE PATH. CONTINUE STRAIGHT	
Azalea, <i>Rhododendron</i> 'Edith Henderson', low azalea, white with a touch of salmon	Across the lake
AT THE INTERSECTION, TURN LEFT WALKING ALONG LAKE.	
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Quakeress', pink flowers flecked with white, some flowers all white on small shrub	Left of path, behind rock
Siberian Iris, <i>Iris sibirica</i> , stand of dark purple velvety blooms with contrasting throats	Left of path
Karen's Azalea, <i>Rhododendron</i> 'Karen', small shrub with abundant lilac-purple blooms	Left of path on hillside

Peony, <i>Paeonia lactiflora</i> 'Pink Parfait', showy double pink blossoms	Left of path past gravel walkway
Peony, <i>Paeonia lactiflora</i> 'Bev', double pink flowers with silvery pink edges	Left of path
Peony, <i>Paeonia</i> 'Cytherea', coral pink petals like crepe paper with bright yellow centers	Left of path near the bench
AT THE INTERSECTION TURN RIGHT	
THEN TURN LEFT DOWN THE WINDING PATH	
Viburnum, <i>Viburnum sargentii</i> , arching shrub with flat clusters of white flowers	Right of path
Fringe Flower, <i>Loropetalum chinense</i> Razzleberry® 'Monraz', small tree with deep pink flowers, shredded petals	Left side, arching over the path
* <i>Rhododendron</i> , 'Koromo Shikibu', large shrub with spider type lavender flowers	Right as path curves down
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Bouffant', abundant dark pink flowers	Left of path, deep in bed
Siberian Iris, <i>Iris sibirica</i> 'Blue Moon', lightly ruffled violet blue falls complemented by lighter blue standard	Both sides of path at intersection
AT THE INTERSECTION, TURN LEFT THEN RIGHT ONTO BOARDWALK TO ENTER	
WEST ISLAND GARDEN A WETLAND ECOSYSTEM	
Enjoy a variety of dramatic and colorful umbrella-like sarracenia flowers on long stems. The flower is held upside down so that it catches the pollen dropped by the anthers.	Throughout
Blue Flag, <i>Iris versicolor</i> , clump-forming iris native to marshes and ditches, bluish-purple flowers with prominent veining over sword-shaped leaves	Throughout
AT THE END OF THE BOARDWALK TURN LEFT	
* <i>Rhododendron</i> 'Louise Morrow', several large shrubs with blush pink flowers	Left of path at the top of the berm
AT THE NEXT INTERSECTION TURN LEFT ON THE BRICK PATH TO ENTER	
Joan Van Arnam Memorial Walk	
* <i>Lilac</i> , <i>Syringa meyeri</i> 'Palibin', purple buds opening to exceptionally FRAGRANT conical lavender flowers	Left of path by the lamp post
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Bubble Gum', (lepidote), cluster of 4 small shrubs, lightly scented, stunning clusters of trumpet-shaped flowers with white throats, bronze leaves	Left of path
* Arrowwood , <i>Viburnum x carlcephalum</i> , multi-stemmed deciduous tree, pleated leaves and white snowball flowers EXCEPTIONALLY FRAGRANT	Right of path near steps
Arrowwood, <i>Viburnum plicatum</i> f. <i>tomentosum</i> 'Mariesii', large shrub with pleated leaves and flat clusters of white flowers	Left of path, top of hillside
Florida Pinxter Azalea, <i>Rhododendron canescens</i> , deep pink buds opening to white spidery flowers	Right of path behind bench
AT THE INTERSECTION, BEAR RIGHT TO ENTER	
FLAGER PERENNIAL GARDEN LOOP	
BEAR RIGHT ONTO BRICK PATH	

Florida Flame Azalea, <i>Rhododendron austrinum</i> 'Escatawpa', very tall shrub with tangerine flowers	Right of path behind Slow Dance sculpture
TURN LEFT AT THE WOODLAND WALK SIGN, TURN LEFT DOWN THE STAIRS	
TURN LEFT TO ENTER DOT'S GARDEN	
Cross Vine, <i>Bignonia capreolata</i> 'Tangerine Beauty', woody vine with dark orange buds opening to orange red trumpet-shaped flowers	On pergola over the bench
Celandine Poppy, <i>Stylophorum diphyllum</i> , small clusters of glossy yellow flowers above blue-green foliage, fuzzy seed capsules	Throughout
AT THE END OF THE PATH, TURN RIGHT, TO ENTER THE WHITE GARDEN	
Compact Loropetalum, <i>Loropetalum chinense</i> 'Shang-White' Emerald Snow®, three small shrubs with shredded white petals	Right of path at entrance
RETRACING YOUR STEPS, LOOK RIGHT	
GRACE ARENTS GARDEN A Victorian Style Garden in Spring shades of blue, yellow and white	
WALK PAST THE BRICK CIRCLE TO ENTER THE CHERRY TREE WALK	
Windflower, <i>Anemone sylvestris</i> , white single flowers above palmate leaves	Left side, under treehouse
English Daisy, <i>Bellis perennis</i> , button shaped flowers with yellow centers on reddish purple fringe-like petals	Right of path along the fence
* Barberry , <i>Berberis thunbergii</i> 'Orange Rocket', small upright shrub with bright scarlet orange leaves	Right of path along fence
BEAR LEFT INTO LUCY PAYNE MINOR GARDEN	
Lilac, <i>Syringa x</i> 'SMSXPM Scent and Sensibility Pink', pinky-purple flowers	Left of path before the dock
Lily-of-the-Valley Bush, <i>Pieris japonica</i> 'Mt. Fire', bright red new growth reflecting the name	Right of path next to rustic gazebo
Chinese Handkerchief Tree, <i>Davidia involucrata</i> , tree with leafy white bracts hanging down from the branches like handkerchiefs	Narrow tree behind rustic gazebo
WALK LEFT ONTO STAMPED PATTERN WALK, THEN LEFT ONTO AGGREGATE PATH	
LOUISE COCHRANE ROSE GARDEN	
Early roses opening! Enjoy the view across the lake.	
Azalea, <i>Rhododendron</i> 'Dorothy', cluster of shrubs with pink flowers	Left of path
* Beauty Bush , <i>Kolkwitzia amabilis</i> , tall shrub with abundant soft pink bell shaped flowers, bees feeding on flowers	Left of path near the Moon Gate
<i>Viola cornuta</i> 'PAS221923' Sorbet ® Lemon Chiffon and display of many other selections: XP Yellow, Delft Blue, Marina Improved, Morpho, Blue Blotch, and Blue Heaven	Along path
THE VISITOR CENTER IS STRAIGHT AHEAD ON THE RIGHT	