

Bright Spots



Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

A SELF GUIDED WALKING TOUR

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Did you know...?

Although “a million blooms” is often used as the description of the garden’s spring season, the blossoms currently on display surely must be equal in number. The crape myrtles, day lilies, and oakleaf hydrangeas are all shouting for attention and with their large dramatic blooms they all deserve it.

However, the vibrant display extends beyond the triumvirate listed above. Gardeners wishing to add a vine to their plantings might want to view the *Lonicera sempervirens*, trumpet honeysuckle, which is in full bloom, twining around one of the original gate posts to the property. To view it circle the path around the Flagler Garden until you arrive at the sign for the Woodland Walk. Look toward the drive and the small but bold coral red flowers with yellow throats will shout hello. These flowers are not fragrant but they do attract hummingbirds, and the vine continues to bloom up into the fall. The leaves are an attractive blue-green. Although *sempervirens* means evergreen this only holds for Zone 8 and warmer. In Richmond it is semi-evergreen.

This vine is a native to the southeastern US. Although one source states “It has a slow ability to spread through seed production and the seedlings have medium vigor...” the *L. sempervirens* currently twining on my picket fence was planted by a bird and has been blooming vigorously there for over 10 years.

Sources: *Flora of Virginia*, Weakly et al., p. 474 ;<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=d990>;<http://www.gardenguides.com/taxonomy/trumpet-honeysuckle-lyonicera-sempervirens>

***Notable Plants:** Several times each 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 <i>Tropical display in yellow, reds and purple include Caladium, Begonia, Bromeliad, Cordyline, Agave and Petunia</i> <i>Notice the four Lantana trained to a single standard in tall pots around the Fountain</i>	
Crape Myrtle, <i>Lagerstroemia fauriei</i> 'Townhouse' , white blooms on tall single trunk matched specimens.	In each corner bed
OUTSIDE THE GATES TURN LEFT	

Yarrow, <i>Achillea</i> 'Coronation Gold', flat clusters of golden yellow flowers above fern-like silvery foliage	Left of path
TURN RIGHT TO ENTER	
GEORGE BRAGDON DAFFODIL GARDEN	
Leadwort, <i>Ceratostigma plumbaginoides</i> , small bright blue flowers above masses of yellow-green foliage	Both sides of path
Culver's Root, <i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i> 'Album', tall spires of white flowers	Throughout
Purple Coneflower, <i>Echinacea</i> 'Mamma Mia', large red-orange daisy-like flowers above clumps of leaves	Throughout
Hybrid gladiolus, <i>Gladiolus</i> x 'Fiorentina' tall stems of white flowers with fuchsia blotches at the center.	Left of path
Canna lily, <i>Canna x generalis</i> 'Rose', dwarf canna with lush deep pink blooms	Central urn
Oakleaf Hydrangea, <i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i> 'Sikes Dwarf', lime green buds emerging to showy double white flowers	Corner bed
RETURN TO THE BRICK PATH, TURN RIGHT TO	
EAST and WEST TRIANGLE BEDS	
Newly planted summer annuals and tropicals in gold, purple and red	
CONTINUE UP THE STEPS	
Ornamental grass, <i>Bouteloua gracilis</i> 'Blonde Ambition', spikes of bristly pale seed heads floating above clumps of blue-green foliage	Grass beds outside the Conservatory
Conservatory Ponds	
Cattail, <i>Typha japonica</i> 'Variegata', clumps of tall strappy variegate foliage	Throughout
<i>Victoria cruziana</i> , large floating leaves like round trays with turned up edges,	Throughout
CONSERVATORY	
Palm House	
Christmas Palm, <i>Veitchia merrillii</i> , 35' tall palm featuring red fruit, hence the name	Center bed
Sago Palm, <i>Cycas revoluta</i> , new leaves radiating from center. This 32 year old plant was started from seed by a garden volunteer and recently donated to LBG.	Central bed, Mid-level, left of center
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
East Wing	
ENJOY THE ABUNDANCE OF ORCHIDS	
Showy Melastome, <i>Medinilla magnifica</i> , pink pyramid-shaped hanging blossoms	Left side of entrance
Moth Orchid, <i>Phalaenopsis</i> , notice multiple pots of moth-shaped orchids in white, pale yellow, purple, lavender and splotched	Throughout
Gum palm, <i>Dioon spinulosum</i> , stiff, shiny fronds with huge seed pod at top	Left side
Dancing Lady, <i>Oncidium Sharry Baby</i> 'Sweet Fragrance', small chocolate and white blooms with a vanilla fragrance.	Left 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 spirally arranged, velvety undersides; red flower spikes resemble cones, small yellow flowers	Left side at rear
North Wing	
BUTTERFLIES LIVE! IS OPEN	

West Wing	
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
Mealycup Sage, <i>Salvia farinacea</i> , upright perennial with narrow spikes of blue/violet flowers on gray stems	Cottage garden
FROM CONSERVATORY, PROCEED AHEAD TO	
FOUNTAIN GARDEN	
Newly planted summer annuals	
TURN LEFT ALONG TRIANGLE BEDS	
FOUNTAIN GARDEN	
Upper Level	
Knockout Rose, <i>Rosa</i> 'Sunny', golden buds opening to pale yellow with deeper centers	Both sides
Hybrid Rose, <i>Rosa</i> 'Purple Rain', clusters of deep rose purple blooms, yellow centers	Both sides
Yarrow, <i>Achillea</i> 'Coronation Gold', flattened golden yellow flower heads on tall stems, grey-green foliage	Both sides
Yarrow, <i>Achillea millefolium</i> 'Pomegranate', compact, bushy plant with clusters of deep red flowers	Right of path
AT INTERSECTION TURN RIGHT TOWARD EDUCATION CENTER, THEN LEFT TO ENTER	
MEDITATION GARDEN	
RIGHT OF PATH	
Bromeliads, Cannas, Petunias, Begonias and small grasses in center beds	
+ Wild Senna , <i>Senna marilandica</i> , shrubby perennial with feathery fern-like foliage, yellow flower clusters and bean-like seed pods	Right bed
<i>Rosa</i> , 'ChewNiceBell' OsoEasy ^R Italian Ice ^R , peach/yellow flowers on low shrub	Right bed
Red Hot Poker, <i>Kniphofia</i> 'Pineapple Popsicle', compact grassy foliage with large cream to yellow flower spikes	Right bed
Hybrid Bee Balm, <i>Monarda didyma</i> 'Jacob Cline', scarlet frilly starburst flower heads above stems of fragrant foliage	Back left bed
MEDICINAL GARDEN	
LEFT OF PATH	
Chaste Tree, <i>Vitex agnus-castus</i> 'Shoal Creek', tall shrub with violet, cone-shaped flower clusters	Left rear bed
Wood betony. <i>Stachys officinalis</i> , lavender flower spikes serrated foliage.	Right side
WALK STRAIGHT INTO	
FOUR SEASONS GARDEN	
Hydrangea, <i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i> Endless Summer ^R , small shrub, lavender blooms and lime green foliage	Both sides of fountain
Hydrangea , <i>Hydrangea arborescens</i> 'Haas Halo', very large white lacecap flower	Left side, front bed
Bear's Breeches, <i>Acanthus</i> 'Morning Candle', clump of bold leaves topped with tall stem of curious flowers	Left side, front bed

Reed Grass, <i>Calamagrostis x acutiflora</i> 'Karl Foerster', ornamental grass with erect clumps of narrow, flattened, green leaves, tall feather plumes	Throughout
Tickseed, <i>Coreopsis verticillata</i> 'Zagreb', bright yellow flowers above feathery foliage	Right bed
Barberry, <i>Berberis thunbergii</i> 'Orange Rocket', small upright shrub with bright scarlet orange leaves	Right bed
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	
Chinese Evergreen Dogwood, <i>Cornus angustata</i> 'Empress of China™', small tree with white flowers	Right of path
AT THE INTERSECTION, TURN LEFT WALKING ALONG LAKE.	
Stokes' Aster, <i>Stokesia laevis</i> , delicate lavender-blue fringed flowers, stout upright stems	Left of path on slope
Salvia, <i>Salvia forskaohlei</i> , 'Sentimental Blue', tall spikes of lavender flowers above large triangular leaves.	Left of path
Balloon flower, <i>Platycodon grandiflorus</i> 'Sentimental Blue', star shaped blue flowers emerge from balloon shaped buds.	Left of path
AT THE INTERSECTION TURN RIGHT	
THEN TURN LEFT DOWN THE WINDING PATH	
Look for a lovely variety of Japanese Iris in shades of white, lavender and dark purple	Along pond bank
AT THE INTERSECTION, TURN LEFT THEN RIGHT ONTO BOARDWALK TO ENTER	
WEST ISLAND GARDEN A WETLAND ECOSYSTEM	
Hardy water canna, <i>Thalia dealbata</i> , Purple blooms on tall bare stems emerging from large leaves	Right side of bridge, in water.
Oxeye Sunflower, <i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i> var. <i>scabra</i> 'Spitzentanzerin' (Ballerina™), small yellow sunflower with yellow center	Behind bench right of path
+Swamp Pink, <i>Calopogon pallidus</i> , pink lavender orchid flowers, tall stems	Center bed
+ Milkwort, <i>Polygala lutea</i> , compact, head-like clusters of brilliant orange flowers on short stems	Center bed
Hydrangea, <i>Hydrangea arborescens</i> 'Invincibelle Spirit', globular pink flower clusters	Left of path
*Coneflower, <i>Rudbeckia maxima</i> , yellow rays around long cone-shaped centers	Across pond in front of Tea House
Butterfly Weed, <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> , clustered orange flowers, 2017 Perennial of the Year	Left of path
<i>Ligustrum japonicum</i> , large shrub with glossy leaves and panicles of white flowers	Left side past bench
AT THE END OF THE BOARDWALK LOOK RIGHT	
*Oakleaf Hydrangea, <i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i> 'Sikes Dwarf', oak-shaped leaves, clusters of white flowers turning to pink	Left of path
TURN LEFT, LOOK RIGHT AT INTERSECTION WITH BRICK PATH	
Rose of Sharon, <i>Hibiscus</i> 'Full Blast', lilac bloom, shading to dark pink throat, shrub	Right side

TURN LEFT ON THE BRICK PATH TO ENTER	
Joan Van Arnam Memorial Walk	
AT THE INTERSECTION, BEAR RIGHT TO ENTER	
FLAGER PERENNIAL GARDEN LOOP	
BEAR RIGHT ONTO BRICK PATH	
Coral Bells, <i>Heuchera x villosa</i> 'Frosted Violet', velvety purple leaves with darker veins, dainty pearl-like flowers on wiry stems	Right of path and throughout
Look Left across the Stream, Note the Variety of Forms and Textures in the Emerging Grass Garden on the Berm	
*Japanese Forest Grass, <i>Hakonechloa macra</i> 'All Gold', neon yellow-green arching foliage	Left of path
Hostas and Ferns mingle with a wonderful variety of textures and colors.	
<i>Crocasmia x 'Lucifer'</i> , flaming red blossoms on arching stems above strappy foliage	Right of path
Look right across the grass to a profusion of blooming daylilies.	
TURN LEFT AT THE WOODLAND WALK SIGN, LOOK TOWARDS ROAD	
+Trumpet honeysuckle, <i>Lonicera sempervirens</i> , vine twining on the gate post on the road, coral red trumpet shaped flowers with yellow throats	Right of path
TURN LEFT AT THE WOODLAND WALK SIGN, TURN LEFT DOWN THE STAIRS	
Ostrich Fern, <i>Matteuccia struthiopteris</i> , dark green fronds with vase shaped growth, inner leaves resemble ostrich feathers	Right of path
BEAR LEFT AT THE FORK, THROUGH THE SMALLGATE	
Coneflower, <i>Echinacea Sombrero® Salsa Red</i> , vivid red cluster of blooms	Left of path
*Oakleaf Hydrangea, <i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i> 'Snowflake', lime green buds emerging to showy double white flowers	Left of path
* <i>Arachniodes simplicior variegata</i> , fern with coarse, dark green fronds accented with bright lime centers	Left of path
CONTINUE ON PATH	
AT THE END OF THE PATH, TURN RIGHT, TO ENTER THE WHITE GARDEN	
*Oakleaf Hydrangea, <i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i> 'Snowflake', lime green buds emerging to showy double white flowers	Right of path
Swamp lily, <i>Crinum x powellii</i> , delicate white blossoms on thick stem.	Facing road side
Oakleaf Hydrangea, <i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i> , very large white blooms above blue-green foliage	End of mulch path
RETRACING YOUR STEPS, LOOK RIGHT	
GRACE ARENTS GARDEN A VICTORIAN STYLE GARDEN	
A collection of annuals in pastel shades accented with lime green	Throughout
Polyantha Rose, <i>Rosa</i> 'Mrs. R.M. Finch', small delicate pink flowers	Along inner beds
Climbing Rose, <i>Rosa</i> 'William Baffin', deep pink rose	Over both arbors
WALK PAST THE BRICK CIRCLE TO ENTER THE CHERRY TREE WALK	
Rose of Sharon, <i>Hibiscus</i> 'Full Blast', lilac bloom, shading to dark pink throat, shrub	Left side, back of bed.
*Gaura, <i>Gaura lindheimeri</i> 'Rosyjane', graceful wands of white blooms edged with candy pink	Throughout
Lotus, <i>Nelumbo</i> 'Mrs. Perry D. Slocum', blooms in shades of pink and yellow, anise scent, large blue-green leaves	Left side, along lake's edge
<i>Stachys officinale</i> 'Hummelo', magenta flower spikes above foliage	Throughout

Hungarian Bears Breeches, <i>Acanthus hungaricus</i> 'White Lips', clumps of dark glossy leaves topped by bold stalks dotted with white hooded flowers	Right of path past treehouse
<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i> 'Golden Gain', bright yellow daisy-like flowers over feathery foliage	Throughout
Coneflower, <i>Echinacea purpurea</i> 'Pow Wow White', white daisy-like flowers on stiff stems	Throughout
+Prairie Dock, <i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i> , stands of tall sunflower-like blooms	Left of path at lake's edge
*Perennial phlox, <i>Phlox paniculata</i> 'Nicky' , intense magenta flower clusters	Left of path
BEAR LEFT INTO LUCY PAYNE MINOR GARDEN	
*<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i> 'Annabelle' , mounded shrub covered in white globes	Right of path
<i>Hydrangea paniculata</i> 'White Lace', very tall vase-shaped shrub with white lacy flowers on drooping stems	Left of path
<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i> 'Alice', shrub with creamy flower clusters aging to dusty rose	Left of path at curve
CONTINUE ON AGGREGATE WALK AROUND TO THE LEFT	
*Ginkgo, <i>Ginkgo biloba</i> 'Mariken' , small specimen tree that only grows 2-3 ft tall with distinctive ginkgo leaf shape and color	Left of path
VIENNA COBB ANDERSON MEADOW AND CONSTRUCTED WETLAND	
Spend a minute taking in the variety of color and texture in our densely planted meadow. Birds and pollinators appreciate the abundance of food and shelter that the plants provide.	
LOUISE COCHRANE ROSE GARDEN Directions are from the labyrinth, facing the lake	
<i>Rosa</i> 'Nahema' Climbing rose, (Delbard), deep pink	Right pillar
<i>Rosa</i> 'Julia Child', Floribunda, (Carruth), butter yellow bloom, very fragrant, 2-3' tall	Left Side, outer bed
<i>Rosa</i> 'Abraham Darby', Shrub rose, (Austin) large apricot/pink blooms, fragrant	Left side, inner bed
EXIT THE ROSE GARDEN, TURN RIGHT ON THE AGGREGATE PATH THE VISITOR CENTER IS STRAIGHT AHEAD ON THE RIGHT	