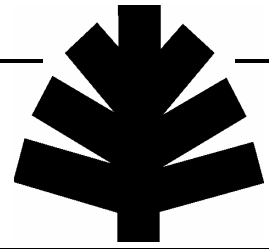


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Hort Hot Spots

September 24- October 8, 2004

Our horticulturists report that the following plants are especially interesting during this time period. The location charts are in alphabetical order according to the Garden/Collection Name found in the Arboretum's *Visitor Guide*. We invite you to discover and to enjoy these ornamental plants. Please help us preserve these important research and exhibit plants by not collecting any material, living or dead, during your visit.

Administration Building Area

Name: *Canna indica* (Canna)
Description: huge foliage with red flowers
Location: in first grouping of containers on SE terrace of Administration Building

Name: *Curcumorpha longiflora* (Ginger)
Description: creamy white flowers at the base of tall green foliage that look like upside-down pipes with splashes of red and pink
Location: in first grouping of containers closest to Administration Building windows on SE terrace

Name: *Victoria* sp. (Victoria Water Lily)
Description: large platterlike lily pads, some with rims; undersides have rigid framework of veins and thorns
Location: Administration Building aquatic pool

Azalea Collections

Name: *Lobelia siphilitica* (Great Blue Lobelia)
Description: 2' spikes of blue flowers
Location: Henry Mitchell Walk and Lee Garden

Azalea Collections (cont.)

- Name: *Lobelia cardinalis* (Cardinal Flower)
Description: perennial with spikes of scarlet red flowers
Location: Upper Lee Garden
- Name: *Lagerstroemia* spp. (Crapemyrtle)
Description: 25-30' tall tree with attractive bark and sprays of pink or white flowers at ends of branches
Location: Azalea Road on your right
- Name: *Clethra alnifolia* (Sweet Pepperbush)
Description: 10-15' shrub with spikes of white fragrant flowers
Location: Lee Garden
- Name: *Magnolia grandiflora* (Southern Magnolia)
Description: large evergreen tree with large waxy leaves and fragrant white flowers
Location: several trees along Azalea Road and south entrance to the Morrison Garden
- Name: *Veronica noveboracensis* (Ironweed)
Description: 3-4' perennial with purple flowers
Location: south side of Mt. Hamilton in meadow area between azaleas and along trails

Asian Collections

- Name: *Anemone hupehensis* (Windflower)
Description: herbaceous plants with pink flowers
Location: off of cement path leading to Anacostia River on the left side at first bend
- Name: *Aster tartaricus* 'Jindai' ('Jindai' Tartarian Aster)
Description: herbaceous plants with small purple flowers and a yellow center
Location: in the bed located near the parking lot off the grassy path on the right
- Name: *Euscaphis japonica* (Sweet Tree)
Description: small tree with clusters of red fruit
Location: across from the main collection on the road edge on steep slope
- Name: *Heptacodium miconioides* (Seven-Son Flower)
Description: small multiple-trunked tree with white exfoliating bark and clusters of white flowers
Location: on left side of path leading to the pagoda and in China Valley at the end of the cement path that connects to the pagoda path

Asian Collection (cont.)

Name: *Tricyrtis formosana* (Toad Lily)
Description: large patch of medium-sized perennials with clusters of bluish violet flowers
Location: from parking lot take third path to the left, past path to the Garden Club of America cement patio, on the right side

Name: *Lycoris radiata* (Red Spider Lily)
Description: herbaceous plants with red “spidery” flowers
Location: viewed from the Garden Club of America cement patio as you look toward the river

Gotelli Dwarf and Slow Growing Conifer Collection

Name: *Cryptomeria japonica* ‘Globosa Nana’ (‘Globosa Nana’ Japanese Cedar)
Description: 6’ x 6’ evergreen shrubs with grassy green foliage and awl-shaped needles
Location: Gotelli Collection beds 3, 31, and 39

Name: *Cryptomeria japonica* ‘Elegans Nana’ (‘Elegans Nana’ Japanese Cedar)
Description: 3’ x 5’ low mounting evergreen shrubs with bluish green foliage and a woody male pollen cones on top of the plants
Location: Gotelli Collection beds 31 and 51

Name: *Cryptomeria japonica* ‘Spiraliter Falcata’ (‘Spiraliter Falcata’ Japanese Cedar)
Description: 7’ x 7’ compact rounded evergreen shrub with awl-shaped, twisted needles and a curl around the stems
Location: Gotelli Collection bed 6

Name: *Cryptomeria japonica* ‘Ogon’ (‘Ogon’ Japanese Cedar)
Description: 30’ tall pyramidal evergreen tree with yellow green foliage and a yellow-brown bark that peels in long strips
Location: Gotelli Collection bed 31

Name: *Miscanthus floridulus* (Japanese Silver Grass)
Description: 12’ ornamental grass with silvery flower spikes directly above the foliage
Location: Gotelli Collection bed 23

Name: *Miscantun sinensis* ‘Morning Light’ (‘Morning Light’ Miscanthus)
Description: 4’ ornamental grass with narrow leaves that are edged in white
Location: Gotelli Collection pond edge

Friendship Garden

Name: *Liriope platyphylla* 'Monroe White' ('Monroe White' Lily Turf)
Description: strap leaf ground cover 12' tall with white flowering spikes
Location: front yard by Eagle Nest Road

Name: *Anemone x hybrida* 'Pamina' ('Pamina' Anemone)
Description: low growing large leaf plants with tall pink flowers
Location: backyard near walkway

Name: *Calamagrostis* spp., *Miscanthus* spp., *Molina* spp., *Panicum* spp.
(Ornamental Grasses)
Description: large ornamental grasses with varied inflorescence
Location: throughout the garden

Name: *Geranium* 'Rozanne' ('Rozanne' Cranesbill)
Description: masses of low growing cut leaf plants with purple flowers
Location: front yard near the entrance to the Gift Shop

Name: *Pycnanthemum muticum* (Mountain Mint)
Description: waist high plants with lighter colored gray green leaves
Location: side yard next to Arbor House

Dogwood Collections

Name: *Cornus florida* (Flowering dogwood)
Description: small deciduous tree with green long oval fruits turning to bright red as they ripen
Location: along left side of the entrance path going into collection and throughout collection

Name: *Cornus sericea* 'Silver and Gold' ('Silver and Gold' Dogwood)
Description: deciduous shrub with numerous yellow green stems
Location: in entrance path to circle facing north; plants on both sides of path leading out of circle

Name: *Abelia x grandiflora* (Glossy Abelia)
Description: semi-evergreen shrub trimmed to 4' in height with small, dark green, very glossy leaves and small white fragrant trumpet-shaped flowers
Location: around upper circle as a hedge

Holly and Magnolia Collections

- Name: *Ilex* 'Bonfire' ('Bonfire' Holly)
Description: shrubby plants with dark green leaves and red berries
Location: in the bed right by the parking lot on the right side trail
- Name: *Veronia* sp. (New York Ironweed)
Description: 5-6' tall perennial with clusters of purple flowers
Location: in bed to the right side of intersection of Holly Spring Road and Hickey Hill Road in ravine area
- Name: *Aronia arbutifolia* 'Brillantissima' ('Brillantissima' Red Chokeberry)
Description: 5-6' tall shrub with red fruit
Location: in bed to the right of the intersection of Holly Spring Road and Hickey Hill Road in ravine area
- Name: *Ilex x attenuata* 'Sunny Foster' ('Sunny Foster' Holly)
Description: small evergreen tree with spiny narrow foliage tinged a slight yellow
Location: in bed right by collection parking area on right side of trail

Perennial and National Boxwood Collections

- Name: *Buxus* spp. (Boxwood)
Description: broad-leaved evergreen shrubs with a variety of habits
Location: Throughout collection

Herb Garden

- Name: *Lespedeza thunbergii* 'Albiflora' ('Albiflora' White Bush Clover)
Description: large cluster of tall shrub-like plants with weeping branch tips covered in pea like white flowers
Location: Holly Border (south side, outside of entrance)
- Name: *Koelreuteria bipinnata* (Golden-Rain Tree)
Description: tall rose-colored tree with paper thin "Chinese Lantern" seed capsules hanging on the outer branches of the tree
Location: Theme Garden circle near Culinary Garden
- Name: *Callicarpa bodinieri* var. *giraldii* 'Profusion' ('Profusion' Beauty Berry)
Description: deciduous shrub with shiny purple berries
Location: Asian Garden
- Name: *Chrysanthemum pacificum* (Silver and Gold Chrysanthemum)
Description: ground covers with green leaves and small yellow flowers
Location: Holly Border near weeping hemlock

Herb Garden (cont.)

Name: *Salvia* spp. (Sage)
Description: many different varieties of colors, sizes and shapes
Location: Salvia Border (near Rose Garden)

National Bonsai and Penjing Museum

Name: *Aster tataricus* 'Jindai' ('Jindai' Tartarian Aster)
Description: perennial with tall stalks with clusters of pink flowers just beginning to open
Location: end of the bonsai entrance walk in left bed just before entrance gate to upper courtyard

Name: *Pollia japonica*
Description: slender dark green leaves with a small towering cluster of black berries turning to deep dark blue
Location: bonsai entrance walk on right hand side just past stone lantern

Name: *Patrinia scabiosfolia* 'Okan' ('Okan' Red Banana)
Description: tall plant with large green leaves and small pinkish banana fruit in clusters on main stalk
Location: outside entrance to bonsai museum in triangle bed next to steps

Name: *Malus* sp. (Crabapple)
Description: bonsai with red fruit
Location: North American Pavilion

Name: *Symphyotrichum novae-angliae* 'Purple Dome'
('Purple Dome' New England Aster)
Description: medium perennial with numerous bright purple flowers
Location: outside exit gate on both right and left sides; nice grouping in bed in lower gravel courtyard opposite entrance to Chinese Pavilion

Name: *Physostegia virginiana* 'Vivid' ('Vivid' Obedient Plant)
Description: medium perennial with spires of pink snapdragon-like flowers
Location: outside of bonsai museum, below exit gate in bed along side wall to museum

Fern Valley

Name: *Liatrix pilosa* (Grass-Leaved Blazing-Star)
Description: long stems of blue flowers on narrow-leaved wildflower
Location: in the meadow along the wood's edge in front of the large white pines

Fern Valley (cont.)

- Name: *Solidago canadensis* (Canada Goldenrod)
Description: 4-5' tall perennial with bright yellow flowers
Location: Meadow and Prairie
- Name: *Clematis viorna* (Leatherflower)
Description: herbaceous vine with fluffy white seed clusters
Location: Fern Valley parking lot
- Name: *Euonymus americanus* (Strawberry Bush/Hearts-a-Bursting)
Description: 5-7' deciduous shrub, displaying pinkish, warty fruits that burst open to reveal bright red seeds
Location: on the left-hand side before the shed and throughout Fern Valley
- Name: *Aster novae-angliae* (New England Aster)
Description: tall perennial with bristly-haired leaves and covered with violet flowers
Location: entrance of Fern Valley
- Name: *Aster pilosus* (Heath Aster)
Description: 2-4 ft. tall plants loosely covered with small, white, and daisy like flowers
Location: Fern Valley entrance and occasionally throughout Fern Valley
- Name: *Eupatorium rugosum* (White Snakeroot)
Description: 2-4' deer-proof perennial, with spade-shaped leaves and covered in white flowers
Location: throughout Fern Valley
- Name: *Pityopsis graminifolia* (Silk Grass)
Description: stalks with yellow composite flowers with grass like foliage
Location: new planting at the Coastal Plain
- Name: *Chelone obliqua* (Red Turtlehead)
Description: tall wildflower with dark pink flowers resembling turtle heads
Location: entrance path near rocky island and occasionally throughout Fern Valley
- Name: *Rudbeckia lanciniata* (Green-Eyed Cone Flower)
Description: tall perennial consisting of a yellow petals with a green center
Location: across from the Coastal Plain and occasionally in Fern Valley