

## 2023 Summer Seasonal Display Design Overview

Summer always comes on quick and before we know it we will be transitioning to the summer seasonal display. The color palate this year will have something for everyone. Yellows at the conservatory will turn into a hot corridor of oranges in front of the greenhouse. This too will then change to reds and purples at the Merriweather café. Some of the yellows and warmer colors will show up again along the Administration building and Friendship Walk. The edge of the Lunar Lawn will take on a brand new look with whites, purples and even a touch of silver to celebrate our upcoming exhibition, [Glass: Art. Beauty. Design](#). There will still be plenty of pinks and purples though, in the motor court, French parterre, rose garden, and around the Butler's house.

This was the year to be excited about salvias. At the Butler's House bed, Salvia 'Vibe Ignition Purple' will bloom all summer long among the perennials. Only growing one and a half to two feet tall, this summer annual is touted as being well behaved and very heat tolerant sporting dark purple buds and vibrant flowers. Salvia 'Hummingbird Falls' will be found outside of the conservatory. There is a lot of hype around this plant as the relaxed branches give it a trailing effect for containers and hanging baskets. It is supposed to stay densely branched and bloom heavily with violet blue flowers. The Lunar Lawn beds will feature two more. Salvia canariensis 'Lancelot' will bring a unique look to the border. Attractive silver foliage will highlight the lavender flowers that come on in July. Salvia leucantha will also be in the back of the border. This is the Mexican bush sage and though this is not its Hillwood debut, it will lend size, texture, and purple flowers to the planting. Salvias are generally attractive to many pollinators and we hope to see hummingbirds enjoying their blooms throughout the year.

Among other interesting plants, we are really going to push the envelope with Evolvulus 'Blue Daze'. It has amazing true blue flowers and we have seen it used at other gardens with great success. At the putting green, it will stand out against the greens of the dichondra, dracaena, and ferns. At the gates, it will be paired with hot pink celosia (Celosia 'Kelos Candela Pink'). This is the same celosia we tried last year at the Lunar Lawn which is now a new favorite.



### **Additional Items to Note:**

- Installation of the summer display starts April 24 and we anticipate it to stay in until the third week of September.
- There are 11,428 plants in this display. The greenhouses were responsible for growing and maintaining 2,829 of those plants.

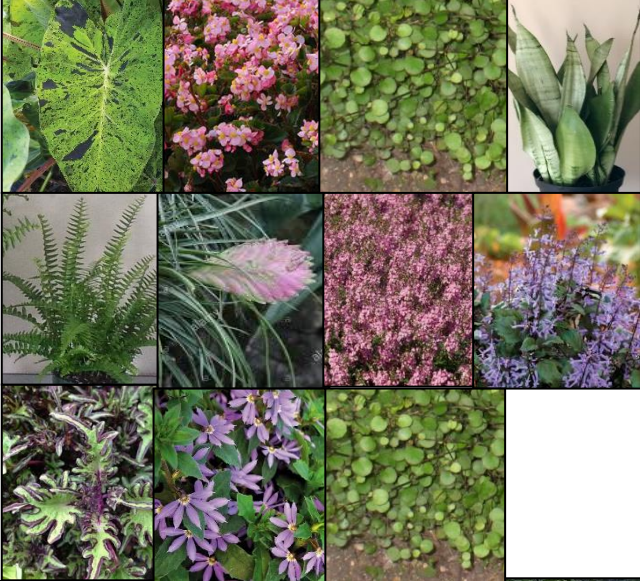



Thank you for your dedication to Hillwood. If you have any questions or would like to know more, please feel free to email me at [jbonilla@hillwoodmuseum.org](mailto:jbonilla@hillwoodmuseum.org). Thanks!

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(Pictures start from left to right in order of appearance in the text)






<p>Outside conservatory</p>	<p>The containers will start with one of the following tall elements: Schefflera arboricola 'Gold Capella', Panicum 'Northwind', Colocasia 'Mojito' or Pennisetum 'Rubrum'. Filler plants will include Angelonia 'Archangel Dark Purple', Salvia 'Vibe Ignition Purple', Zinnia 'Profusion Series Lemon', Coleus 'Vino', and Angelonia 'Angelmist Dark Purple' with trailing elements such as Lantana 'New Gold', Salvia 'Hummingbird Falls', Sanvitalia 'Sunvy Trailing Yellow', 'Sprenger' asparagus fern and Lysimachia 'Goldilocks'.</p>	
<p>Motor court</p>	<p>The center bed around Eros and the curb edge will be comprised of Begonia 'BabyWing Pink'.</p>	

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Motor court containers	The square containers will feature Colocasia 'Mojito', Begonia 'BabyWing Pink' and wire vine (Muehlenbeckia axillaris). The crape myrtle pots will have a mix of tropicals like Sansevieria 'Moonshine', Kimberley queen fern (Nephrolepis oblitterata) and Tillandsia augmented with Angelonia 'AngelMist Pink', Plectranthus 'Mona Lavender', Coleus 'Lime Shrimp', Scaevola 'Surdiva Classic Blue' and wire vine.	
Porte cochere	Some plants of note in the tropical display will be the fiddle leaf fig, Schefflera, Dracaena, and a dark leaf colocasia. These will act as a backdrop to planters containing Impatiens 'Beacon Rose', Plectranthus 'Mona Lavender', Hypoestes 'Splash Select Rose', Coleus 'Lava Rose' and pothos.	
Pavilion	Caladium 'Tapestry' and Dichondra 'Emerald Falls'.	
French parterre	Impatiens 'Sunpatiens Deep Rose' throughout the space with the addition of Colocasia 'Diamond Head' around the statue of Diana.	



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Rose garden	The center bed and annual strips will be full of Angelonia 'AngelMist Dark Purple'. The strips will see the addition of Coleus 'Vino'. The rose beds will be edged with Alyssum 'Deep Lavender Stream'. Hyacinth bean vine will also be present.	
Friendship walk	A mix of Begonia 'BabyWing Pink' and 'BabyWing Red' in the sunnier areas and Impatiens 'Beacon Coral' and 'Beacon Red' in shadier spots.	
Putting green	For the containers, a dracaena spike for height, Dichondra 'Emerald Falls' as the trailing element and Evolvulus 'Blue Daze' as the filler. The evolvulus will also be mixed into the bed with Kimberley queen fern.	
Lunar	The back row will be groupings of Salvia leucantha, Caladium 'Aaron', Zinnia 'Benary's Giant White', Ageratum 'High Tide White', Coleus 'Vino', Salvia canariensis 'Lancelot', Zinnia 'Zahara XL White', and Angelonia 'Angelface Super White'. The front border will be comprised of Begonia 'BabyWing White'.	
South portico	Beds will be a mix of Coleus 'Vino', Zinnia 'Zahara XL White', Angelonia 'Angelface Super White', Begonia 'BabyWing White', Ageratum 'High Tide White', and Salvia canariensis 'Lancelot'. The pots will be of Coleus 'Inky Fingers'.	

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South portico	Beds of Vinca 'Titan Icy Pink' and pots of Scaevola 'Surdiva Fashion Pink'.			
Vista planters	Vinca 'Titan Icy Pink' accenter with Pennisetum 'Fireworks'.			
Around the Dacha	A mix of Begonia 'Babywing Pink' and 'Babywing White'.			
Holly walk	A mix of Impatiens 'Sunpatiens Compact Hot Pink', Coleus 'Under the Sea Pink Reef', and Asparagus densiflorus 'Myersii' (Foxtail asparagus fern) near lunar. Torenia 'Summer Wave Amethyst', Begonia 'Gryphon', and Tradescantia zebrina along the rest of the walk.			
Security	Patches of Euphorbia 'Stardust Super Flash', Impatiens 'Beacon Rose', Coleus 'Black Coral', Plectranthus 'Mona Lavender', and Hypoestes 'Splash Select Pink'.			
Butler's house pots	Variegated agave with Evolvulus 'Blue Daze'.			



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Vista planters	Salvia canariensis 'Lancelot' and Angelonia 'Angelmist White' will provide the height in the containers with fillers/trailers of Scaevola 'Surdiva White' and Coleus 'Inky Fingers'.	   
Around the Dacha	Beds of Impatiens 'Beacon Coral'.	 
Holly walk	Begonia 'BabyWing White' and foxtail fern (Asparagus densiflorus 'Myersii') closer to Lunar Lawn while Tradescantia zebrina and Impatiens 'Beacon Violet Shades' will be closer to the cutting garden. Caladium 'Aaron' and Begonia 'Gryphon' pop up throughout.	      
Security	A mix of Impatiens 'Beacon Violet Shades', Angelonia 'Angelface Steel Blue' and Strobilanthes.	   
Butler's house pots	Foxtail fern with Setcreasea 'Purple Heart' and Angelonia 'AngelMist Trailing Dark Purple'	   

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Butler's bed	Salvia 'Wendy's Wish', Angelonia 'Angelface Steel Blue', Salvia 'Vibe Ignition Purple', Strobilanthes, Euphorbia 'Stardust Super Flash', Pentas 'Lucky Star Violet', Setcreasea 'Purple Heart' and Verbena 'Imagination'.	
Cutting garden wall	This design will be arranged into two groupings of plants that will be repeated down the wall. First group: Canna 'Canova Orange Shades', Coleus 'Campfire', Cuphea 'Vermillionaire', and Duranta 'Gold Mound'. Second group: Crotons, Impatiens 'Sunpatiens Compact Orange', and Lysimachia 'Goldilocks'.	
Greenhouse bed	Height will be provided by Canna 'Wyoming', Zinnia 'Benary's Giant Orange', Bromeliad 'Blanchetiana' and crotons. Coleus 'Wasabi', Coleus 'Campfire' and Cuphea 'Vermillionaire' will create a second tier edged with Impatiens 'Sunpatiens Electric Orange', Duranta 'Gold Mound', and Portulaca 'Rio Orange'. Thunbergia 'Orange Wonder' will be scattered through the magnolias to add summer color.	

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