2023 Fall Seasonal Display Design Overview

Whether you like pumpkin spice or not, autumn is on its way, and the gardens will be transitioning from the summer seasonal display to fall starting Monday, September 18. This year, there will be a lot of yellows, pinkish purples, and oranges to see. A particularly nice plant to note will be Osteospermum 'Sunshine Beauty' along the cutting garden wall. This African daisy sports a dark center with petals that transition from yellow to orange. Pansies from the Colormax series will also be introduced to the fall garden for the first time. A pleasing combination of yellows and purples, 'Lemonberry Pie Mix' will grace the edges of the Friendship Walk. A member of that mix, 'Berry Pie' with a yellow face and purple edging, will liven up the putting green and be planted with yellow mums and purple kale.

Jarett Currin, our greenhouse grower, has been taking on more plant production this fall. Besides raising specialty mums for cut flowers and topiaries, he is growing other display plants including the African daisies mentioned above. Jarett started a kale and two different millet cultivars from seed. He is also growing out a bronze sedge, Carex comans 'Bronco' and a mounding silver wormwood, Artemesia stelleriana 'Silver Brocade'. These two perennials will be found together in the motor court pots and will be used in different ways in the future.

Though parts of the summer display are typically carried into the fall, this year should be extra dynamic. One specific example to note is the Salvia leucantha in the Lunar Lawn beds. Spending the summer adding height and texture to the garden, it is expected to push out white flowers from a purple calyx (sepals), adding an explosion of color. The flowers will also serve as a late season food source for the hummingbirds. The crotons and bromeliads will also remain as a part of the fall greenhouse display capitalizing on their colorful leaves while adding height to the design.

Other Additional Items to Note:

- By the numbers (new plants to be installed):
 - o 2,548 mums
 - o 2,625 pansies/violas
 - o 933 Kale and cabbage
 - o 659 other plants not including the specialty mums.
- Twenty specialty mum topiaries were grown in-house for the display.

The horticulture team is excited to have you back in the gardens. Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions or would like to know more, please feel free to email me at jbonilla@hillwoodmuseum.org. Thank you!

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

Outside conservatory	The back bone of the containers will start with one of the following elements: woody shrubs (not pictured), pencils of Chrysanthemum 'Megumi'; grasses-Panicum 'Shenandoah' and Pennisetum 'Rubrum' left in from the summer display; and sunflowers. Filler plants will include 'Sundance Yellow' mums, Osteospermum 'Serenity Yellow', Carex comans 'Bronco', and 'White Bor' kale. Purples and blues will be layered in with 'Redbor' kale, 'Cool Wave Blue Skies' pansies, abd the viola cultivars 'Lavender Pink' and 'Colormax Berry Pie'. The trailing elements will come from asparagus fern and 'Yellow Ruffles' ivy.	
Motor court	The perimeter and the center bed around Eros will contain 'Autumn Glow' mums.	
Motor court containers	The crape myrtle pots will be a mix of large 'Autum Glow' mums mixed in with Carex comans 'Bronco', Heuchera 'Cocomint', 'Redbor' kale and Artemesia 'Silver Brocade'. These plants will also be mixed into the other containers. A tall grass- Panicum 'Northwind' will be the focal point in the square pots.	

Porte cochere	Most of the tropical display will stay until the end of October. Some plants of note are: the Fiddle leaf fig, Schefflera, Dracaena, and a dark leaf colocasia. The tiered pots will remain in the side beds but planted with 'Plumberry Purple' mums, 'Penny Yellow' violas, and 'Emperor White' kale. 'Pink Fleece' chrysanthemum cones will accentuate the center and side beds.	
Pavilion	Pots of 'Copper Coin' mums with 'Yellow Ripple' ivy.	
French parterre	A mix of 'Stellar Purple', 'Spicy Cheryl Orange', 'Plumberry Purple', 'Copper Coin', 'Jazzberry Pink' and 'Pumpkin Pie' mums around the edge with a similar mix around the statue of Diana.	
Rose garden	'Plumberry Purple' mums in the center with more in the annual strips by the boxwood. The strips will also include 'Matrix Purple and White' pansies.	
Friendship walk	'Lemonberry Pie Mix' violas	

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Putting green	For the planters: 'Red Bor' kale with 'Sundance Yellow' mums, Viola 'Colormax Berry Pie' and 'Yellow Ripple' ivy. The same combination will be used in the beds minus the ivy.	
Lunar	Salvia canariensis 'Lancelot' and Salvia leucantha will remain from the summer surrounded by a border of 'Plumberry Purple' and 'Butter and Cream' mums.	
South portico	Pots of 'Cool Wave Raspberry', 'Cool Wave White', and 'Cool Wave Golden Yellow' pansies with 'Yellow Ripple' ivy. The same mix of pansies will be planted in the beds.	
Vista planters	'Sundance Yellow' mums with 'Cool Wave Raspberry', 'Cool Wave White', and 'Cool Wave Golden Yellow' pansies and 'Yellow Ripple' ivy.	
Around the Dacha	'Sorbet Harvest Mix' violas in the beds and pots.	
Holly walk	'Plumberry Purple' and 'Butter and Cream' mums closest to Lunar Lawn. The Tradescantia zebrina will stay in from the summer mixed with 'Penny Yellow' violas and 'Matrix White' pansies.	

Security	'Pigeon Red' cabbage surrounded by 'Plumberry Purple' mums and 'Matrix White' pansies.	
Butler's house pots	'Pigeon Red' cabbage and 'Matrix White' pansies.	
Cutting garden wall	Crotons and Lysimachia nummularia (Creeping Jenny) will remain from the summe display. Osteospermum 'Sunshine Beauty' and 'Penny Yellow' violas will create the filler between the two. Another grouping will consist of 'Redbor' kale and 'Pumpkin Pie' mums.	
Greenhouse bed	Elements of the summer to stay are the Duranta 'Gold Mound', 'Blanchetiana' bromeliads and crotons. 'Purple Majesty' millet, 'White Bor' kale, 'Redbor' kale, 'Pumpkin Pie' mums, and 'Penny Yellow' violas will round out the display.	
Greenhouse Pots	Chrysanthemum 'Firefall' topiaries will provide height, surrounded by 'Penny Orange' violas and the Lysimachia nummularia (Creeping Jenny) left over from the summer display.	

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