

## 2023 Summer Seasonal Display Design Overview

Overall, we felt it was a good year for the summer seasonal display. The heavy rains in July brought about some disease issues, but mostly the beds filled in and progressed as expected. The only change made to our original plan is at the south portico. The coleus in the pots were changed out for vinca and more zinnias were added to the beds. The summer display will remain until Monday, September 18.

Summer always comes quickly 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 summer 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 visitor center 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 in July. Salvia leucantha will also be at 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 in other gardens with great success. At the putting green, it will stand out against the greens of the dichondra, dracaena and ferns. At the lower and upper 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:


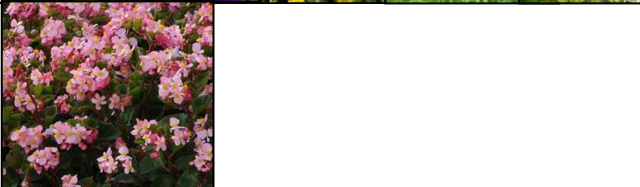
- Installation of the summer display started on April 24 and we anticipate it to stay in until the third week of September.
- There are 11,428 plants in this display. The greenhouses were responsible for growing and maintaining 2,829 of those plants.

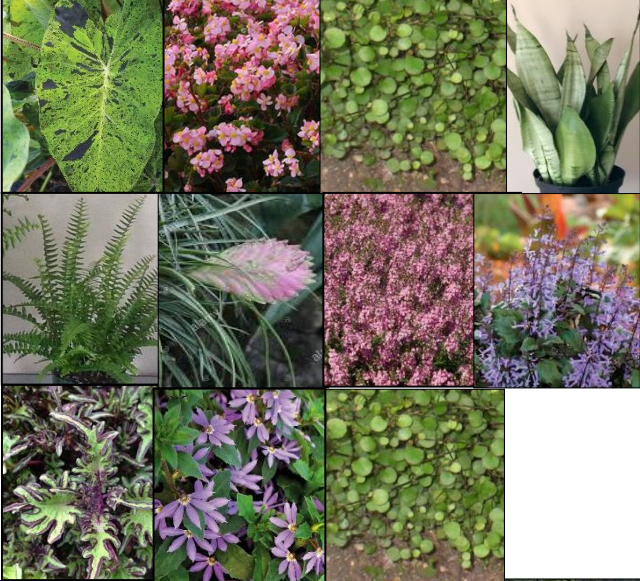


Thank you for your dedication to Hillwood. If you have any questions or would like to know more, please feel free to email me at [jbonilla@hillwoodmuseum.org](mailto:jbonilla@hillwoodmuseum.org). Thank you!

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






<p>Outside conservatory</p>	<p>The containers 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', 'Sprengeri' asparagus fern and Lysimachia 'Goldilocks'.</p>	
<p>Motor court</p>	<p>The center bed around Eros and the curb edge are comprised of Begonia 'BabyWing Pink'.</p>	

<p>Motor court containers</p>	<p>The square containers feature Colocasia 'Mojito', Begonia 'BabyWing Pink' and wire vine (Muehlenbeckia axillaris). The crape myrtle pots 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.</p>	
<p>Porte cochere</p>	<p>Some plants of note in the tropical display are the fiddle leaf fig, Schefflera, Dracaena, and a dark leaf colocasia. These act as a backdrop to planters containing Impatiens 'Beacon Rose', Plectranthus 'Mona Lavender', Hypoestes 'Splash Select Rose', Coleus 'Lava Rose' and pothos.</p>	
<p>Pavilion</p>	<p>Caladium 'Tapestry' and Dichondra 'Emerald Falls'.</p>	
<p>French parterre</p>	<p>Impatiens 'Sunpatiens Deep Rose' throughout the space with the addition of Colocasia 'Diamond Head' around the statue of Diana.</p>	



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Rose garden	The center bed and annual strips are full of Angelonia 'AngelMist Dark Purple'. The strips see the addition of Coleus 'Vino'. The rose beds are edged with Alyssum 'Deep Lavender Stream'. Hyacinth bean vine is also 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 is also mixed into the bed with Kimberley queen fern.	
Lunar	The back row features 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 is comprised of Begonia 'BabyWing White'.	
South portico	Beds are a mix of Coleus 'Vino', Zinnia 'Zahara XL White', Angelonia 'Angelface Super White', Begonia 'BabyWing White', Ageratum 'High Tide White', Salvia canariensis 'Lancelot' and Zinnia 'Benary's Giant White'. The pots contain Vinca 'Cora Cascade Lavender with Eye'.	

Vista planters	Salvia canariensis 'Lancelot' and Angelonia 'Angelmist White' 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' are 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 is arranged into two groupings of plants that are 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 is provided by Canna 'Wyoming', Zinnia 'Benary's Giant Orange', Bromeliad 'Blanchetiana' and crotons. Coleus 'Wasabi', Coleus 'Campfire' and Cuphea 'Vermillionaire' create a second tier edged with Impatiens 'Sunpatiens Electric Orange', Duranta 'Gold Mound', and Portulaca 'Rio Orange'. Thunbergia 'Orange Wonder' is scattered through the magnolias to add summer color.	

