

2024 Summer Seasonal Display Design Overview

Spring always seems fleeting, and it will be time to install the summer seasonal display before we know it. The color palate this year will be similar to spring, heavy on pinks and purples throughout the grounds, especially along the corridor between the conservatory and the Merriweather café. A few different shades of sunpatiens will offer bright colors throughout this area while trailing lanatana and scavaelos will provide up-close interest. The Lunar Lawn seasonal beds will lend a different look with oranges and blues as a nod to the exhibition *Fragile Beauty: Art of the Ocean*. A sea of blue salvia will be broken up with punches of orange cannas, zinnias, and marigolds. The seasonal beds there will be topped off with a border of orange sunpatiens. Pinks and reds will also be carried up from the motor court to the Friendship Walk. A very low ground cover of vinca with hot pink flowers starts off around Eros providing distinct layers of annual flowers, ivy, and boxwood. In the French parterre and rose garden, a more traditional planting of begonias will be on view. Along the Friendship Walk, small pink and white zinnias will light up the path.

There are a few more thoughts behind the designs to share with you. Last year, Hillwood was recognized as having hummingbirds on the property very late into the season. This year we wanted to make sure to support these feathered friends by continuing to plant some of their favorite food sources like salvias, cupheas, and cannas. Of course, we always love adding interesting plants to the garden. This year sees the return of Ruellia 'Purple Showers', the Mexican petunia, to the cutting garden wall. This annual grows quickly, reaching four to five feet tall in a single summer. Ruellia produces an impressive non-stop succession of lovely purple flowers that only last one day. Finally, we will share that we are planting some of the smaller containers in a different way. Instead of using a number of smaller plants in each one, we will be planting one large plant. This will be evident in the planters at the pavilion patio where one large Dipladenia will be showcased in each. The Butler's House planters will have two large foxtail ferns and the containers near the Administration building will have a large spider plant with a bit of tradescantia.

Additional Items to Note:

- Installation of the summer display starts April 29, and we anticipate it to stay in until the third week of September.
- There are 10,560 plants in this display. The greenhouses were responsible for growing and maintaining 2,772 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.

Thank you,
Jessica Bonilla, Director of Horticulture







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

<p>Outside conservatory</p>	<p>The main structural elements of the containers will begin with a pink hibiscus, Panicum 'Northwind', Pennisetum 'Fireworks' or Cordyline 'Maria'. Filler plants will include 'Oriole' Swiss chard, Gomphrena 'Pinata', Angelonia 'Angelmist Spreading Pink', Begonia 'Dragonwing Pink', Pentas 'Lucky Star Pink', 'Compact Hot Pink' sunpatiens, and Coleus 'Wild Lime'. Trailing elements such as Ipomoea (sweet potato vine) 'Floramia Rosso', Carex 'Everillo', 'Needlepoint' ivy, Spilanthes 'Lemon Drops', Lysimachia 'Goldilocks' and Scaevola 'Fashion Pink' will also be featured.</p>	
<p>Motor court</p>	<p>The center bed around Eros and the curb edge will be comprised of 'Cora Cascade Punch' vinca with a section of 'French Quarter' coleus along the sitting area wall.</p>	






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<p>Motor court containers</p>	<p>All the containers will feature 'Cora Cascade Punch' vinca. In the square planters, it will be paired with Pennisetum 'Fireworks'. The crape myrtle pots will see it mixed with tropicals like Sansevieria 'Moonshine', Kimberley queen fern (Nephrolepis oblitterata) and Tillandsia augmented with Plectranthus 'Mona Lavender' and 'Pink Reef' coleus. Artemesia 'Silver Brocade' left in from last year will provide a trailing element with 'Needlepoint' ivy.</p>	
<p>Porte cochere</p>	<p>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 Begonia 'Solenia Light Pink' left in from the spring, Impatiens 'Glimmer Appleblossom', Hypoestes 'Splash Select Pink', Plectranthus 'Mona Lavender', Heuchera 'Carnival Rose Granita' and Tradescantia zebrina.</p>	
<p>Pavilion</p>	<p>Red Dipladenia</p>	
<p>French parterre</p>	<p>Begonia 'BabyWing Pink' and Begonia 'BabyWing Red' around the edges and Caladium 'Carolyn Whorton' around the statue of Diana.</p>	
<p>Rose garden</p>	<p>The center bed and annual strips will be full of Begonia 'Babywing Pink'. The strips will see the addition of Angelonia 'Angelmist White'. The rose beds will be edged with Alyssum 'White Stream'. Scarlet runner bean will also present.</p>	


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<p>Friendship walk</p>	<p>Zinnia 'Profusion Cherry Bicolor' in the sunnier areas and Impatiens 'Beacon Portland Mix' in shadier spots.</p>	
<p>Putting green</p>	<p>For the containers, a Kimberly queen fern for height, Angelonia 'Archangel Cherry Red' for filler, and Lantana 'New Gold' as the trailing element. This same combination will be featured in the beds with Coleus 'Redhead'.</p>	
<p>Lunar</p>	<p>The back row will contain groupings of Salvia 'Black and Blue', crotons, Salvia 'Mystic Spires Blue', Zinnia 'Benary's Giant Dahlia BluePoint Series Orange', Canna 'Pretoria', and Marigold 'Xochi Orange'. The front border will be a massing of 'Compact Electric Orange' sunpatiens.</p>	
<p>South portico</p>	<p>Beds will be a mix of Salvia 'Black and Blue', orange cuphea, and 'Tattoo Orange' vinca. The pots will contain Calibrachoa 'Aloha Kona Hot Orange' or Portulaca 'Happy Trails Orange'.</p>	
<p>Vista planters</p>	<p>Tattoo Orange' vinca and Calibrachoa 'Aloha Kona Hot Orange' surrounding orange cuphea with Muehlenbeckia (wire vine) as the trailer.</p>	
<p>Around the Dacha</p>	<p>Beds of Evolvulus 'Blue Daze'.</p>	

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<p>Holly walk</p>	<p>Pockets of foxtail fern (<i>Asparagus densiflorus</i> 'Myersii'), Begonia 'Gryphon', 'Compact Electric Orange' sunpatiens, <i>Strobilanthes</i>, and 'Under the Sea Barracuda' coleus.</p>	
<p>Security</p>	<p>A mix of <i>Angelonia</i> 'Angelmist White', <i>Impatiens</i> 'Beacon Rose', Coleus 'Black Dragon', <i>Hypoestes</i> 'Splash Select Pink' and <i>Plectranthus</i> 'Mona Lavender'.</p>	
<p>Butler's house pots</p>	<p>Foxtail fern (<i>Asparagus densiflorus</i> 'Myersii')</p>	
<p>Butler's bed</p>	<p><i>Salvia</i> 'Love and Wishes', <i>Angelonia</i> 'Angelface Super White', <i>Strobilanthes</i>, <i>Gomphrena</i> 'Pinball Purple', Dahlia 'Happy Days Purple', Pentas 'Lucky Star Violet', and <i>Portulaca</i> 'Cupcake Grape Jelly' will be added to the existing planting.</p>	
<p>Cutting garden wall</p>	<p>This design will be arranged into two groupings of plants that are repeated down the wall divided by foxtail fern (<i>Asparagus densiflorus</i> 'Myersii'). The first group will contain <i>Colocasia</i> 'Black Magic' with 'Compact Lilac' sunpatiens. The second group will be <i>Ruellia</i> 'Purple Showers' surrounded by <i>Euphorbia</i> 'Breathless White' and a edge of <i>Setcreasea</i> 'Purple Heart'.</p>	

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<p>Greenhouse bed</p>	<p>Taller elements will include Colocasia 'Black Magic', Salvia 'Kisses and Wishes', and Angelonia 'Angelface Super Blue'. Swaths of 'Compact Lilac' sunpatiens will be offset with patches of Gomphrena 'QIS Purple', Strobilanthes, and Euphorbia 'Breathless White'. Scaevola 'Blue Brilliance' and Setcreasea 'Purple Heart' will act as edging plants.</p>	
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