

2024 Fall Seasonal Display Design Overview

The horticulture staff and garden volunteers will be ushering in autumn with the installation of the fall seasonal display on September 23. This year, yellows will wrap from the Visitor Center conservatory to the motor court and be mixed with oranges in the French parterre. The French parterre design is a takeoff on last year's where we used a six-cultivar mix made up of mid, late and very late blooming mums. Again, this original mix of oranges and pinks was so successful that this year we moved it to prime time in the Lunar Lawn beds. Pinks and purples then pick up in the rose garden, putting green and greenhouse beds while the Friendship Walk flowers create a slow burn of yellows and reds.

There are some fun plants in this year's display. The Artemesia 'Silver Brocade' has perennialized in the motor court pots. This soft silver herbaceous perennial was planted last fall and will create a lovely skirt around the edge of the containers. The porte cochere and holly walk will feature a "new to Hillwood" viola, 'Colormax Beacon Rose'. The two petals at the top of the flower are white while the rest are a lovely rose color. A unique new pansy will also be planted at the south portico and vista terrace. I have not seen faces (blotches) on orange pansies before but that is just what 'Inspire Orange Blotch' offers. Finally, we will be working with a new mum at the putting green. 'Milkshake Berry Pink' mum boasts a late blooming, strikingly rich pink color that supposedly has a long bloom time. These will be mixed with a white blotch viola, 'Sorbet White Blotch', and a white edged ivy, 'Glacier'. Please keep an eye on all of these to see how they progress through the season.

There will be some plants left in from the summer but maybe not as many as other years. Out in the Lunar Lawn beds, the orange Canna 'Pretoria' will stay to match the orange mums. Carex 'Everillo' will be divided and replanted in the Visitor Center conservatory pots. The biggest group left in will be the foxtail asparagus fern along the cutting garden wall. There are also a few more of these ferns dabbled along holly walk and the Butler's House pots that will stay late into the year.

Other Additional Items to Note:

- By the numbers (new plants to be installed):
 - 2,385 mums
 - 2,736 pansies/violas
 - 825 Kale and cabbage
 - 957 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!- Jessica Bonilla, Director of Horticulture

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

<p>Outside conservatory</p>	<p>The back bone of the containers will start with one of the following elements: woody shrubs (not pictured), pencils of Chrysanthemum 'Megumi'; Panicum 'Northwind' from the summer display; 'Purple Majesty' millet and 'White Bor' kale. Filler plants will include 'Sundance Yellow' mums, 'Snapshot Yellow' snapdragons, Carex 'Everillo', 'Redbor' kale and Heuchera 'Carnival Fall Festival'. The pots will be edged with 'Yellow Jump-up' and 'Penny Violet' violas and the trailing elements will come from 'Yellow Ruffles' and 'Needlepoint' ivy.</p>	
<p>Motor court</p>	<p>The perimeter and the center bed around Eros will contain 'Sundance Yellow' mums.</p>	
<p>Motor court containers</p>	<p>The crape myrtle pots will feature 'Sundance' mums with a mix of Carex comans 'Bronco', 'Redbor' kale, Heuchera 'Carnival Fall Festival' and 'Penny Yellow' violas. Artemesia 'Silver Brocade' left in from last fall decorates the edge. These plants will also be mixed into the other containers. A tall grass, Muhlenbergia capillaris (muhly grass), will be the focal point in the square pots.</p>	

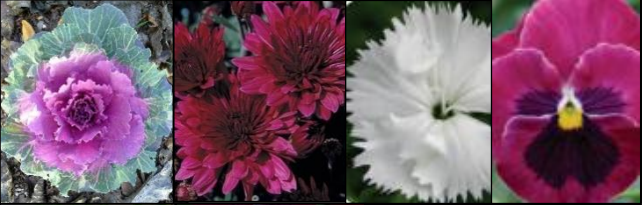




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<p>Porte cochere</p>	<p>Most of the tropical display will stay until the middle of October. Some plants of note are: the Fiddle leaf fig, Schefflera, Dracaena, and Alocasia 'California'. 'Jazzberry' mums will be added for seasonal flair. The tiered pots will remain but be refreshed with 'Colormax Beacon Rose' violas. Specialty mums like 'Pink Fleece' will be added as the season progresses.</p>	
<p>Pavilion</p>	<p>Pots of 'Sundance' mums with 'Yellow Ripple' ivy.</p>	
<p>French parterre</p>	<p>A mix of 'Cheryl Sparkling Yellow', 'Copper Coin Bronze', 'Sunny Day Yellow', 'Stacy Dazzling Orange', 'Sundance Yellow' and 'Pumpkin Pie' mums around the edge with a similar mix around the statue of Diana.</p>	
<p>Rose garden</p>	<p>'Venus Purple' mums in the center with more in the annual strips by the boxwood. The strips will also include 'Lemon Chiffon' violas.</p>	
<p>Friendship walk</p>	<p>'Matrix Autumn Blaze' pansies</p>	

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<p>Putting green</p>	<p>For the planters: 'Red Bor' kale with 'Milkshake Berry Pink' mums, Viola 'Sorbet White Blotch' and 'Glacier' ivy. The same combination will be used in the beds minus the ivy.</p>	
<p>Lunar</p>	<p>Canna 'Pretoria' will remain from the summer surrounded by a mixed border of 'Cheryl Regal Purple', 'Copper Coin Bronze', 'Jazzberry', 'Cheryl Spicy Orange', 'Plumberry Purple' and 'Pumpkin Pie' mums.</p>	
<p>South portico</p>	<p>Pots of mainly 'Inspire Orange Blotch' with 'Matrix Rose Blotch' pansies and a hint of 'Matrix Yellow Blotch' pansies with 'Yellow Ripple' ivy. The same mix of pansies will be planted in the beds.</p>	
<p>Vista planters</p>	<p>'Redbor' kale with 'Inspire Orange Blotch' and 'Matrix Rose Blotch' pansies and 'Yellow Ripple' ivy.</p>	
<p>Around the Dacha</p>	<p>A mix of 'Matrix Rose', 'Matrix Primrose' and 'Matrix Rose Blotch' pansies.</p>	
<p>Holly walk</p>	<p>Foxtail asparagus ferns will stay in as long as possible. 'Jazzberry' and 'Pumpkin Pie' mums will be added closest to Lunar Lawn. 'Colormax Beacon Rose' violas will line the rest of the path.</p>	

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<p>Security</p>	<p>A mix of 'Pigeon Red' cabbage, 'Venus Purple' mums, Dianthus 'Floral Lace White', and 'Matrix Rose Blotch' pansies.</p>	
<p>Butler's house pots</p>	<p>Foxtail asparagus fern from the summer with 'Penny Rose Blotch' violas.</p>	
<p>Cutting garden wall</p>	<p>Groups of 'Plumberry Purple' mums and foxtail asparagus ferns will alternate with 'Purple Majesty' millet and 'Peacock Red' kale. The <i>Tradescantia pallida</i> 'Purple Heart' (formerly <i>Setcreasea</i>) may stay in if it still looks good.</p>	
<p>Greenhouse bed</p>	<p>'Purple Majesty' millet, 'Peacock Red' kale and 'White bor' kale will provide mid-range hight behind swaths of 'Plumberry Purple' mums, 'Penny Violet' violas and 'Pigeon White' cabbage</p>	
<p>Greenhouse Pots</p>	<p>Specialty mums like 'Pink Fleece' will take center stage and be surrounded by 'White Bor' kale and 'Penny Violet' violas.</p>	

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