

2025 Spring Seasonal Display Design Overview

The aim of the spring display flowers is to bring excitement to the gardens in anticipation of the bulbs and then have them all work together to delight our visitors. This year, the theme trends to purples and pinks with a touch of yellow throughout the grounds. The Lunar Lawn in particular highlights this combination with the tulip mix 'Bouquet Beaucoup' that features the large peony style tulips in purple and yellow among others. It is also the first time in recent memory that a purple tulip, the tried and true 'Yume no Murasaki', has been planted around Eros. Of course, there are always a few outliers to keep it interesting. Red and white are the color choices for the French parterre as red and white pansies line the ivy wall. The bed around Diana culminates in those same two tones in the tulip 'Beauty Trend'. The porte cochere will also deviate from the theme with apricot-colored begonias. The rose begonias worked so well last spring, adding interest until fall, that they had to be brought back, just in a different color. The 'Carnaval' tulip mix in the greenhouse beds will also add a bit of orange, pairing again with pink and yellow.

There are always some fun plants to highlight. Two are found in the containers outside the conservatory. The African daisy, *Osteospermum* 'FlowerPower Compact Pink+Eye', grown at Hillwood, is top quality and has a beautiful flower with a white center edged in pink. It makes a statement as a mid-tier plant in front of the variegated 'Silver Sword' azaleas. The second to watch is the viridiflora tulip 'China Town'. Viridiflora tulip petals retain a vivid green streak as they open. In the cultivar 'China Town', the green streak is paired with a beautiful blush pink. In the motor court, *Nemesia* 'Nesia Denim' has been a strong grower and very floriferous. The flower clusters add a different texture mixed in with the edible purple leaves of the pak choi. At the putting green, 'Black Magic' kale is used as a focal point to the containers and will darken as the plant matures. Not only is it a beautiful ornamental but it is prized for its mild flavor too. Lastly, take a close look at the 'Sorbet Tiger Eye' violas at the Dacha. The front of the flower is a beautiful yellow with stripes radiating out from the center. The back of the flower is often purple which gives an interesting bi-color effect when looking down the row.




Additional Items to Note:

- Installation of the spring display started March 17, and the weather has been pretty mild. Although spent bulbs may be removed earlier, we anticipate the display to run until April 28.
- By the numbers:
 - 22,550 bulbs were planted in the fall: 975 for the cutting garden, 625 in the permanent gardens and 20,950 for the seasonal display beds. Of those bulbs, 16,250 were tulips.
 - The seasonal display includes 6,880 spring plants. 4,819 (70%) were grown in Hillwood's greenhouse.





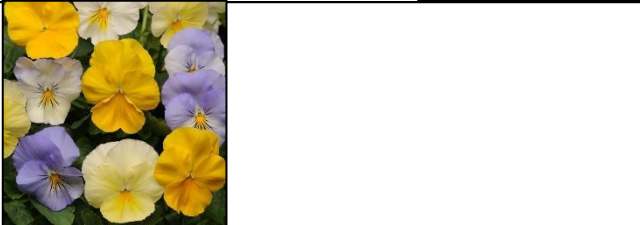

Thank you for your dedication to Hillwood. If you have any questions or would like to know more, please feel free to e-mail me at jbonilla@hillwoodmuseum.org. Thanks! - Jessica Bonilla, Director of Horticulture

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

<p>Outside conservatory</p>	<p>The larger containers start with woody shrubs (not pictured) as a base planting. Mixed around them are varying combinations of 'Katz Lavender Blue' stock, Osteospermum 'FlowerPower Compact Pink+Eye', 'China Town' tulips, Nemesia 'Nesia Denim', Heuchera 'Primo Wild Rose', and Bacopa 'Scopia Gulliver Blue'. Several violas are added including: 'Deltini Lavender Pink Face', 'Sorbet White Jump-Up', and 'Sorbet Purple'. The trailing element is 'Needlepoint' ivy.</p>	
<p>Motor court</p>	<p>The center around Eros contains 'Yume no Murasaki' tulips. Along the edge, 'Blue Jacket' hyacinths are mixed with 'Sorbet Beaconsfield XL' violas; We do not pull the hyacinths in this area every year, we let them naturalize and add more.</p>	
<p>Motor court containers</p>	<p>Height is provided by 'Katz Lavender Blue' stock in the square planters. Nemesia 'Nesia Denim' and purple leaf pak choi are mixed into the larger containers. 'Sorbet Beaconsfield XL' violas are added throughout along with 'Needlepoint' ivy. The Artemesia 'Silver Brocade' is coming back well again after first being planted in 2023.</p>	




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Porte cochere	The winter woody planting (not shown) is augmented with tiered containers full of 'Sorbet Purple' and 'Penny Peach Jump-Up' violas with 'Needlepoint' ivy. Begonia 'Solenia Apricot' is used as a filler throughout the space. 'Accent' daffodils in the beds maybe changed out for giant orienpet 'Purple Lady' lilies as the season progresses. Topiary azaleas are also added.	
Pavilion	A mix of 'Elka' daffodils and 'Beauty Trend' tulips with 'Spring Matrix Scarlet' and 'Delta Pro White' pansies and 'Yellow Ripple' ivy.	
French parterre	'Beauty Trend' tulips around the statue of Diana and a border of 'Spring Matrix Scarlet' and 'Delta Pro White' pansies around the edges.	
Rose garden	'Menton' tulips around the memorial. The rose bed edges feature 'Sorbet Y.T.T.' and 'Sorbet Marina' violas.	
Friendship walk	'Cool Wave Pastel Mix' pansies along the walk.	
Putting green	The planters contain 'Black Magic' kale surrounded with 'Sorbet Raspberry' violas, and 'Needlepoint' ivy. The beds contain 'Blue Spectacle' tulips.	

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Lunar	'Bouquet Beaucoup' tulips with a border of blue grape hyacinths.		
South portico	A mix of 'Delta Pro Clear Yellow', 'Delta Pro Clear White', 'Delta Pro Clear Violet', and 'Delta Pro Clear True Blue' pansies in the beds with just 'Delta True Blue' in the pots.		
Vista planters	'Rocket Golden Yellow' snaps as the focal point among a mix of 'Delta Pro Clear Yellow', 'Delta Pro Clear White', 'Delta Pro Clear Violet' and 'Delta Pro Clear True Blue' pansies.		
Around the Dacha	'Sorbet Tiger Eye' violas in the beds. These same violas are also in the containers along with 'Black Magic' kale.		
Holly walk	A mix of 'Sorbet Purple', 'Sorbet Yellow', and 'Sorbet White Jump Up' violas.		
Security	A mix of 'Rosy Diamond' and 'Inimitable' tulips.		
Butler's house pots	'Hot Cakes Pink' stock with 'Sorbet Lemon Chiffon' violas.		

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Butler's bed	Patches of 'Rosy Diamond', 'Shocks and Struts' and 'Verichic' tulips complemented by 'Hot Cakes Pink' stock and 'Sorbet Lemon Chiffon' violas. All mixed in with permanent perennials.	
Cutting Garden Wall	The majority of the wall features a mix of Crocus tommasinianus 'Barr's Purple', 'Purple Sensation' hyacinths, 'Inimitable' tulips, and 'Barrett Browning' daffodils. The corner nearest the visitor center sees the addition of 'Liberty White' snapdragons, 'Miracle Blue' stock, purple leaf pak choi, and 'Sorbet Purple' violas.	
Greenhouse bed	A large planting of 'Carnaval' tulips highlighted with 'Katz Purple' and 'Hot Cakes Purple' stock along with 'Liberty Yellow' snapdragons. Swaths of 'Black Seeded Simpson' lettuce and 'Sorbet Penny Yellow Jump Up' violas round out the display.	

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