

News Media Information

Media Resources

Education is core to the mission of the U.S. Botanic Garden and we welcome media inquiries that help demonstrate the aesthetic, cultural, economic, and scientific importance of plants.

For questions, to schedule an interview with staff, request photos for editorial use, or connect about a possible news/educational filming about the U.S. Botanic Garden, contact:

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Recent Press Releases

- Holiday Show Celebrating America's Gardens Opens Thanksgiving Day at U.S. Botanic Garden, November 2019
- Bicentennial kicks off with stickwork sculpture installation by renowned artist Patrick Dougherty, October 2019
- New exhibit celebrates 21 public gardens across the USA - flamingo topiaries, barrio gardens, pollinator gardens included, May 2019
- New exhibit *Celebrating New American Gardens* opens at U.S. Botanic Garden, January 2019
- Holiday show celebrating America's train stations opens Thanksgiving Day at U.S. Botanic Garden, October 2018
- Renovated Bartholdi Park showcases sustainable gardening, achieves SITES Gold certification, June 2018
- Art exhibit celebrates American native plants as part of international collaboration, April 2018
- Orchid Spectrum exhibit at U.S. Botanic Garden celebrates diverse spectrum of orchids, February 2018
- Saharah Moon Chapotin named new U.S. Botanic Garden Executive Director, February 2018
- Large-scale art in *Wall Flowers: Botanical Murals* opens at U.S. Botanic Garden, January 2018
- Season's Greenings: Roadside Attractions opens Thanksgiving Day at U.S. Botanic Garden, November 2017
- Three corpse flowers to bloom at U.S. Botanic Garden, August 2017
- Updated Children's Garden opens at U.S. Botanic Garden, June 2017
- *You Can Grow It!* at U.S. Botanic Garden answers visitors' top plant care questions, February 2017
- *Season's Greenings: National Parks and Historic Sites* to open Thanksgiving Day at U.S. Botanic Garden, September 2016
- Corpse flower to bloom at U.S. Botanic Garden, July 2016

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Quick Facts

In 1820, the U.S. Congress granted land for a national botanic garden. The U.S. Botanic Garden was formally founded in 1850. It is the oldest continuous botanic garden in the country. It is part of the Legislative Branch of government, and has been administered through the Architect of the Capitol since 1934.

The U.S. Botanic Garden is a living plant museum and accredited by the American Association of Museums and Botanical Garden Conservation International. It consists of the following public components of the U.S. Botanic Garden:

- The *Conservatory* houses the following displays and exhibits: Garden Court, The Tropics, Plant Adaptations, Garden Primeval, Hawaii, World Orchids, Mediterranean, Rare and Endangered Species, Southern Exposure (seasonally), Children's Garden (seasonally), and temporary exhibits Galleries.

- The National Garden features a Regional Garden of Mid-Atlantic native plants, a Rose Garden devoted to the national flower, a Butterfly Garden, and an Amphitheater.
- Bartholdi Park houses historic Bartholdi Fountain with gardens is a showcase of beautiful, sustainable, and accessible landscape design. It follows the principles of the Sustainable SITES Initiative. The accessible garden design features native plants, water-conserving rain gardens, wildlife habitat, accessibility, and Frederic Auguste Bartholdi's historic *Fountain of Light and Water*.

The U.S. Botanic Garden maintains more than 12,000 accessions, comprising about 65,000 plants for exhibition, study, conservation and exchange with other institutions. Noteworthy collections include economic plants, medicinal plants, orchids, carnivorous plants, cacti and succulents, Mid-Atlantic native plants and ferns. The U.S. Exploring Expedition (1838-1842).

The U.S. Botanic Garden also serves as a rescue center for plants confiscated at U.S. borders in cooperation with CITES, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

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