

WINTERTHUR



Winterthur Museum, Gardens & Library

## WINTERTHUR BLOOM REPORT #28

July 12, 2023

90 F, Sunny

- +: Abundant
- fb: Flower-bud breaking
- b: Some bloom
- fb: Full Bloom
- pf: Petals falling/drying
- pb: Past bloom (few remain)
- ber: Berries, fruits

Check these out:

- ✓ **Hundreds and Hundreds of Hostas:** The gardens are filled with the lavender-purple flowers of blue hosta (*Hosta ventricosa*). A wave of them washes down from Azalea Woods and across both sides of the March Bank. The Quarry Garden hillside is covered in pale-lavender-to-white spikes of hybrid Honeybells hostas (*Hosta* ‘Honeybells’) and the adjoining hillside edge of Oak Hill is filled with the lavender-purple flowers of blue hosta. Hummingbirds visit them to sip their nectar.
- ✓ **Really Bright:** The late blooming plumleaf azaleas (*Rhododendron prunifolium*) are showing off their bright red blossoms on the east side of Oak Hill behind the overlook bench.
- ✓ **Magnificent Magnolias:** The southern magnolias (*Magnolia grandiflora*) along the Library wall are in full bloom this week. Stand nearby to enjoy their fragrance.
- ✓ **Everywhere:** But, listed only here:
  - The tiny white-to-pale-pink daisies of fleabane (*Erigeron annuus*) are blooming throughout the Estate.
  - White clover (*Trifolium repens*) in the fields and lawns is providing nectar and pollen for the pollinators and nitrogen for the soil.

### ENTRANCE DRIVE AND PARKING AREA

- b *Abelia x grandiflora* (Glossy abelia – soft pink)
- fb *Daucus carota* (Queen Anne’s lace – white)
- b *Galium mollugo* (Wild madder – white ‘clouds’ of tiny flowers)
- pf *Hosta* species (*Hosta* – pale lavender)
- b *Hydrangea paniculata* ‘Grandiflora’ (Pee Gee hydrangea – white)
- pb *Stewartia pseudocamellia* (Japanese stewartia – white)
- pf *Trifolium pratense* (Red clover – reddish-purple)

fb Vitex agnus-castus (Chaste tree – blue)

### **LAGOONS AND CLENNY RUN**

fb Achillea millefolium (Yarrow – white)  
b Apocynum androsaemifolium (Spreading dogbane – white)  
fb Asclepias incarnata (Swamp milkweed – pink)  
pb Carduus nutans (Nodding thistle – reddish purple)  
fbb Cephalanthus occidentalis (Buttonbush – white, ‘hairy’ spheres)  
pf Cirsium arvense (Canada thistle – lavender)  
fb Convolvulus species (Morning-glory vine – white, pale pink)  
fb Coronilla varia (Crown-vetch – pink)  
fb Dianthus armeria (Deptford pink – bright pink)  
fb Galium mollugo (Wild madder – white ‘clouds’ of tiny flowers)  
fb Helianthus species (Sunflower – yellow)  
pf Hieracium species (Hawkweed – yellow)  
fb Melilotus alba (White sweet clover – white)  
b Oxalis species (Wood sorrel – yellow)  
fb Pycnanthemum species (Mountain mint – white)  
fb Rosa species (Rose – single pink)  
pb Rosa species (Rose – white)  
fb Rudbeckia hirta (Black-eyed-Susan – yellow)  
b Silphium perfoliatum (Cup plant – yellow – few flowers)  
fb Solanum carolinense (Horse nettle – pale lavender to white ‘stars’)  
fbb Solidago juncea (Early goldenrod – yellow)  
pb Trifolium pratense (Red clover – reddish-purple)  
ber Viburnum plicatum x tomentosum (Doublefile viburnum – bright red berries – along Grey Building Drive on Clenny Run)  
pf Vicia cracca (Cow vetch – purple)

### **SUMMER SHRUB SLOPE**

fb Buddleia davidii (Butterfly bush – white)  
fb Hibiscus syriacus (Rose of Sharon – rosy purple)  
b Vitex agnus-castus (Chaste tree – blue, pink)

### **PARKING AREA TO VISITOR CENTER**

fb Hosta ventricosa (Blue hosta – rich purple)  
fb Hydrangea macrophylla cultivars (Bigleaf hydrangea – blue, pink lacecap)  
pf Hydrangea quercifolia (Oakleaf hydrangea – white turning tan)  
pb Wisteria frutescens (Wisteria – purple)

### **WALK FROM VISITOR CENTER TO UNDERPASS**

b Eupatorium maculatum (Joe Pye weed – white)  
fb Hosta sieboldii ‘Elegans’ (Glaucous plantain lily – white – 1 plant)  
fb Hosta species (Hosta – pale lavender)  
fb Hosta ventricosa (Blue hosta – rich purple)

### **WALK FROM UNDERPASS TO MUSHROOM**

### **SLOPE DOWN TOWARDS MUSEUM**

ber Viburnum plicatum x tomentosum (Doublefile viburnum – red berries)

## **PEONY GARDEN**

pf Nepeta faassenii 'Junior Walker' (Catmint – blue)

## **AZALEA WOODS**

fb Actaea/Cimicifuga racemosa (Black cohosh – white)  
fbb Aralia racemosa (Spikenard – greenish)  
pf Circaea lutetiana (Native broadleaf enchanter's nightshade – very tiny white flowers)  
fbb Eupatorium maculatum (Joe Pye weed – white)  
fb,+ Hosta ventricosa (Blue hosta – rich purple)  
fb Hydrangea arborescens (Smooth hydrangea – white)  
pb Lysimachia ciliata (Fringed loosestrife – yellow)

## **LOWER AZALEA WOODS**

fb Circaea lutetiana (Native broadleaf enchanter's nightshade – very tiny white flowers)  
fbb Eupatorium maculatum (Joe Pye weed – white)  
b Phyrma leptostachya (Lopseed – tiny lavender to reddish purple flowers)  
b Phlox paniculata (Garden phlox – pink)  
pb Rhododendron mucronatum 'Magnifica' (Hybrid azalea – white with raspberry speckles – 1 flower)  
ber Viburnum plicatum x tomentosum (Doublefile viburnum – sparse red berries)

## **UPPER/EAST TERRACE AND STEPS**

b Abelia x grandiflora (Glossy abelia – soft pink – few flowers)  
fb Circaea lutetiana (Native broadleaf enchanter's nightshade – very tiny white flowers)  
fb Hemerocallis fulva (Daylily – orange – 1 plant)  
fb Hosta ventricosa (Blue hosta – rich purple)  
b Magnolia grandiflora (Southern magnolia – white)

## **EAST FRONT OF MUSEUM & Around Corner**

b Abelia x grandiflora (Glossy abelia – soft pink)  
b Callicarpa species (Beautyberry – pink)  
pf,+ Hemerocallis fulva (Daylily – orange – at end of Library to Bath House)  
fb,+ Hemerocallis Stout hybrid (Hybrid daylily – bi-color, golden yellow, yellow – at end of Library to Bath House)  
fb Lespedeza thunbergia 'Spring Grove' (Bush clover cultivar – rosy purple)  
fb Magnolia grandiflora (Southern magnolia – white)

## **WALK FROM GLASS CORRIDOR TO REFLECTING POOL**

fb Abelia x grandiflora (Glossy abelia – soft pink)  
fb Agapanthus variety (Lily of the Nile – White, blue – in large pots)  
fb,+ Astilbe chinensis var. pumila (Astilbe – lavender rose)  
pb Clematis 'Candida' (Large-flowered clematis – white)  
b Hosta 'Royal Standard' ('Royal Standard' hosta – white – 1 plant – along glass wall of Crowninshield Building)  
fb Hosta ventricosa (Blue hosta – rich purple)  
fb Hydrangea macrophylla 'Lanarth White' (Bigleaf hydrangea variety – white turning greenish brown)  
fbb Hydrangea quercifolia (Oakleaf hydrangea – white)  
pf Hydrangea serrata 'Shirofugi' (Tea of Heaven hydrangea cultivar – white)

### **WALK FROM FISH PONDS – THE GLADE – TO BRIDGE**

- fb Actaea/Cimicifuga racemosa (Black cohosh – white)
- fb Astilbe chinensis (Astilbe – lavender-pink)
- fb Astilbe species (Astilbe – light pink)
- pb Astilbe species (Astilbe - white)
- pb Campanula rapunculoides (Creeping bellflower – violet-blue)
- pf Erodium cicutarium (Cranesbill – pink)
- fb Eupatorium maculatum (Joe Pye weed – white)
- fb,+ Hosta ventricosa (Blue hosta – rich purple)
- pf Hydrangea arborescens (Smooth hydrangea – white turning greenish – mophead)
- pf Hydrangea arborescens (Smooth hydrangea – white turning greenish – lacecap)
- b Phlox paniculata (Garden phlox – pink)
- pb Rhododendron auriculatum (Rhododendron – white)
- fb Thalictrum aquilegifolium (Meadow rue – white)
- ber Viburnum plicatum x tomentosum (Doublefile viburnum – red berries)

### **MARCH BANK**

- pf Actaea/Cimicifuga racemosa (Black cohosh – white)
- pb Campanula rapunculoides (Creeping bellflower – violet-blue)
- fb Desmodium glutinosum (Pointed-leaved tick-trefoil – light pink)
- fb Eupatorium maculatum (Joe Pye weed – white)
- fb,++ Hosta ventricosa (Blue hosta – rich purple)
- fb Liliun species (Lily – orange)
- b Phlox paniculata (Garden phlox – pink)
- pb Rhododendron mucronatum ‘Magnifica’ (Hybrid azalea – white with raspberry speckles – 1 flower)
- pb Syneilesis palmata (Shredded umbrella plant – off-white)
- fb Thalictrum aquilegifolium (Meadow rue – white)
- fb Thalictrum rochebrunianum (Rue – lavender)
- ber Viburnum plicatum x tomentosum (Doublefile viburnum – red berries)

### **MAGNOLIA BEND AND WALK ON SOUTH SIDE OF STREAM**

- pb Astilbe chinensis var. pumila (Astilbe – lavender rose)
- fb Clethra alnifolia (Summersweet – white)
- fb Hosta ventricosa (Blue hosta – rich purple)
- fb Hydrangea arborescens (Smooth hydrangea – white)
- fb Hydrangea quercifolia (Oakleaf hydrangea – white turning pink)

### **GARDEN LANE**

- pf Koelreuteria paniculata (Golden rain tree – golden yellow)
- pb Weigela ‘Edith Rathke’ (Weigela variety – dark red)

### **WINTERHAZEL WALK**

### **ICEWELL TERRACE**

- fb Actaea/Cimicifuga racemosa (Black cohosh – white)
- fb Aralia racemosa (Spikenard – greenish)
- fb Eupatorium maculatum (Joe Pye weed – white)
- fb Hosta ventricosa (Blue hosta – rich purple)
- b Phlox paniculata (Garden phlox – pink, white)

## **PINETUM**

- ber Chaenomeles varieties (Flowering quince – green with wine red fruits)
- pf Circaea lutetiana (Native broadleaf enchanter's nightshade – very tiny white flowers)
- pf Erodium cicutarium (Cranesbill – pink)
- ber Juniperus virginiana 'Manhattan Blue' (Eastern red cedar – pale blue berry-like cones)
- fb Oxalis species (Sorrel – yellow)

## **SUNDIAL GARDEN**

- fb Geranium x cantabrigiense 'Biokovo' (Light pink mountain geranium – light pink)
- pb Spiraea japonica (Spiraea – pink)

## **TRAFFIC CIRCLE**

### **ENCHANTED WOOD**

- fb Actaea/Cimicifuga racemosa (Black cohosh – white)
- pb Campanula rapunculoides (Creeping bellflower – violet-blue)
- fb Clethra barbinervis (Japanese clethra – white)
- b Eupatorium maculatum (Joe Pye weed – white)
- fb Hosta species (Hosta – pale lavender)
- fb Hosta ventricosa (Blue hosta – rich purple)
- pf,+ Hydrangea arborescens 'Hills of Snow' (Smooth hydrangea variety – white turning greenish)
- fb Hydrangea aspera var. sargentiana (Sargent's hydrangea – palest lavender-blue to white lacecap)
- pf Hydrangea cinerea (Ashy hydrangea – white turning greenish)
- fb Hydrangea involucrata (Bracted hydrangea – blue lacecap, firm spherical buds)
- pb Hydrangea macrophylla 'Mariesii Perfecta' (Blue Wave hydrangea variety – greenish turning brown)
- pf Hydrangea macrophylla 'Preziosa' (Bigleaf hydrangea variety – white, lavender to pink to mauve rose turning greenish)
- fb Hydrangea macrophylla 'Veitchii' (Bigleaf hydrangea variety – pale lavender-blue center; very large sterile lacecap florets)
- fb Hydrangea quercifolia (Oakleaf hydrangea – white)
- fb Hydrangea quercifolia 'Sikes Dwarf' (Oakleaf hydrangea cultivar – white)
- pf Hydrangea serrata (Mountain hydrangea – white turning greenish)
- b Kirengeshoma palmata (Wax bells – yellow – few flowers)
- fb Lysimachia clethroides (Goose-neck loosestrife – white)
- fb Rhododendron cumberlandense 'Sunlight' (Cumberland azalea – dark orange)
- pb Schizophragma hydrangeoides 'Moonlight' (Japanese hydrangea vine – greenish turning brown)
- pb Weigela species (Weigela – pink)

### **OAK HILL**

#### **East Side**

- b Callicarpa species (Beautyberry – pink)
- b Eupatorium maculatum (Joe Pye weed – white)
- fb Hosta 'Honeybells' (Hosta variety – white)
- fb,+ Hosta ventricosa (Blue hosta – rich purple – at Quarry bridge)
- fb Hydrangea involucrata (Bracted hydrangea – blue lacecap, firm spherical buds)
- ber Poncirus trifoliata (Hardy orange – dark green 'fuzzy' fruits)

- fb Rhododendron prunifolium (Plumleaf azalea – bright red)
- ber Styrax obassia (Fragrant snowbell – pale green, fuzzy ‘olives’)

### **West Side**

- pf Actaea/Cimicifuga racemosa (Black cohosh – white)
- fb Eupatorium maculatum (Joe Pye weed – white)
- ber Magnolia acuminata (Cucumber magnolia – ivory cones)
- ber Poncirus trifoliata (Hardy orange – dark green ‘fuzzy’ fruits)

### **QUARRY, ADJACENT WALKS, AND OUTLET STREAM**

- pf Actaea/Cimicifuga racemosa (Black cohosh – white)
- b Clematis heracleifolia var. davidiana (Tube clematis – blue)
- fb Cyrilla racemiflora (Swamp cyrilla/leatherwood – white)
- b Eupatorium maculatum (Joe Pye weed – white, pale lavender pink)
- b Heuchera species (Alum root – off white)
- fb Hosta elata (Giant plantain-lily – white)
- fb,+ Hosta ‘Honeybells’ (Hosta variety – white)
- fb Hosta ventricosa (Blue hosta – rich purple)

### **SYCAMORE HILL**

- ber Chionanthus virginicus (American fringe tree – oval green berries)
- fb Heuchera villosa (Hairy alum root – creamy white)
- fb Hydrangea paniculata ‘Grandiflora’ (Pee Gee hydrangea – white)
- b Hydrangea paniculata ‘Unique’ (‘Unique’ panicle hydrangea – white)
- pb Leptodermis oblonga (Chinese leptodermis – lavender)
- ber Magnolia sieboldii ‘Colossus’ (Oyama magnolia – striated green teardrop-shaped fruit)
- pb Philadelphus species (Mock orange – white)
- pb Rhododendron mucronatum ‘Magnifica’ (Hybrid azalea – white with raspberry speckles – 2 flowers)
- pb Rosa ‘Bess Lovett’ (Large flowered climber rose – red)
- b Rosa MEIvahn (Meidiland rose – white – at Brick Overlook folly)
- pb Rosa ‘New Dawn’ (‘New Dawn’ rose – palest pink)
- pb Rosa ‘Radwin’ (Winner’s Circle rose – red)
- pb Spiraea x ‘Margaritae’ (Margarita spiraea – shades of pink)
- fb Stewartia ovata (Mountain stewartia – white)
- pb Stewartia pseudocamellia (Japanese stewartia – white)
- ber Styrax obassia (Fragrant snowbell – pale green, fuzzy ‘olives’)
- ber Viburnum plicatum x tomentosum (Doublefile viburnum – red berries)
- ber Viburnum rhytidophylloides (Leatherleaf viburnum – green berries turning red)
- b Viburnum rhytidophylloides (Leatherleaf viburnum – white)
- pb Weigela ‘Edith Rathke’ (Weigela variety – dark red)
- pb Weigela ‘Red Prince’ (Weigela cultivar – dark red)

### **WEST FRONT OF MUSEUM, COTTAGE, AND CLENNY RUN**

- fb Hosta ventricosa (Blue hosta – rich purple)
- fb Hydrangea arborescens (Smooth hydrangea – white)
- fb Hydrangea macrophylla (Bigleaf hydrangea – blue, pink, white lacecap)
- fb Hydrangea macrophylla (Bigleaf hydrangea – pink mophead)

- pf Hydrangea quercifolia (Oakleaf hydrangea – white turning brown – in Museum lawn at bridge)
- pb Hypericum species (St. John's wort – yellow)
- b Magnolia soulangeana (Saucer magnolia – dark pink buds)

### **GREENHOUSE AREA**

- fb Echinacea species (coneflower – pink, white)
- pb Hemerocallis 'Happy Returns' (Daylily variety – yellow)
- fb Hosta ventricosa (Blue hosta – rich purple)
- fb Humulus lupulus (Hops – greenish)
- fb Hydrangea macrophylla (Bigleaf hydrangea – off-white, pink, blue, purple)
- b Lablab purpureus (Hyacinth bean vine – purple)
- pb Lathyrus latifolius (Perennial sweet pea – fuchsia)
- fb Raphanus raphanistrum subspecies sativus (Radish – white – in corner of parking lot at Brown Center)

### **BACK MEADOW – Top of Sycamore Hill to back ponds**

- fb Asclepias incarnata (Swamp milkweed – pink)
- fb Asclepias tuberosa (Butterfly milkweed – orange)
- fb Cicorium intybus (Chicory – blue)
- fb Carduus nutans (Nodding thistle – reddish purple)
- pf Cirsium arvense (Canada thistle – lavender)
- fb Coronilla varia (Crown-vetch – pink)
- b Daucus carota (Queen Anne's lace – white)
- fb Galium mollugo (Wild madder – white 'clouds' of tiny flowers)
- fb Hieracium species (Hawkweed – yellow – along Quarry outlet stream)
- pf Hypericum ellipticum (Pale St. John's wort – yellow)
- fb Lathyrus pratensis (Yellow vetchling – yellow)
- fb Melilotus alba (White sweet clover – white)
- fb Oxalis species (Sorrel – yellow)
- fb Rudbeckia hirta (Black-eyed Susan – yellow – along Quarry outlet stream)
- b Silphium perfoliatum (Cup plant – yellow)
- fb Solanum carolinense (Horse nettle – pale lavender to white 'stars')
- b Trifolium pratense (Red clover – reddish-purple)
- pb Trifolium procumbens (Smaller hop-clover – yellow)
- fb Typha latifolia (Cattail – dark brown 'hot dog')

### **GARDEN LANE MEADOW – below Brown's Woods**

- pb Allium vineale (Field garlic – lavender-pink)
- fb Apocynum androsaemifolium (Spreading dogbane – white)
- fb Asclepias incarnata (Swamp milkweed – pink)
- fb Asclepias tuberosa (Butterfly milkweed – orange)
- pf Cirsium arvense (Canada thistle – lavender)
- fb Coronilla varia (Crown-vetch – pink)
- fb Daucus carota (Queen Anne's lace – white)
- pf Galium mollugo (Wild madder – white 'clouds' of tiny flowers)
- pf Hypericum ellipticum (Pale St. John's wort – yellow)
- pb Phytolacca americana (Pokeweed – white)
- ber Phytolacca americana (Pokeweed – green berries)
- fb Pycnanthemum species (Mountain mint – white)

- fb Rudbeckia hirta (Black-eyed-Susan – yellow)
- fb Solanum carolinense (Horse nettle – pale lavender to white ‘stars’)
- pb Trifolium pratense (Red clover – reddish-purple)
- pb Trifolium procumbens (Smaller hop-clover – yellow)
- b Verbascum thapsis (Common mullein – sparse yellow flowers on tall flower spike growing from a rosette of fuzzy gray-green leaves)

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