

2015 Containers



THE SCOTT ARBORETUM
OF SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

Warm Weather Containers 2015 – The Scott Arboretum

Container gardening has attained growing popularity as it is ideal for gardeners who may not have the time, space, or economic means to garden on a large scale. Containers need not be restricted to traditional terra cotta or plastic, but can be anything sizable, durable, and fashioned out of various materials, such as metal or wood. Our examples are intended to inform and inspire anyone to indulge in container gardening.

Each container at the Scott Arboretum has a numbered stake corresponding to the number found within this brochure. For each numbered container, the plants are listed with a short description allowing visitors to pinpoint specific plants.

Containers designed and planted by Josh Coceano and John Bickel.

Wister Center:

1. *Alcantarea odorata* – silver, pineapple-like foliage bromeliad
Fuchsia 'Hidcote Beauty' – salmon-pink corolla with creamy white sepals, cascading
Fuchsia magellanica 'Riccartonii' – dark green leaves; floriferous, with pendulous Fuchsia-colored sepals and reproductive structures with true purple petals
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Planted "stump"

5. *Impatiens omeiana* – (Hardy impatiens) dark green leaves with a white stripe on the midrib, red stems
Selaginella uncinata – (Blue Spikemoss) small, fine, bluish-green, fern-like foliage
Asplenium antiquum 'Leslie' – (Crested Japanese Birdsnest fern) resembling a bromeliad with long strap-like leaves growing in a bowl shape with wavy margins.
Tillandsia concolor – Air plant bromeliad with silver-gray leaves; can also produce colorful reddish- purple bracts
Nepenthes sp. – carnivorous pitcher plant

Cunningham House – Entrance Garden

6. *Solenostemon* spp. 'Smallwood Driveway' – lobed leaves with shades of yellow, green and red
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Abutilon 'Orange Cascade' – Maple-like leaves with pendulous orange lantern-like flowers.
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9. *Neoregelia* 'Green Eyes' – Burgundy bromeliad dappled with bright green marks
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11. "Urn"
Rhapis excelsa – (Lady Palm) Fan-like palm
Alocasia 'Polly' – Large, waxy, arrow-shaped leaves that are dark green with dramatic silver veins.
Hypoestes spp. – (white form) simple green leaves with uniform, white, dappled variegation
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Tradescantia zebrina – Common houseplant grown for trailing nature and blue-green leaves sporting two broad silvery longitudinal stripes above and solid purple underneath

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Capsicum 'Chilly Chili' – Upright Thai chili peppers change from waxy yellow to bright red
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20. *Codiaeum variegatum* var. *pictum* – (croton) common houseplant sporting leaves splashed in hues of green, yellow, and orange.
Carex flacca 'Blue Zinger' – (sedge) mat of bluish-green grass-like foliage, best growth occurs in the sun but the plant will grow in shade.
Begonia boliviensis 'Bonfire' – (Bonfire begonia) bright orange flowers have four long curved petals, cascading habit, repeat bloomer

Cunningham House – Terry Shane Teaching Garden

21. *Acer longipes* – (gold coin maple) deciduous maple to 25' in height, new growth is glossy red fading to green when mature, indigenous to China.
Begonia 'Hieroglyphics' – (begonia) lime green leaves edged in burgundy
Hakonechloa macra 'Aureola' – gracefully arching green leaves variegated with gold longitudinal striping. Yellow-green flowers appear in loose, nodding panicles in mid-summer. Perennial
Heuchera 'Circus' – (coral bells) large leaves of chartreuse with maroon veining unfold topped by magenta flowers on slender brown stems, foliage turns green with reddish-black veins in summer

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Plectranthus argentatus 'Silver Crest' – silvery-green, fuzzy foliage and small, blush white flowers on well branched, trailing plants
Solenostemon Wildfire™ Smoky Rose – (coleus) neon pink and burgundy leaves

Cosby Courtyard

29./30./31 shallow succulent bowls planted with miscellaneous cacti and succulents

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34. *Coccoloba uvifera* – (sea grape) tropical plant, native to coastal hammocks, coastal scrub, coastal grasslands, and beach strands from Argentina north throughout the West Indies and the Florida Keys, shiny, evergreen leaves are leathery, rounded with heart-shaped bases. The bright green leaves are often veined in red

Dianella tasmanica 'Variegata' – (white-striped tasman flax lily) bold white striped leaves, small flowers, which appear in mid spring, have pale violet sepals with white striped green petals and are followed by attractive dark blue berries

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Oxalis regnellii 'Purpurea' – purple shamrock foliage

38. *Hibiscus rosa-sinensis* 'Variegata' – bushy shrub with ovate to broadly lance-shaped variegated cream and green leaves to 6" long with toothed margins; solitary 5-petalled bright crimson flowers 4" across with yellow-anthered red stamens; grows to 10 ft.

Begonia 'Plum Gorgeous' – dark maroon-cocoa leaves are held at an upright angle emphasizing the sangria-red rouged underleaf and petiole

39. *Chamaedorea cataractarum* (cat palm) – trunkless palm, dense clump of slender, green, cane-like leaf stems with pinnate, or feather-shaped, leaves that are about 1 foot long. Each leaf has about 30 to 50 narrow leaflets evenly spaced along the blade of the leaf.

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Asparagus densiflorus 'Meyersii' – (foxtail fern) feathery needle-like stems provide a fern-like appearance

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Sutera cordata Snowstorm® White – (Bacopa) – popular cascading plant with small white flowers

Solenostemon cultivar unknown– (coleus) striking foliage plant with maroon-brown leaves

45. *Abutilon* 'Burgundy' – (flowering maple) pendant, burgundy bell-like flowers
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Salvia gesneriiflora 'Mountain Form' – woody-based perennial recently discovered in Mexico, this distinct form has a more compact habit than the species type, congested inflorescences of large, scarlet flowers with deep red calyces

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Coprosma 'Rainbow Surprise' – evergreen shiny leaves with irregular yellow blotches, mature foliage takes on a coppery-orange hue.

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