

VanDusen Botanical Garden

Guide Weekly Update #15: July 8 to July 14, 2018

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Filming

The world's smallest film shoot (maybe 14 people?) will be happening probably the 10th or 11th, still TBD, all over the garden, for promos. Be flexible if they're standing in front of your beloved favourite plant, and speak about it from a distance.

Food

Where do those vegetables go? Straight to Shaughnessy Restaurant, according to City Farmer Camil Dumont. In return for this free bounty, the restaurant spends the equivalent to support a food provision nonprofit via an agreement with the Parks Board. Win-win!

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Member Mornings

15 July, Saturday: it's yet another member morning, which won't affect guiding, but if you want exclusive access to the garden do come at 8:00 am and, as Depeche Mode would say, "Enjoy the Silence."

HIDDEN BEAUTY



In Eastern North America, on the path west of the Doll's Eyes, the bright green berries of the Umbrella Leaf (*Diphylleia cymosa*) are even more of a striking contrast to the red stems than the eventual blue they'll become. Up by the high side of the Fern Dell, on either side of the walkway about 20 feet apart are two Japanese Stewartias in bloom (*Stewartia pseudocamellia*), introduced to American gardens by Thomas Hogg, U.S. Marshal to Japan, who shipped one to his family's nursery in New York City (as well as the invasive kudzu vine, gee, thanks!) Finally, the hydrangeas (pictured, *Hydrangea macrophylla* 'Europa') have begun their show; many will cycle through a few colours before settling down to a final decision, so they're worth visiting a few times to see what they're up to.

You can DOWNLOAD all my photos from Flickr. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/VanDusenUpdate>, and each week I'll keep adding more shots.