

VanDusen Botanical Garden

Guide Weekly Update #5: April 28 to May 4, 2019

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Gardener/Guide Walk with James Picket

2 May 2019 (Thursday) 10:00am:

James will talk about his areas, including the Easter North America Garden, Southern Hemisphere Garden, Mediterranean Garden, and Plaza planters. Meet on the Plaza..

Plant Sale Sunday

28 April 2019 (Sunday) 10:00am:

You may have heard about this already. It's busy, it's free, it's fabulous. If this is your first time, come earlier than you could ever have imagined (if you want first pick of the plants). If you're buying in bulk, bring a wheelbarrow—there are only a very few, hotly contested carts on site.

PERFECT PAIRINGS

While gazing at the imposing Minotaur statue (and mourning the loss of the bunny in its hands), peek to the right and glimpse an English Oak (*Quercus robur*) just leafing out. This is the beloved tree which sheltered the future King Charles II during his narrow escape to Normandy (at just over 6 feet, his height made him especially noticeable in a crowd). Or in our Chilean garden, when stopped in your tracks by the Lake Lolog Barberry (*Berberis x lologensis*) peek to the left and glimpse an Antarctic Beech (*Nothofagus antarctica* 'Antarctic Fire', also called Ñire), which is the Southernmost tree in the world, as it grows in Hoste Island, in the Tierra del Fuego archipelago—there are no trees or shrubs in Antarctica itself, though it boasts two species of flowering plants, the Antarctic hair grass and pearlwort (not in the garden). Guests do love superlatives (they're easy to understand!) ... we have the Southernmost tree in the world, the tallest tree in the world (Coast Redwood), the most massive tree in the world (Giant Sequoia), and even the largest leaf *and* flower in North America, in one tree (Large-Leafed Cucumber Magnolia).



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