

WEEKLY UPDATE #9 – MAY 28 – JUNE 4, 2017

Walking visitors can now experience rhododendrons and azaleas on both sides by taking the Azalea Trail and the corresponding path through the bed leading to the Japanese Garden.

NOTED ON FRIDAY 26TH MAY, 2017

Blooming This Week

- The Laburnum Walk is a blaze of yellow flowers. It is at its best.
- Wisteria on the lath house is fully out – look underneath for the purple chains!
- Fragrant epaulette tree *Pterostyrax hispida*, opposite weeping ginkgo, look up.
- Judas tree *Cercis siliquastrum*, purple flowers in the Mediterranean Garden.
- PawPaw *Asimina triloba*, burgundy flowers finally open, near doll's eyes baneberry.
- Buckeyes – big trees with big flowers – some close to the Visitor Centre.
- Common quince *Cydonia oblonga* – at end of 'Grasses' mound, near Western red cedar.
- Hooded pitcher plant *Sarracenia minor*, small pot at end of Phyllis Benthall Garden.
- Oyama magnolia *Magnolia sieboldii* White flowers/red centre, across Sino-Himalayan.
- Pacific madrone *Arbutus menziesii*, many locations, including the Azalea Trail.

Hawthorns

- Toba hawthorn *Crataegus x mordenensis* 'Toba', 'Grasses', near Western red cedar.
- English hawthorn *Crataegus laevigata* 'Crimson Cloud', Winter Walk deep red flowers.¹

Roses

- Nootka rose *Rosa nutkana*, Garry Oak meadow.
- Large-prickled Mt Omei rose *Rosa sericea* ssp. *omeiensis* f. *Pteracantha*, Camellias.²
- Burnet rose, Scotch rose *Rosa spinosissima*, behind Rose Garden, up steps, to the left.
- Hybrid rugosa rose *Rosa* 'Thérèse Bugnet', Black Garden start, Rose Garden side.
- Doncaster rose *Rosa* 'Doncasteri', Black Garden start, 'Grasses' side.

Other

- Golden wych elm *Ulmus glabra* 'Lutescens', big gold tree dominating the Winter Walk.
- Pale mauve cones on the Korean Pavillion Japanese white pine *Pinus parviflora* f. *glauca*.
- Ornamental rhubarb *Rheum palmatum* var. *Tanguticum* Sino-Himalayan, uphill of palms.
- Foxtail lilies *Eremurus robustus*, Peony bed on the Great Lawn.

¹ Behind the 'Power box'.

² On the Japanese Garden side of the Camellia collection – note spectacular large red new thorns.

Scented

- Mexican mock orange *Choisya x dewitteana* 'Aztec Pearl', small white flowers, in the Phyllis Benthall Garden and the Fragrance Garden.
- *Rhododendron atlanticum*, white flowers, by Cypress Pond path, on Autumn Stroll side.
- Lilacs – many locations: Black Garden, Lilac bed on Great Lawn, top of Stone Garden etc.

Outstanding Plant of the Week

- + *Laburnocytisus* 'Adamii', Great Lawn, near Perennial Garden, shows three colours.

Events This Week

- Thu June 1st, 2017, 10 am
Gardener Walk with Cynthia Sayre, Curator of Collections
Meet on the Visitor Centre Plaza

Courses This Week³

- Wed May 31st, 2017, 6.30 – 9.00 pm
New! Plants for Interest and Pizzazz in your Garden
VanDusen Guides Classroom, Instructor Janis Matson

Register online or call 604-718-5898 (Tue - Fri, 10 am - 4 pm)
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Patti B is now back from her travels and will resume production of the Weekly Update from next week. Please send any comments, suggestions for future 'Weekly Update' topics, questions etc., to her at: pkbuchanan@shaw.ca.

³ For full details see: <http://vandusengarden.org/explore/events/#courses>