



CONTAINERS

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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; anything sizable, durable, and fashioned out of materials such as metal or wood, will suffice. Our examples are intended to inform and inspire anyone to indulge in container gardening.

In the same fashion as our containers in previous years, the majority of the containers are planted with tropical plants and tender perennials which provide a long season of interest.

Each container at the Scott Arboretum has a numbered stake corresponding to the number found within this brochure. The numbers begin in the front of the Wister Center, proceed to the front of the Scott Arboretum offices/Cunningham House, and continue around to the rear of the building. The remaining numbers are found in containers at Kohlberg Hall and the Lang Performing Arts Center. For each numbered container, the plants are listed with a short description allowing visitors to pinpoint specific plants.

Wister Center

1. *Colocasia esculenta* 'Coal Miner'-Purple elephant ear, green veins
Oxalis regnellii 'Francis'-Bright purple foliage, iconic shamrock leaf
Oxalis regnellii 'Jade'-Green shamrock leaf, white flowers
Chlorophytum bichetii 'Siam Lily'-Narrow white and green leaves, grass-like
2. *Colocasia esculenta* 'Black Beauty'-Purple velvety elephant ear
Oxalis regnellii 'Triangularis'-Dark purple foliage, triangular shamrock leaf
Oxalis regnellii 'Jade'-Green shamrock leaves, white flowers
Chlorophytum bichetii 'Siam Lily'-Narrow green and white leaves, grass-like
3. *Colocasia esculenta* 'Maui Magic'-Dark "African mask" elephant ear, purple veins
Oxalis regnellii 'Triangularis'-Dark purple foliage, triangular shamrock leaf
Chlorophytum bichetii 'Siam Lily'-Narrow green and white leaves, grass-like
Begonia sp.-Yellow-green foliage, white flowers
4. *Colocasia esculenta* 'Blue Hawaii'-Blue green elephant ear, purple stems
Oxalis regnellii 'Francis'-Bright purple foliage, iconic shamrock leaf
Chlorophytum bichetii 'Siam Lily'-Narrow green and white leaves, grass-like
Begonia sp.-Yellow-green foliage, white flowers

Scott Entrance Garden

5. *Colocasia* 'Illustris'-Dark purple elephant ear, bright green veins
6. *Hibiscus acetosella* 'Maple Sugar'-Cut, burgundy leaves, deep maroon flowers
Scaevola Whirlwind™ Blue-Fan-shaped lavender flowers
Oxalis vulcanicola-Mottled green and purple leafed shamrock, yellow flowers
7. *Colocasia esculenta* 'Maui Magic'-Dark "African mask" elephant ear, purple veins
Scaevola Whirlwind™ Blue-Fan shaped lavender flowers
Bidens ferulifolia 'Mexican Gold'-Cut leaf foliage, yellow daisy-like flowers
8. *Musa* 'Siam Ruby'-Large, red leafed banana
Bulbine abyssinica 'Tiffendell Form'-Soft green foliage, yellow flower spikes
Carex comans 'Bronco'-Copper colored sedge

9. *Tibouchina urvilleana* “trailing form”-Fuzzy blue-green leaves, large purple flowers
10. *Canna* ‘Sky Hawk’-Large, chocolate leaves, coral-pink flowers on a tall spike
Ipomoea x multifida-Vine with slender, cut leaves, red to pink flowers
Strobilanthes gyssoipinum-Fuzzy, creamy brown foliage with silver new growth
Browallia americana-Rich blue flowers with dark eyes
11. *Xanthosoma sagittifolium* ‘Lime Zinger’-Large neon-chartreuse elephant ear
12. *Coprosoma* ‘Karo Red’-Small dark leaves tinged red, with green new growth
Oxalis vulcanicola-Mottled green and purple leafed shamrock, yellow flowers
Carex comans ‘Bronco’-Copper colored sedge
Pereskia aculeata-Yellow foliage, pink tinge on the underside of leaves
13. *Scaevola Whirlwind*TM Blue-Fan-shaped lavender flowers
Pelargonium graveolens-Fuzzy cut leaves, pink to lavender flowers
Crassula ‘Campfire’-Branching succulent that matures from light green to bright red
14. *Canna Tropicanna*[®] -Red-orange striped foliage, large orange flowers
Ipomoea batatas-Purple heart-shaped leaves
15. *Solenostemon scutellarioides*-‘Mississippi Summer’-Bright fuchsia and maroon foliage
Ornithogalum dubium-Orange flowers, warm green foliage
Antirrhinum glutinosum-Delicate chalky-blue fuzzy foliage, white flowers
16. *Colocasia esculenta* ‘Maui Magic’-Dark “African mask” elephant ear, purple veins
Bidens ferulifolia ‘Mexican Gold’-Cut leaf foliage, yellow daisy-like flowers
*Scaevola Whirlwind*TM Blue-Fan-shaped lavender flowers
17. *Hedychium* ‘Carnival’-Large apricot flower spikes

Terry Shane Teaching Garden

18. *Colocasia fallax*-Blue-green elephant ear
Alpinia luteocarpa-Slender maroon leaves, lemon-white shell flowers
Begonia sp.-Yellow-green foliage, white flowers
19. *Alocasia macrorrhiza*-Upright elephant ear, green and glossy foliage
Abutilon megapotamicum ‘Pink Charm’-Green serrated foliage, pink bell-shaped flowers
Salvia chamaedryoides-Delicate grey foliage, purple flowers
20. *Angelonia angustifolia* AngelfaceTM Westwood Blue-White and purple flowers
*Petunia Alpunia*TM-Star-shaped fuchsia flowers, fuzzy green foliage
Pereskia aculeata-Yellow foliage, pink tinge on the underside of leaves
Coprosma ‘Golden Glow’-Lime green new growth, fading to yellow and orange
Manihot grahamii-Distinct ray-like leaflets, with white and pink star-shaped flowers
21. *Cestrum* ‘Orange Peel’-Orange tubular flowers
Salvia ‘Anthony Parker’-Fuzzy foliage, dark blue-purple flower spikes
Begonia sp.-Yellow-green foliage, white flowers
22. *Amica zygomeris*-Yellow flowers, smooth, flat blue-green leaves composed of four leaflets

- Salvia microphylla* 'Hot Lips'-Fuzzy foliage, hot pink flowers
Cuphea 'Flamenco'-Tubular purple and pink flowers with exploded petals
23. *Angelonia angustifolia* Angelface™ Westwood Blue-White and purple flowers
24. *Begonia thurstonii*-Glossy heart-shaped leaves with a pink underside
Begonia 'Penny Lahn'-Narrow, dark, serrated foliage, pink flowers
Solenostemon 'Beauty of Lyon'-Leaves are orange, edged with green having a purple midrib.
25. *Xanthosoma sagittifolium* 'Lime Zinger'-Large neon chartreuse elephant ear
Chlorophytum bichetii 'Siam Lily'-Narrow green and white leaves, grass-like
Peperomia sp.-Fleshy green foliage with red stems, conical white flower spikes
26. *Xanthosoma sagittifolium* 'Lime Zinger'-Large neon chartreuse elephant ear
Chlorophytum bichetii 'Siam Lily'-Narrow green and white leaves, grass-like
Peperomia sp.-Fleshy green foliage with red stems, conical white flower spikes

The Isabelle Cosby Courtyard

27. *Canna* 'Panache'-Blue-green foliage, peach flowers on a tall spike
Boehmeria platanifolia-Wide, deeply serrated green foliage, red stems, fragile white flower spikes
Echeveria nodulosa-Rosette succulent, teal and purple leaves
Oxalis vulcanicola-Mottled green and purple leafed shamrock, yellow flowers
Carex comans 'Bronco'-Copper colored sedge
Alocasia 'Portadora'-Upright green elephant ear, leaves exhibit wavy edges
Ipomoea batatas-Purple heart-shaped leaves
Euphorbia hypericifolia Breathless™ Blush-Green leaves with purple interior, small delicate white flowers
28. *Tibouchina urvilleana* "trailing form"-Fuzzy blue-green leaves, large purple flowers
Ornithogalum dubium-Orange flowers, warm green foliage
Ipomoea x multifida-Vine with slender, cut leaves, red to pink flowers
Portulaca oleracea Pazazz™-Yellow flowers, pink stems
Pereskia aculeata-Yellow foliage, pink tinge on the underside of leaves
29. *Ornithogalum dubium*-Orange flowers, warm green foliage
Echeveria 'Rosea'-Rosette succulent, pink new growth fades to lavender, leaves come to a sharp point
Echeveria 'Lola'-Rosette succulent, powder blue, upright, folded leaves
Sedum clavatum-Trailing succulent, clusters of thick, blue-green leaves
Kalanchoe 'Flap Jack'-Upright succulent, wide spoon-shaped leaves that fade to pink at the edge
Portulaca oleracea Pazazz™-Yellow flowers, pink stems
30. *Canna indica* 'Musafolia'-Large, green leaves with maroon edging, tall flower spike with large pink flowers
Salvia leucantha 'Santa Barbara'-Narrow, fuzzy leaves with purple stems, spikes of purple flowers
Bidens ferulifolia 'Mexican Gold'-Cut leaf foliage, yellow daisy-like flowers
Alternanthera ficoidea-Maroon foliage
31. *Echeveria nodulosa*-Rosette succulent, teal and purple leaves

- Echeveria* 'Metallica'-Rosette succulent, pink new growth fades to lavender
Echeveria 'Lola'-Rosette succulent, powder blue, upright, folded leaves
Sedum 'Gold Dot'-Tiny, bright, lemon-yellow leaves
32. *Brugmansia* sp.-Woody stem, broad, fuzzy green leaves, pink, pendulous, trumpet-like flowers
Alpinia zerumbet 'Variegata'-Large waxy leaves exhibiting yellow striping
Solenostemon scutellarioides 'Mississippi Summer'-Bright fuchsia and maroon foliage
33. *Dracaena deremensis* 'Yellow Stripe'-Narrow, yellow leaves with a thick grey-green stripe along the midrib
Crassula 'Hobbit'-Narrow, thick leaves that fold in on themselves forming incomplete tubes
Crassula 'Campfire'-Branching succulent that matures from light green to bright red
34. *Philodendron bipinnatifidum*-Large, glossy, deeply-lobed leaves with wavy margins
Euphorbia hypericifolia Breathless™ Blush-Green leaves with purple interior, small delicate white flowers
Ipomoea x multifida-Vine with slender, cut leaves, red to pink flowers
35. *Colocasia esculenta* 'Black Runner'-Blue-green elephant ear with purple veins and stems
Antirrhinum glutinosum-Delicate chalky-blue fuzzy foliage, white flowers
Carex comans 'Bronco'-Copper colored sedge
Scaevola Whirlwind™ Blue-Fan-shaped lavender flowers
36. *Brugmansia* sp.-Woody stem, broad, fuzzy green leaves, pink, pendulous, trumpet-like flowers
Portulaca oleracea Pazazz™-Pink flowers, pink stems
Dicliptera suberecta-Fuzzy, grey-green foliage, bright tubular red flowers
Ipomoea batatas 'Blackie'-Cut purple foliage
Pereskia aculeata-Yellow foliage, pink tinge on the underside of leaves
37. *Ensete ventricosum* 'Maurelii'-Large green and red tinged foliage
Abutilon megapotamicum 'Fool's Gold'-Green, serrated foliage, orange bell-shaped flower
Ipomoea x multifida-Vine with slender, cut leaves, red to pink flowers
Coprosma 'Golden Glow'-Lime green new growth, fading to yellow and orange
Ipomoea batatas-Purple heart-shaped leaves
38. *Eucalyptus neglecta*-Muted, blue-green, oval-shaped leaves
Pereskia aculeata-Yellow foliage, pink tinge on the underside of leaves
Solanum quitoense-Large, broad leaves with purple, spiked midribs, fuzzy purple buds
Ipomoea quamoclit-Vine with slender, deeply-lobed leaves, red to pink tubular flowers
39. *Lantana camara* 'Miss Huff'-Clusters of multi-tonal orange flowers
Echeveria nodulosa-Rosette succulent, teal and purple leaves
Strobilanthes gyssopteris-Fuzzy, creamy brown foliage with silver new growth

40. *Canna* 'Sky Hawk'-Large, chocolate leaves, coral-pink flowers on a tall spike
Xanthosoma 'Lindenii Magnificum'-Green elephant ear with broad, cream colored veins
Hibiscus acetosella 'Maple Sugar'-Cut, burgundy leaves, deep maroon flowers
Senecio 'Blue Chalk'-Thick, ray-like, powder-blue foliage, yellow flower spikes
41. *Canna* 'Thai Rainbow'-Banded green and creamy yellow foliage fades to striping reds, oranges and purples, orange-red flowers on a tall spike
Salvia leucantha 'Midnight'-Narrow, fuzzy leaves with purple stems, spikes of purple flowers
Petunia *Alpunia*TM-Star-shaped fuchsia flowers, fuzzy green foliage
Hibiscus acetosella 'Maple Sugar'-Cut, burgundy leaves, deep maroon flowers
Ornithogalum dubium-Orange flowers, warm green foliage
42. *Canna* 'Pretoria'-Leaves exhibit electric yellow and green striping, orange flowers on a tall spike
Hibiscus acetosella 'Maple Sugar'-Cut, burgundy leaves, deep maroon flowers
Salvia 'Dancing Dolls'-Green foliage, pink two-toned flowers
Strobilanthes gyssoipinum-Fuzzy, creamy brown foliage with silver new growth
43. *Ensete ventricosum* 'Maurelii'-Large green and red tinged foliage
Crassula 'Campfire'-Branching succulent that matures from light green to bright red
Echeveria 'Metallica'-Rosette succulent, pink new growth fades to lavender
Ipomoea x multifida-Vine with slender, cut leaves, red to pink flowers
Leonotis leonurus-Mottled, green foliage, clusters of long, tubular orange-red flowers
Sedum clavatum-Trailing succulent, clusters of thick, blue-green leaves
44. *Brugmansia* sp.-Woody stem, broad, fuzzy green leaves, pink, pendulous, trumpet-like flowers
Alternanthera ficoidea-Maroon foliage
Aeonium 'Kiwi'-Rosette succulent, yellow-lime new growth fades to green with hot-pink edging
Angelonia angustifolia *Angelface*TM Westwood Blue-White and purple flowers
Zingiber mioga 'White Feather'-Variegated and cane-like, the leaves exhibit white edges and tips
45. *Canna* 'Sky Hawk'-Large, chocolate leaves, coral-pink flowers on a tall spike
Portulaca oleracea *Pazazz*TM-Yellow flowers, pink stems
Portulaca oleracea *Pazazz*TM-Pink flowers, pink stems
Strobilanthes gyssoipinum-Fuzzy, creamy brown foliage with silver new growth
Aeonium tabuliforme-Large, green rosette succulent
46. *Lycopersicon esculentum* 'Sweet N' Neat'-Yellow and red cherry tomatoes
47. *Brugmansia* sp.-Woody stem, broad, fuzzy green leaves, pink, pendulous, trumpet-like flowers
Pereskia aculeata-Yellow foliage, pink tinge on the underside of leaves
Coprosma 'Tequila Sunrise'-Bright green new growth fades to maroon
Petunia *Alpunia*TM-Star-shaped fuchsia flowers, fuzzy green foliage
Kalanchoe 'Flap Jack'-Upright succulent, wide spoon-shaped leaves that fade to pink at the edge

- 48 *Brugmansia* 'Charles Grimaldi'-Woody stem, broad, fuzzy green leaves, yellow, pendulous, trumpet-like flowers
Solenostemon scutellarioides 'Mississippi Summer'-Bright fuchsia and maroon foliage
Echeveria nodulosa-Rosette succulent, teal and purple leaves
Ornithogalum dubium-Orange flowers, warm green foliage
Cuphea 'Flamenco'-Tubular purple and pink flowers with exploded petals
- 49 *Colocasia* 'Black Water'-Green elephant ear, dark purple stems
Impatiens niamniamensis-Glossy leaves, brown stems, hooded and hooked yellow and red flowers
Begonia boliviensis-Four pointed, pink flowers
Canna Tropicanna®-Red-orange striped foliage, large orange flowers
Antirrhinum glutinosum-Delicate chalky-blue fuzzy foliage, white flowers
50. *Dracaena deremensis* 'Yellow Stripe'-Narrow, yellow leaves with a thick grey-green stripe along the midrib
Alternanthera ficoidea-Maroon foliage
Impatiens niamniamensis-Glossy leaves, brown stems, hooded and hooked yellow and red flowers
Peperomia sp.-Fleshy green foliage with red stems, conical white flower spikes
51. *Musa* 'Truly Tiny'-Large, green leaves, miniature banana
Alternanthera ficoidea-Maroon foliage
Impatiens niamniamensis-Glossy leaves, brown stems, hooded and hooked yellow and red flowers
Cuphea 'Flamenco'-Tubular purple and pink flowers with exploded petals
Peperomia sp.-Fleshy green foliage with red stems, conical white flower spikes

Lang Performing Arts Center

52. *Brugmansia* sp.-Woody stem, broad, fuzzy green leaves, pink, pendulous, trumpet-like flowers
Hibiscus acetosella 'Maple Sugar'-Cut, burgundy leaves, deep maroon flowers
Euphorbia hypericifolia Breathless™ Blush-Green leaves with purple interior, small delicate white flowers
Carex comans 'Bronco'-Copper colored sedge
Carex comans 'Red Rooster'-Copper colored sedge with red highlights
Solenostemon scutellarioides 'Mississippi Summer'-Bright fuchsia and maroon foliage
Solenostemon 'Beauty of Lyon'-Leaves are orange, edged with green having a purple midrib.
53. *Tibouchina urvilleana* "trailing form"-Fuzzy blue-green leaves, large purple flowers
Ipomoea quamoclit-Vine with slender, deeply-lobed leaves, red to pink tubular flowers
Emilia javanica-Fuzzy orange, button sized flowers on slender stems
Echeveria 'Setosa Compacta'-Fuzzy green succulent, bright orange flowers
Aeonium 'Kiwi'-Rosette succulent, yellow-lime new growth fades to green with hot-pink edging

54. *Colocasia esculenta* 'Black Runner'-Blue-green elephant ear, purple veins and stems
*Petunia Alpunia*TM-Star-shaped fuchsia flowers, fuzzy green foliage
55. *Brugmansia* sp.-Woody stem, broad, fuzzy green leaves, pink, pendulous, trumpet-like flowers
Coprosma 'Golden Glow'-Lime green new growth, fading to yellow and orange
Echeveria 'Setosa Compacta'-Fuzzy green succulent, bright orange flowers
Salvia leucantha-Narrow, fuzzy leaves with purple stems, spikes of purple flowers
Ipomoea quamoclit-Vine with slender, deeply-lobed leaves, red to pink tubular flowers
56. *Solanum quitoense*-Large, broad leaves with purple, spiked midribs, fuzzy purple buds
Strobilanthes gyssopinum-Fuzzy, creamy brown foliage with silver new growth
Echeveria 'Setosa Compacta'-Fuzzy green succulent, bright orange flowers
Ipomoea x multifida-Vine with slender, cut leaves, red to pink flowers
Pelargonium 'Dorcas'-Green foliage, darker in the center of the leaf, orange flowers

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About The Scott Arboretum

The Scott Arboretum is a public garden covering more than 300 acres of the Swarthmore College campus and over 4,000 different kinds of plants (including over 2,000 woody taxa). The Arboretum is a garden of ideas and suggestions, displaying some of the best trees, shrubs, perennials, and annuals for use in the Delaware Valley. Established in 1929 as a living memorial to Arthur Hoyt Scott, the Arboretum is open to the public year-round, free of charge, from dawn to dusk. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. For more information, please call the Scott Offices at 610-328-8025. We welcome your questions, suggestions and most of all, visits to the Arboretum.

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