



CONTAINERS

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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. This year, the container plantings in front of the Scott Arboretum Office are predominately burgundy and dark green, with many large-leaved plants that create a tropical rainforest effect. The containers in the Terry Shane Teaching Garden exhibit chartreuse and purple. Similar to the permanent plants in the Shane Garden, many of these plants are well suited for shade conditions. A number of these containers are also designed to mimic the Annual Border, creating uniformity.

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 Scott Arboretum Offices 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.

Entrance Garden

- 1) *Fuchsia* 'Firecracker'-pink and green leaves; *Strobilanthes dyerianus*-metallic purple leaves.
- 2) *Colocasia* 'Black Stem'-black stemmed elephant ear; *Homalocladium platycladum*-flattened, sectioned, greens stems; *Alpinia zerumbet* 'Variegata'-striped yellow and green leaves; *Cissus discolor*-arrowhead shaped leaves, silver and green; *Solanum jasminoides* 'Variegata'-trailing green and yellow leaves.
- 3) *Solanum jasminoides* 'Variegata'-trailing green and yellow leaves; *Solanum quitoense*-large velvety leaves with protruding purple thorns.
- 4) *Salvia vanhouttei* 'Variegata'-speckled yellow and green leaves; *Capsicum* 'Black Pearl'-black leaves.
- 5) *Brugmansia* 'Charles Grimaldi'-large leaves and tubular orange flowers; *Euphorbia* Diamond Frost®-small white flowers.
- 6) *Angelonia* 'Mandiana Blue'-Blue flowers with white throat; *Tibouchina grandifolia*-large, rounded, velvety leaves; *Abutilon megapotamicum* 'Variegatum'-speckled yellow and green leaves ; *Solenostemon* 'Inky Fingers'-lobed, green and burgundy leaves.
- 7) *Canna* 'Australia'-strap-like burgundy leaves; *Solanum jasminoides* 'Variegata'-trailing green and yellow leaves; *Cuphea varia* 'Caribbean Sunset'-tubular orange flowers; *Duranta* 'Gold Leaf'-gold leaves.
- 8) *Angelonia* 'Mandiana Blue'-Blue flowers with white throat; *Solenostemon* 'Velvet Mocha'-burgundy leaves; *Solanum quitoense*-large velvety leaves with protruding purple thorns.
- 9) *Strobilanthes dyerianus*-metallic purple leaves; *Pennisetum* 'Burgundy Giant'-burgundy narrow leaves; *Salvia leucantha* 'Solid Purple'-narrow gray-green leaves with purple flowers.

- 10) *Angelonia* 'Mandiana Blue' -blue flowers with white throat; *Tibouchina grandifolia*-large, rounded, velvety leaves; *Abutilon megapotamicum* 'Variegatum'-speckled yellow and green leaves; *Solenostemon* 'Inky Fingers'-lobed, green and burgundy leaves.
- 11) *Cissus discolor*-arrowhead shaped leaves, silver and green; *Solanum jasminoides* 'Variegata'-trailing green and yellow leaves; *Colocasia esculenta* 'Illustris'-black elephant ear with green veins.
- 12) *Duranta* 'Gold Leaf'-gold leaves; *Pennisetum* 'Burgundy Giant'-burgundy narrow leaves; *Canna* 'Grande'-large green leaves with burgundy edge.
- 13) *Strobilanthes gossypinus*-white fuzz on leaves.
- 14) *Alocasia* 'Gloss Black'-black stems; *Duranta* 'Gold Leaf'-gold leaves.

Terry Shane Teaching Garden

- 15) *Colocasia esculenta* 'Red Stem'-red-stemmed elephant ear; *Angelonia* 'Mandiana Blue'-blue flowers with white throat.
- 16) *Nephrolepis exaltata* 'Tiger'-yellow and green leaves; *Strobilanthes dyerianus*-metallic purple leaves.
- 17) Culinary Herb Container-*Rosmarinus officinalis* 'Arp'-narrow gray leaves at front of container; *Salvia officinalis* 'Tricolor'-purple, white and green leaves; *Rosmarinus officinalis* 'Sawyer's Select'-narrow green leaves at back of container; *Wasabia japonica*-heart-shaped green leaves.
- 18) Culinary Herb Container-*Pelargonium odoratissimum*-scalloped green leaves; *Pelargonium* 'Logeii' (Fragrans group)-rounded, gray leaves; *Cymbopogon citratus*-grass; *Thymus* 'Highland Cream'-small green and yellow leaves; *Pelargonium quercifolium* 'Chocolate Mint'-green and burgundy leaves.
- 19) *Cuphea varia* 'Caribbean Sunset'-tubular orange flowers; *Strobilanthes gossypinus*-white fuzz on leaves; *Solanum jasminoides* 'Variegata'-trailing green and yellow leaves.
- 20) Culinary Herb Container-*Salvia officinalis* 'Berggarten'-rounded grey-green leaves; *Lavandula xintermedia* 'Provence'-narrow silver leaves; *Origanum rotundifolium* 'Kent Beauty'-small round leaves with silver veins; *Heliotropium arborescens*-green leaves with purple flowers; *Pelargonium* 'Pungent Peppermint'-cut leaves with peppermint fragrance.
- 21) *Brugmansia* 'Ecuador Pink'-large leaves with tubular pink flowers; *Euphorbia* Diamond Frost®-small white flowers.
- 22) *Colocasia esculenta* 'Illustris'-black elephant ear with green veins; *Cissus discolor*-arrowhead-shaped leaves, silver and green; *Solanum jasminoides* 'Variegata'-trailing green and yellow leaves.
- 23) *Alocasia* 'Gloss Black'-black stems; *Duranta* 'Gold Leaf'-gold leaves.
- 24) Culinary Herb Container-*Chamaemelum nobile*-very fine foliage; *Origanum vulgare* 'Variegata'-round green and cream leaves; *Teucrium chamaedrys*-shiny-green, toothed leaves; *Ocimum basilicum* 'Genovese'-oval green leaf basil at back right and left; *Stevia rebaudiana*-green oblong leaves at back of container.
- 25) *Chondropetalum tectorum*-spiky foliage; *Euphorbia* Diamond Frost®-small white flowers.
- 26) *Nephrolepis exaltata* 'Tiger'-yellow and green leaves.

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Cosby Courtyard

- 29) *Angelonia Carita Purple*TM-purple flowers; *Brugmansia* 'Charles Grimaldi'-large leaves and tubular orange flowers; *Salvia vanhouttei* 'Variegata'-speckled yellow and green leaves.
- 30) *Sedum reflexum* 'Blue Spruce'-succulent blue foliage.
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- 32) *Colocasia esculenta* 'Red Stem'-red-stemmed elephant ear; *Cissus discolor*-arrowhead-shaped leaves, silver and green; *Alternanthera* 'Partytime'-green, pink and magenta leaves; *Solenostemon* 'Velvet Mocha'-burgundy leaves.
- 33) *Alternanthera* 'Partytime'-green, pink and magenta leaves; *Fuchsia* 'Firecracker'-pink and green leaves; *Colocasia esculenta* 'Pineapple Princess'-purple elephant ears; *Ensete ventricosum* 'Maurelii'-large bold leaves.
- 34) *Strobilanthes gossypinus*-white fuzz on leaves; *Euphorbia* Diamond Frost®-small white flowers; *Canna* 'Grande'-large green leaves with maroon edge.
- 35) *Tibouchina grandifolia*-large, rounded, velvety leaves; *Capsicum* 'Black Pearl'-black leaves; *Ptilotus* 'Joey'-spikes of pink flowers; *Salvia leucantha* 'Solid Purple'-narrow gray-green leaves with purple flowers.
- 36) *Nephrolepis exaltata* 'Tiger'-yellow and green leaves; *Solenostemon* 'Inky Fingers'-lobed, green and burgundy leaves; *Duranta* 'Gold Leaf'-gold leaves.
- 37) *Angelonia Carita Purple*TM-purple flowers; *Brugmansia* 'Ecuador Pink'-large leaves with tubular pink flowers; *Solenostemon* 'Velvet Mocha'-burgundy leaves.
- 38) *Salvia vanhouttei* 'Variegata'-speckled yellow and green leaves; *Pennisetum* 'Burgundy Giant'-burgundy narrow leaves; *Cuphea varia* 'Caribbean Sunset'-tubular orange flowers.
- 39) *Acalypha godseffiana* 'Heterophylla'-pink and burgundy leaves; *Salvia leucantha* 'Solid Purple'-narrow gray-green leaves with purple flowers; *Abutilon megapotamicum* 'Variegatum'-speckled yellow and green leaves; *Euphorbia* Diamond Frost®-small white flowers; *Strobilanthes dyerianus*-metallic purple leaves.
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- 41) *Angelonia Carita Purple*TM-purple flowers; *Solanum quitoense*-large velvety leaves with protruding purple thorns; *Salvia vanhouttei* 'Variegata'-speckled yellow and green leaves; *Solenostemon* 'Inky Fingers'-lobed, green and burgundy leaves; *Abutilon megapotamicum* 'Variegatum'-speckled yellow and green leaves; *Alocasia* 'Black Stem'-black stems.

- 42) *Cissus discolor*-arrowhead-shaped leaves, silver and green; *Abutilon megapotamicum* 'Variegatum'-speckled yellow and green leaves; *Colocasia* 'Diamond Head'-black leaves.
- 43) *Strobilanthes dyerianus*-metallic purple leaves; *Abutilon megapotamicum* 'Variegatum'-speckled yellow and green leaves; *Homalocladium platycladum*-flattened, sectioned, greens stems; *Ensete ventricosum* 'Maurelii'-large bold leaves; *Cissus discolor*-arrowhead-shaped leaves, silver and green.
- 44) *Strobilanthes dyerianus*-metallic purple leaves, *Abutilon megapotamicum* 'Variegatum'-speckled yellow and green leaves; *Homalocladium platycladum*-flattened, sectioned, greens stems; *Ensete ventricosum* 'Maurelii'-large bold leaves; *Cissus discolor*-arrowhead-shaped leaves, silver and green.

Lang Performing Art Center

- 45) *Colocasia esculenta* 'Red Stem'-red-stemmed elephant ear; *Fuchsia* 'Firecracker'-pink and green leaves; *Euphorbia* Diamond Frost®-small white flowers; *Solenostemon* 'Velvet Mocha'-burgundy leaves; *Capsicum* 'Black Pearl'-black leaves.
- 46) *Alocasia* 'Gloss Black'-black stems; *Solenostemon* 'Inky Fingers'-lobed, green and burgundy leaves; *Angelonia* 'Mandiana Blue'-blue flowers with white throat; *Strobilanthes gossypinus*-white fuzz on leaves.
- 47) *Cuphea varia* 'Caribbean Sunset'-tubular orange flowers; *Homalocladium platycladum*-flattened, sectioned, greens stems; *Salvia vanhouttei* 'Variegata'-speckled yellow and green leaves; *Acalypha godseffiana* 'Heterophylla'-pink and burgundy leaves; *Ensete ventricosum* 'Maurelii'-large bold leaves

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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 kinds of 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

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