

A Visit to Rotary Botanical Gardens

6,824 perennials.

3,121 trees, shrubs and vines.

100,000 annuals.

380,000 spring blooming bulbs.

The numbers are pretty impressive.

But Rotary Gardens is more than just numbers. It's about stunning views, internationally-themed gardens, eclectic and original mixes of plant materials and collections ranging from the traditional to the unusual. Horticultural education and appreciation are emphasized and special events such as weddings, receptions, garden symposia and other gatherings all find a home here.

Rotary Botanical Gardens boasts a nationally acclaimed fern & moss garden and has national display gardens for the American Hosta Society, American Hemerocallis (daylily) Society, All-America Selections, Fleuroselect (Europe), Ball Seed Introductions and is a Bailey Nursery test site for roses.

Visitors can linger in the herb garden, watch Japanese koi cavort in the formal pond, find a quiet moment of contemplation in the Japanese Garden, enjoy a shaded woodland grove or wander along garden walls spilling over with flowers.

Home gardeners, nature lovers, green industry professionals and those that just enjoy nature's beauty and fresh air have all found inspirations within the borders of Rotary Botanical Gardens.

We're sure you will, too.

Yellow Markers

1. Parker Education Center: Visitors' center dedicated in 2003; gift shop, restrooms inside.
2. Rath Environmental Center: Administrative offices
3. Horticulture Center: Grounds staff offices and maintenance facility

Red Markers

1. "Dialogue: World Peace through Friendship" by O.V. Shaffer. Reaching a height of over twenty feet, and weighing one ton, it is the largest sculpture in Janesville
2. Kiosk: Centrally located station providing information on upcoming events.
3. Terrace: Outdoor patio with tables, chairs and showy flower border.
4. Japanese Foot Bridge: Traditional element of Japanese Gardens
5. Japanese Bridge: Connecting the Japanese Garden to the North Woodland Walk; inspired by and constructed from materials found on site.
6. Gazebo: Ornate seating structure on east end of the pond in a cool, shaded garden.
7. Observation Pier: Extended pier along pond. Provides beautiful views and all-accessible fishing opportunity.

Blue Markers

1. Entrance Garden: Thematic seasonal color augmented by dwarf conifers and perennials.
2. English Cottage Garden: Diverse garden with a combination of bulbs, perennials, annuals and vegetables
3. Italian Garden: Formal garden area with mirror-imaged plantings defined by boxwood hedges flanking centrally located water feature.
4. French Garden: New shrub rose collection installed from Bailey Nursery; hanging baskets off the pergola frame the fountain in the distance.
5. Herb Garden: Maintained by Janesville Area Herb Society, divided into culinary, medicinal, and ornamental sections.
6. Seasonal Display Area: A variety of unusual seasonal plants and bold tropicals.
7. Azalea and Rhododendron Collection: Trialing and display of rhododendrons and azaleas for our area. Perennials, bulbs and seasonal plants also adorn this shoreline garden.
8. Japanese Garden: Traditional Japanese garden with statuary, dry sea, and water features. The first garden area constructed at RBG.
9. Fern and Moss Garden: Collection of native WI mosses and 250 varieties of ferns from around the world. Fern trialing done in conjunction with the Hardy Fern Foundation.
10. Hosta Hollow: Collection of classic hosta varieties including the Eunice Fisher Hosta Collection.

11. Alpine Garden: Rock garden transitioning to dwarf and miniature conifer collection.
12. Reception Garden: Formal Garden defined by a low lannon stone wall. Plantings follow a silver and blue theme. Note historic druid sculpture and archway originally from Parker Pen.
13. Sunken Garden*: Designed in a formal English perennial garden style with central lawn and peripheral beds of flowering plant materials.
14. Shade Garden: Collection of plant materials tolerant of partly shaded conditions
15. Larch Area: Deciduous conifers accenting a space with lots of variable, seasonal color.
16. Scottish Garden: Developed in partnership with the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh, Scotland, this garden displays plant species native to Scotland with a focus on upland and lowland plants.
17. Color Rooms: This garden space sequentially displays the colors of maroon, yellow, white and blue thru both flowers and foliage
18. Woodland Walk: This shaded garden demonstrates the variety of plantings that will thrive in woodland conditions. A wonderful combination of native and non-native plantings accent this space
19. Gazebo Garden*: the beds surrounding the gazebo structure demonstrate hardy, part-shade perennials for textural impact with a focus on Asiatic wildflowers.
20. North Woodland Path: This functional path connects the Gazebo Garden from the Japanese Garden. Colorful spring bulbs and showy woody plants accent this area. This path is not wheelchair accessible.
21. Triangle Prairie: This space demonstrates the plants that make up our historic tallgrass prairie community.
22. Arboretum: This space is filled with over 60 trees that represent the diversity of hardy plant material for our climate
23. Demonstration Area A: is being prepared for an extension iris collection for 2009.
24. Demonstration Area B: This area features over 170 varieties of annual vinca.
25. Demonstration Area C: Over 230 varieties of hot peppers.





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