The South Carolina Botanical Garden

Children’s Garden
“A world-class Garden! Our goal is to create a wonder-filled space where children and adults alike will be inspired and eager to return. We have travelled the world looking at the best children and family gardens to be certain the SCBG Children's Garden is the best it can be”.

Patrick McMillan, Director, South Carolina Botanical Garden

HELP CREATE A SPACE WHERE YOUNG MINDS BLOOM!

The Children’s Garden requires special and tender care for its preservation and enhancement. Your support will help construct and plant this garden and keep the Children's Garden thriving with long-term maintenance, dedicated staffing, and quality recreational, environmental, cultural, educational, and horticultural programs.

Your donation will…

• Design, build, and plant this amazing space.
• Keep these gardens free and open to the public seven days a week.
• Implement operational support for staffing and maintenance of the Children’s Garden.

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Our Dream of a Children’s Garden

The Children’s Garden Board were dreamers and they were charged with imagining and designing a Children’s Garden that fosters fun, active play, and a little bit of mischief. The Children’s Garden is also designed to embrace the spirit of a child and enhance the outdoor experience of all children.

Children’s Garden Design Considerations

- Scaled for children
- Nature-based
- Variety of spaces with easy transitions
- Materials and themes should reflect our heritage
- Stimulate the senses
- Place for discovery
OUR MISSION

The mission of the Children’s Garden is to connect children to a natural environment through engagement, discovery, and learning.

OUR VISION

The vision of the Children’s Garden is to inspire and nurture a love of nature in children, build an understanding of the critical role of plants to human life, and create lifelong stewards of the natural world.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- To evoke delight, wonder, and engagement.
- A place where classrooms can have no desks or walls, and where students discover the wonders of the natural world, inside as well as outside.
- A playful place.
- Designed as an enabling garden and enjoyed by individuals of all abilities.
- Designed specifically for children and their families.
- Based on the natural environment.
Masterplan

The South Carolina Botanical Garden Children’s Garden is a unique, natural, playful space specifically designed for children, but intended to be enjoyed by all visitors. It is a place for unlimited whimsical, weird, and wonderful adventures in the natural world.
Children’s Garden Entrance

The Children’s Garden entrance will be the magical threshold where you will begin your journey into the wow, wonder, and whimsy of the garden. The area will also integrate hardscapes, water and art that enhance the experience.

A) The Grand Entry Tunnel and Plaza-$280,000
The Grand Entry Tunnel and Plaza will be an Italian inspired hardscape with permeable pavers consisting of natural colors. There will be a low, stone seat wall and a covered entry with a gateway feature.

AA) Kinetic Wind Garden-$50,000
The kinetic wind garden dances in the slightest of breezes and will delight visitors with their mesmerizing motions. The kinetic wind garden beckons visitors from the Duck Pond, Hunt Cabin, and Natural Heritage Garden Trail.
L) Overlook Tower $220,000
The Overlook Tower will be two to three stories tall with steps going up and a landing that overlooks the Amazing Maze. From the top of the balcony, children can spy on their friends in the maze below or help them find their way out.

K) Amazing Maze - $140,000
The Amazing Maze will have movable planters that will provide for a constantly changing variety of arrangements.
HISSING HEDGE & FIBONACCI FERN

BB) The Hissing Hedge $200,000
The Hissing Hedge will be located near the Grand Entry Tunnel and will draw you from the Duck Pond into the Children’s Garden. As it weaves through the garden, the Hissing Hedge will arch over the Woodside Stroll twice. The plant material composing the structure changes throughout the year, creating a unique focal point in the garden.

Z) Fibonacci Garden $75,000
The Fibonacci Garden will be based on the Fibonacci Code with an intricately paved floor with a fiddlehead graphic. This will be a small intimate space and contain a spiral stone wall. It will contain a fern garden and shade loving companion plants.
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Pollinator Plaza

M) The Pollinator Path $20,000
This area will be comprised of flowering perennials and shrubs that support and encourage insect pollination. Stepping stones will provide access to the area.

N) Honeycomb Plaza $70,000
The Honeycomb Plaza will be a hardscape design consisting of permeable pavers in a honeycomb pattern. It will have an artistic centerpiece in the paved area. The paved area will have a concrete base and a sub-surface drainage system that will be able to support the weight of maintenance trucks.

O) Honeybee Haven $28,000
The Honeybee Haven will provide visitors an opportunity to observe living bees working in their hive. The Haven will have a honeycomb wall made of synthetic material.
POLLINATOR PLAZA
WONDERS OF WATER GARDEN

D) Wonders of Water Garden $880,000
The Wonders of Water Garden will engage users with educational, fun water play. The area’s design calls for a splash pad and recirculating water system with a pump house disguised as a caretaker’s cottage.

C) Cloud Gate Plaza $35,000
Cloud Gate Plaza will have special stones that spray visitors with water when stepped upon. It will also have a low stone seat wall.

F) The Fox Den $8,000
The Fox Den will have a child-sized opening within a dense hedge. It will be graded to be hidden in an earthen mound and have a sand layer on an aggregate base with drains.
THE WONDERS OF WATER
GIVING GARDEN

J) Giving Garden $200,000
The Giving Garden will provide visitors with an introduction to ethnobotany. This garden of raised planting beds will showcase a strong core of edible, fiber, and medicinal plants and focus on nutrition, health, and wellness through hands-on experiences. All five senses will be engaged through the use of colorful plants, hanging gourds, and whimsical elements.

FF) Bison Sculptures $38,000
The bison sculptures will be child friendly climbable art. Bison were indigenous to South Carolina and an integral part of our history.

NN) Sleeping Bear $18,000
The Sleeping Bear will be a nature-based climbable sculpture with minimal landscape enhancements. It will feature native woodland ornamental plants and will contain a mulch path in a circuitous route.
CANOPY WALK

A marvelous tree top adventure awaits you in the Children's Garden. Follow the twists and turns of a different kind of path, one that weaves not just through the woods but up, up, and away into the limbs, leaves and life of the canopy. See the world like a squirrel. Perch stealthily like a red-tailed hawk. Keep company with the songbirds. Slither silently down from on high like a snake. The wonderful world of the treetops awaits children of all ages and abilities.

The Canopy Walk peeks in and out of the woods and appears as though it is floating high in the trees.
The striking vertical metal struts create a unique permeable skin, a see-through support structure that plays delightfully with light, wind and views. The magic continues under the path as well. The cladding of the structure forms numerous veiled “rooms” to explore and discover. Expect a few surprises along the way too.

The shape of the path was designed to bend with the trees and flow with the land. Each bend expands to create an opportunity for gathering, gazing or enjoying a special feature at each node. It’s as if there are nine tree houses in one—each with a different story to tell and experience.
This magical Children's Garden feature was designed with love and affection by architects Melissa Bauld and Brian Rome. It was inspired by Joseph Jackson Turner, IV and is a memorial to all of those children who are not able to walk the path of life, through celebrating and augmenting the lives of those that can.
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The South Carolina Botanical Garden must raise private gifts to support The Children’s Garden. These gifts are crucial to the success and permanency of this garden. Your support is a vital aspect of this project and will provide The Children’s Garden with the tools to build, maintain, and assure the continuance of this special garden.

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

A. Grand Entry Tunnel and Plaza  
B. Central Walk  
C. Cloud Gate Plaza  
D. Wonders of Water Garden  
E. Constructive Play  
F. Fox Den  
G. Garden Checkerboard  
H. The Children’s Pavilion  
I. Pavilion Plaza  
J. Giving Garden  
K. Amazing Maze  
L. Overlook Tower  
M. Pollinator Path  
N. Honeycomb Plaza  
O. Honeybee Haven  
P. Perennial Showcase  
Q. Frolic Field  
R. Butterfly Path  
S. Pebble Creek  
t. Secret Tea Room  
U. Hidden Wonders Garden  
V. Vegetable Garden  
W. Cottage Cove  
X. Music Garden  
Y. Butterfly Garden  
Z. Fibonacci Garden  
AA. Kinetic Sculpture Garden  
BB. Hissing Hedge  
CC. Toddler Terrace  
DD. Woodside Stroll  
EE. Parents’ Pavilion  
FF. Bison Sculpture  
GG. Sit and Swing  
HH. Heritage Trail Connector  
JJ. Canopy Walk  
KK. Rock Hop  
LL. Nesting Knoll  
MM. Woodside Meander  
NN. Sleeping Bear  
OO. Fish in the Grass  
PP. Boulder Garden  
QQ. Duck Dock  
SS. Event Lawn  

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