**What's Blooming Now?**

**Blazing Star**
- **BOTANICAL NAME:** Liatris spicata
- **DESCRIPTION:** Blazing star is a showy native that is favored by butterflies and birds during the summer months. Blazing star is a tall, clump-forming perennial that prefers moist, low-growing areas and performs best in full sun as well. It grows 2-4 feet high and 1-1.5 feet wide and is tolerant of summer heat and humidity.
- **WHERE TO SEE IT:** Pollinator Garden

**Buttonbush**
- **BOTANICAL NAME:** Cephalanthus occidentalis ‘Sugar Shack’
- **DESCRIPTION:** Buttonbush is a deciduous shrub that thrives in moist to wet soils in full sun to part shade. Its spherical flower heads are attractive to hummingbirds, butterflies, and other insect pollinators. It typically grows 5-12 feet high and 4-8 feet wide with an open-rounded habit. Sugar Shack is a compact selection, reaching up to 4 feet high and wide.
- **WHERE TO SEE IT:** Pollinator Garden

**Butterfly Milkweed**
- **BOTANICAL NAME:** Asclepias tuberosa
- **DESCRIPTION:** Butterfly milkweed is a colorful, long-blooming and drought tolerant perennial that prefers well-drained open areas. It typically reaches 1-3 feet high and 1-1.5 feet wide, with brilliant colored flowers that attract a wide variety of butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds. Butterfly weed is native to the eastern and southeastern United States.
- **WHERE TO SEE IT:** Natural Heritage Garden (Piedmont Prairie area), Rock Restroom