The South Carolina Botanical Garden is constantly evolving, driven by the inspiration of the staff, the wonderful financial support of our Friends, and the hard work of our horticultural staff. Our latest addition to the SCBG landscape is the J. Dabney Peeples Jurassic Garden, nestled on the hill between the Bob Campbell Geology Museum and the Fran Hanson Visitor’s Center. Talented landscape architect J. Dabney Peeples gave the Garden this wonderful landscape design, the funds for it, and has been intimately involved in realizing this project. The Jurassic Garden transforms a plain hillside into a magical journey through geologic ages.

The path through the Jurassic Garden is lined with huge red boulders from the Triassic Pekin Formation, Paleozoic limestones and much older granite and gneiss, all designed to draw visitors onwards though the plants. Visitors will begin their journey in the Age of Gymnosperms (~ 310 - 130 million years ago), a lush Jurassic landscape dominated by large conifers, cycads, and ginkgo (plants with naked seeds), and an understory of ferns, club mosses, and equisetum (plants with spores). Dinosaurs roamed the Jurassic era and casts of their footprints, filled with water, will harbor aquatic ecosystems, just as they would have at the time. We plan to leave one footprint dry for photo opportunities!

As the visitor walks the Trail, they encounter Charles Darwin’s “abominable mystery,” a sudden explosion of flowering plants (angiosperm) about 130 million years ago. Today, scientists continue to work on understanding the rapid evolution and subsequent spread of angiosperms across the world.

At the heart of the “abominable mystery” are a group of plants collectively known as the ANITA grade, plants which we also feature in the Jurassic Garden. This small group of plants are viewed by scientists as early experiments in flower development. The Illicium genus number among this group, to which our native Florida Anise, Illicium floridanum belongs. A second group of ANITA grade plants, the the water lily family, will be housed a beautiful pond transected by a rock path (see right).

Anchoring the top end of the trail are several Magnolia species. This ancient genus dates back to 95 million years ago in the fossil record. However, scientists posit that an ancestral flower of all living angiosperms, which likely existed 140 - 250 million years ago, very much looked like a Magnolia and shared many of the same traits. From this beginning, angiosperms proved so successful they now comprise the vast majority of the worlds’ plant species.

The addition of this unique garden integrates the Bob Campbell Geology into the SCBG landscape and provides a wonderful educational experience for our visitors.
Director’s Note

Winter is a great time to visit the SC Botanical Garden! We are blessed to live in a climate where you can enjoy flowers year-round. Just as the grey of winter settles across most of the landscape, the Giant Snowdrops in the Xeriscape Garden are turning the hillside white with charming little bells. Autumn crocus are popping up here and there, Lemmon’s Marigold continues to shine, and the Camellia collection is just beginning its six month flowering period. Winter birds have returned and the entire Garden is transformed. It isn’t a time of less activity for life here, just different activity. Bring your family and friends and enjoy the winter wonders of your Garden.

Winter is also a great time for reflection on the year’s end. What a year it has been! You’ll see major progress on the J. Dabney Peeples Jurassic Garden, it will officially open in the spring, the oak collection (Quercetum) has been planted, the McBride Aquatic Garden and the Susan K. Barr Pollinator Garden are moving into construction this coming winter and spring. This year saw the completion of all the exhibits along the Natural Heritage Garden Trail, the completion of the Hanover House landscaping, the completion and opening of the new grand entrance and major progress towards our goal for the Children’s Garden.

The Children’s Garden Treehouse (right) is very close to having the funds in place. To see this transformative experience become a reality on the ground we need your help. Just over $200,000 is needed to meet the $1,000,000 goal and begin construction. Every dollar counts and every gift is extremely appreciated by us and by the thousands of families who will enjoy this incredible structure.

Our staff is also changing. I hope you will welcome our new Nursery Manager, Misty Shealy, to the staff. Misty brings a wealth of knowledge and management skills to this incredibly important position. We are very fortunate to have her on staff. We also have a new Arboretum Manager, Dave Rife, who joined us from the Atlanta Botanical Garden. He has many years experience in the horticultural world, and he was senior horticulturalist at the ABG for seven years.

Lastly, and most importantly for me, I would like to recognize a very special man, the heart of this Garden, Mr. John Bodiford. Almost anyone who has spent any time in the SCBG, or been involved in anything we do here, has come into contact with our Garden Manager. Your experience has probably been much like mine. Even on the worst of days, and in the worst of situations, this man has a smile on his face, an optimistic outlook, and brings light and joy into all of our hearts. He is among the greatest ambassadors the SCBG could imagine and respected by all. He has served you with incomparable dedication for 32 years and, come the summer of 2018, he will officially retire. If you have had the experience of meeting or knowing John over these decades he has served us, please take the time to thank him, to acknowledge, like I do, how eternally grateful and lucky we are to have him here, leaving an indelible and positive mark on the Garden and our lives. Thank you, John.

~ Patrick

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What a fall! The colors have been spectacular, and since our first frost came very late in November, fall bloomers gave us an amazing show. We have planted over a thousand bulbs, many of which will be blooming through the winter months. Keep your eyes peeled for these winter beauties as you wander the garden.

November was the month for volunteers. We had a great time at our volunteer luncheon. Thanks to all the staff for bringing food to feed everyone and thanks again to all of our volunteers, and we couldn’t do it without you. Community service from students on campus was great. We had close to 900 hours of student volunteer labor through the Garden, mulching, weeding, pulling invasives, fall cleanup, and moving rocks to name a few tasks. All very frustrating (organization-wise) but a very productive month! Thank you all for your support and love of the Garden.

~ Kathy Bridges, Landscape Manager

Thanks to long-time volunteer Bob Healy, we have some new additions to the Children’s Garden. Mr. Healy crafted some beautiful play tables and a set of wooden blocks for the hoop house. Kathy Bridges filled the tables with shells, pine cones, sticks and more. We want children to be able to tap into their imaginations and use this space for creativity and play. We hope to add a stage area and shade cloths in the spring.

In the “Food For Thought Garden” we are stepping up our educational message with seasonal informational signs. Did you know that broccoli has been enjoyed by Italians for 2000 years, and that Thomas Jefferson was the first person to grow broccoli in America? For more fun and informative veggie facts visit the “Food For Thought Garden” frequently.

The “Peter Rabbit Garden” is also receiving an overhaul and returning to its original mission. The Garden Sprouts will garden in the space, raise vegetables and flowers, and learn more about Peter Rabbit and his friends. In the spring, we are planning a Peter Rabbit Festival for families on Sunday, April 29th. Check our online calendar for more details.

Gift Shop

Our gift shop has special gifts of all kinds. Visit frequently to see our changing items. We are now featuring some great gardening books too!

Meet our new staff members

Dave Rife
Arboretum Manager

Misty Shealy
Nursery Manager

First Friday Walks with David Bradshaw
October - March 9 a.m.
April - September 7 a.m.

Each one is a unique adventure! Meet at the Caboose Parking Area
Special Events

Winter Lecture Series

February 24
Marian St.Clair, Garden Writer
Making Good Gardens Gathering Ideas & Inspiration from All the Right Places.

Steve Bender, Southern Living Editor

March 3
Kevin Parris, Arboretum Director, Spartanburg Community College
These Ain’t Your Mama’s Magnolias: Interspecific Hybridization of Magnolias.

Jon Fritz, Bluestem Landscape Design
Beyond the Bloom: Native Perennials for Form & Function.

March 10
Mark Weathington, Director, J.C. Raulston Arboretum

Ted Stephens, Nurseries Caroliniana
Landscaping with Members of the Lily Family.

March 17
Rick Huffman, Earth Design
Understanding the Human Role on our Planet: Sustainability, Native Plants and Applied Ecology.

Joel Myers, Mushroom Mountain
Recycling and Composting with Mushrooms.

Hayden Conference Center, SCBG
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
$25/session ~ $90/Series (10% discount members)

To register:
https://www.clemson.edu/public/scbg/events/events-calendar.html
For more information: watts9@clemson.edu or 864-656-2836

We are excited to offer Steve Bender’s The Grumpy Gardener and Mark Weathering’s Gardening in the South at the SCBG Gift Shop. Buy a copy and a ticket to their lecture as a gift for yourself or a friend. Both authors will sign their books at their presentations.

Spring Concert Series
in the Amphitheater
Fridays, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Tuesdays Tunes & Tastings
on the Lower Lawn, Visitor’s Center
Tuesdays, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

We’d like to thank the following companies for partnering with us:
Palmetto Smokehouse and Oyster Bar provided food at our Fall Concert Series.
Carolina Bauernhaus provided ales, beer, cider, and more at our Fall Tuesdays Tunes and Tastings.

Garden Guided Tours

We are always excited to share the Garden with visitors. Guided tours are given by seasoned interpreters. Cost is $4 per person, with a minimum fee of $40 for an hour-long tour. Bring your church group, newcomer club, civic organization or friends to learn more about the history, current development, and future plans for the Garden. This is a fun way to support the Garden!

Contact Sue Watts at wattsp9@clemson.edu to schedule.

Sunday, April 29
Peter Rabbit Festival
Join us for a celebration of Peter Rabbit, and the author Beatrix Potter. Come and hop along from station to station through the Garden. Games, activities, and lots of family fun!

Check our calendar for more details!
The BCGM needs your help to meet our growing need for funds to support our ambitious research and educational efforts. Contact us at bcgm@clemson.edu to discuss the projects we have planned and how you can contribute. Also see our Facebook page and our website (www.clemson.edu/geomuseum) for details regarding upcoming special exhibits and events.
Lunch and Learn: Great Garden Know-How
Tap into the extensive knowledge of Clemson’s Extension Service in this lunch and learn series. Bring a bag lunch and listen to learn from Clemson experts.

February 7
Mark Arena Landscape Crimes: Unveiling 7 Common Urban Landscape Myths.

February 21
Michelle Hall Building a Small Poultry Flock.

March 7
Paul Thompson Correcting Structural Issues Early in a Tree’s Life: A Demonstration.

March 21
Barbara Smith How to Plant a Succulent Container Garden.

April 4
Andrew “Drew” Jeffers Integrated Pest Management for the home garden.

April 18
Jackie Jordan Working with warm season grasses.

May 2
Vicky Bertagnolli Putting out the fire! Fire ant biology and management.

May 16
Patricia Scharko, Small Ruminants for the backyard.

June 6
LayLa Burgess and Adair Hoover Growing and using herbs.

Location: Hayden Conference Center
Time: noon - 1 p.m
Fee: $7 per session

Friday, January 19
Track Tricksters
Learn about the habits and adaptations that animals use to survive winter, and look for clues of animal activity in the Garden. Each participant will make their own animal track cast, and the session concludes with a game of winter wildlife bingo. Due to curing time, arrangements will be made for pick-up of casts. Register at least 3 days in advance.
Time: 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Fee: $7

Friday, February 9
Chocolate: Seed to Sweet
Where does chocolate come from? Take a trip around the world to explore the answers to that question and more! We’ll make delicious chocolate goodies and a craft to celebrate Valentine’s Day. Register at least 3 days in advance.
Time: 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Fee: $10

Friday, March 16
Eggs & Nests
Children will enjoy this unusual, nature-based art project. Use leaves, flowers and plant-derived egg dyes to decorate eggs. Learn how birds make nests for their young, look at real bird nests, and make your own ‘bird nests’ to take home. Register at least 5 days in advance.
Time: 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Fee: $12

Friday, May 11
Bathtub Botany
Children can create a special gift for Mom or enjoy this project together! We will learn about amazing ways people have used plants throughout history. Make your own soap, salve and more, using plant materials to add scent, color, and soothing properties. Register at least 3 days in advance.
Time: 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Fee: $10

Thursdays, April
Lunch and Learn with Amanda Dilday
Creating a Backyard Herbal Medicine Garden
Amanda Dilday is a wife, mother, herbalist, and writer. She offers herbal classes and consultations to her community. In this lunch and learn she’ll introduce medicinal plants you can grow in your own backyard. Preregister by March 30th.
Location: Hayden Conference Center
Time: noon - 1 p.m.
Fee: $40 for the series

Special Workshop
March 6, 13, 20
Mark Arena
The art and science of proper pruning. This three-part series will cover both the science and practical application of pruning. Participants will conduct hands-on pruning and need to bring their pruners in order to participate.
Time: 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Fee: $30 for the series
Use our ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM at www.clemson.edu/scbg to register. Please preregister for all programs - call to check for last minute availability.

Nature Center Open House
February 3 Celebrate the Groundhog!
Famous as a weather prognosticator, the groundhog has become a cultural icon. Lots of hands-on family activities bring the groundhog’s life into focus.

March 3 Decomposition and decay
Examine a rotting log, explore our compost pile and worm bin, and view the decomposers close-up. We are joined by Mike Ferro and Clemson’s entomology club for this rottign good adventure.

April 7 Spring Awakening!
Take a walk in the Garden with our spring-themed scavenger hunt, look for migrating birds, and discover South Carolina’s beautiful spring ephemerals. Enjoy some family-friendly spring-themed activities.

May 5 Insect Discovery
Discover more about the lifecycles and habits of bees, butterflies, beetles and more! Hands-on activities introduce young and old alike to the fabulous world of insects with the Clemson Entomology Club.
Time: 10 a.m. - noon
Fee: free, $5 suggested donation

Hunt Cabin Open House
February 3 Germans in the Upstate
In February, nineteenth century German settlers in the upstate may have celebrated Candlemas, an ancient European winter tradition. Enjoy some hot chocolate by the fire as we craft hand-dipped candles.

March 3 Waiting out winter
We look at some of the tasks that occupied Appalachian residents in the winter. Join chair caner, Dave Lindsay for a demonstration, and try your hand at chair caning. We’ll have a fire, enjoy a winter time treat.

April 7 Rites of spring!
Take a self-guided walk down our Natural Heritage Trail to learn about medicinal plants people used in everyday life. Enjoy some sassafras tea, and a spoonful of molasses with sulphur, if you dare!

May 5 Appalachian Games & Toys
Play with our gee-gaw whimmydiddle, limberjack and graces. Use your imagination to make your own toys and games with materials provided.
Time: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Fee: Free, $5 donation per family suggested

• Unless otherwise noted, all programs meet in the Hanson Nature Learning Center in the basement of the Hayden Conference Center.
• The code for the Friends program discount is now: FRIENDS2018.
• Friends and volunteers receive a 10% discount on all programs.

Clemson Experimental Forest Tours
Join us each month as we explore a different area of the 17,500-acre Clemson Experimental Forest (CEF). These fun and informal walks will expose you to a diversity of natural and cultural resources in the CEF. Meet educator James Wilkins (and special guests!) at a pre-determined location and carpool or follow us on the trail. The Forest never disappoints! Register online or by email at least 2 days in advance.

Saturday, January 13
Saturday, February 10
Saturday, March 10
Saturday, April 21
Location: TBD
Fee: $7
Time: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Full-Moon Hikes
Join naturalist James Wilkins and experience the sights, sounds and sensations of a full-moon night. Please wear shoes and clothing appropriate for walking in the woods. Flashlights are not needed. Register online or by email at least 1 day in advance.

Cold Moon - Wed., Jan. 31, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Windy Moon - Thurs., Mar. 1, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Flower Moon - Sun., Apr. 29, 7:45 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.
Planting Moon - Tues., May 29, 8:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Location: Discovery Center/Museum Parking Lot
Fee: $7 family (up to 5)
Garden Creativity Programs

Saturday, January 27
Crusty Bread, Flavored Butter
Join local home baker Neil Calkin to learn how to create perfect bread every time. While the dough rises, you’ll create flavorful butters! Register by Monday Jan. 22.
Time: 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Fee: $30

Wednesday, February 21
Paper Blooms
Bring spring into your home early! Learn how to sculpt paper into intricate, stunning flowers with educators Allison Jones and Kendra Vincent. Using various craft papers, participants will receive hands-on instruction for creating different paper flowers. Register at least 7 days in advance.
Time: 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Fee: $20

Friday, March 9
Botanical Eggs & Nests for the Home
A version of our popular egg dyeing program for adults! We’ll show you how to make plant-derived egg dyes and instruct you on the art of hand blowing and decorating eggs using leaves and flowers from the garden. We will also create beautiful bird nest centerpieces to house some of your egg art collection! Register at least 5 days in advance.
Time: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Fee: $15

Friday, May 18
Cyanotype Scarves
Harness the power of sunlight to create a beautiful, one-of-a-kind piece of wearable art with educators Allison Jones and Kendra Vincent! Each participant receives a silk scarf on which to create a unique pattern with interesting shapes from nature. Feel free to bring patterning objects from home as well. Register at least 7 days in advance.
Time: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Fee: $30

Children’s Programs

Wednesdays, March - May
Garden Sprouts
Preschool children (3-5) discover the wonders of the Botanical Garden alongside Garden naturalist and educator Sue Watts. In this nature-based program for preschoolers and their caregivers, a new seasonal theme is introduced each week with new discoveries, stories, arts and crafts, nature walks, and observation. Limit 12 participants. Preregister 2 days ahead.
Time: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Fee: $5 family/session (Siblings under 1 free).

Thursdays, Mar. 1, 15, 29, Apr. 12, 26, May 10, 24
Junior Naturalists
This year’s Junior Naturalist Club for elementary students (ages 6-12) explores the exciting habitats of South Carolina. From the mountains to the sea, participants will learn about the animals and plants who call this State home, and the landscapes that define South Carolina. Scholarships available – contact Sue Watts (watts9@clemson.edu)
Time: 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Fee: $90 series

Thursdays, Mar. 8, 22, Apr. 5, 19 May 3, 17
Junior Gardener: Garden to Table
In this after school garden club, kids learn the basics of gardening through fun and exciting hands-on activities with educator Sue Watts. Discover the secrets of soil and compost, and meet some wriggly worms. Plant veggie and flower seeds, tend seedlings and later transplant them into the Children’s Garden. Explore the Garden’s insects and birds and create wonderful habitats for them. In every class, we’ll sample fresh veggies and explore different ways to prepare and enjoy them. Take home seeds and seedlings to start a garden at home.
Time: 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Fee: $90 series

• Unless otherwise noted, all programs meet in the Hanson Nature Learning Center in the basement of the Hayden Conference Center.
Homeschool Days
Join us on the last Wednesday of each month, for an exciting, hands-on learning experience! Themes change each month, and activities are designed for children ages five and up. However, all ages are welcome to attend. Register at least 2 days in advance.

- January 31 – Animals in Winter
- February 28 – The Night Sky
- March 28 – Spring Around the World
- April 25 – Plant Parts/Photosynthesis
- May 20 – Plants and People

Time: 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Fee: $5

Fridays
Stroller Struts
We will begin with a story and then we'll set off on a Garden walk, exploring the day's theme. These free, monthly programs are ideal for preschoolers, but all ages are encouraged to join in the fun!

- March 30 – Wildflower Walk
- April 27 – Animal Babies
- May 25 – Bird is the Word

Location: Meet at the Garden Amphitheater
Time: 10 - 11 a.m.
Fee: Free

Make music AND dream! Multi-instrumentalist and songwriter, Rebecca Smith, inspires you and your seedling or sprout to sing and dance to nature-themed music. Imaginations soar as your child learns to sing in tune and move to rhythm. Classes are outside on pretty days! Each class ends with an instrument petting zoo!

Suggested Ages: Under 6 years. Register at least one week in advance. Limit 12 participants.
Location: Hayden Conference Center.

- Mondays, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- Tuesdays, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Winter: 8 weekly classes Jan 8-Mar 15: $64 per child (Under 1 yr are free with paid sibling).

Spring: 8 weekly classes Mar 19-May 24: $64 per child (Under 1 yr are free with paid sibling).

Both sessions: $120 for 1 child (Under 1 yr free with paid sibling).

Preschool Musical Hikes
Join Rebecca Smith for a magical musical nature hike around the Garden! Hike will include short woodland trails, so no strollers please. Stops will include the duck pond, children’s garden, Hunt cabin, and secret whimsical animal friends! Musical instruments provided for this fun-filled hike! Suggested ages: 3-6yrs Register 3 days in advance. Limit 12 participants.
Time: 11 a.m. - noon
Location: Meet at Nature Learning Center
Cost: $5/child

Saturday, May 12
Mother's Day Family Sing-a-long
Join Rebecca Smith for a morning singing and celebrating Mother's Day and Spring! Look forward to original and familiar songs about motherhood and springtime beauties like flowers and butterflies. Children will be able to dance with percussion instruments at the front of the stage, if they wish! Mrs. Rebecca will let the children strum her guitar, ukulele, or banjo at the end of the interactive performance. Bring a picnic blanket, snacks or lunch, and enjoy a beautiful morning in the Garden!
Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Location: Garden Amphitheater
Cost: $8/family

Summer Camps 2018
Unique adventures for ages 6 - 12 years old. Hands-on, fun and educational programs.
Meet the Garden’s Board Members

We wanted to introduce our eleven Garden Board Members to our Friends. In this issue, we introduce Dabney Peeples, Richard Porcher, Marcia Radakovich and Joe Turner. We asked each one their favorite part of the Garden, or favorite Garden experience.

**Dabney Peeples**
A landscape architect, regionally renowned for his ability to adapt historically accepted design principles to fit the contemporary lifestyles of his clients.

His favorite Garden experience:

“To listen to Patrick McMillan explain what the upper Piedmont looked like during Catesby’s travels in our area and why it looks the way it does now is practically life changing. That one walk and his explanation confirmed my commitment to the garden. And I’m equally excited about the Jurassic garden and it’s potential for understanding the look of that alluring era.”

**Richard Porcher**

Richard taught countless students and mentored many graduate students including our Director, Patrick McMillan, during his tenure as professor at The Citadel.

His favorite Garden place:

The Maritime Forest Exhibit of the Natural Heritage Trail.

**Marcia Radakovich**
Marcia retired nine years ago as a Director of Sales in the blood products industry. She became a Master Gardener and also went back to school for a Landscape Design Certificate.

Marcia and her husband, Dan, were married in 1986 and have two sons, Christian and Grant.

Her favorite Garden places:

The Hanover House, which is such a special historic property, and the Camellia Garden which is so beautiful.

**Joe Turner**
Joe Turner is the CEO of First Sun Management Corp. which owns and operates 46 Wendy’s restaurants in four Southeastern states. Joe graduated from Clemson in 1971 with a BS in Industrial Management and earned an MS in Management in 1977. He is also a member of the Will to Lead Capital Campaign Executive Committee.

His favorite Garden place:

The Children’s Garden.
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If you’re like me, then perhaps your heart goes aflutter upon seeing the goldenrods bloom in late summer-early autumn, especially when they are growing amongst varieties of lavender asters. Pictures simply can’t capture the stunning sight as we pass them along our roads. There are approximately 28 species of goldenrod (Solidago ssp.) in South Carolina, all of which produce masses of tiny golden flowers from August to November.

One goldenrod in particular truly struck my fancy this year: Wand goldenrod (Solidago stricta). This upright goldenrod has small, narrow leaves that press against the stem, giving this goldenrod its wand-like appearance. Narrow, plume-like clusters of yellow flowers bloom from August to November. The wand goldenrod grows alongside the boardwalk of our longleaf pine savanna on the Natural Heritage Garden Trail. As in nature, the wand goldenrod grows in medium to wet, well-drained soils in full sun. They attract numerous butterflies and bees as well. It is native to sandy pine barrens and wet coastal plain areas from New Jersey to Texas. If you missed them this year, be sure to catch these beautiful goldenrods next autumn. ~ Allison Kelly, Natural Heritage Trail Manager

While the Desert Garden doesn’t have much in the way of fall foliage, there was no shortage of fall color on some desert plants. One of the showiest this year was Tagetes lemmonii, or mountain marigold. This native of Arizona and Mexico is one of those plants that is so colorful it can be enjoyed from the window of a moving car. While it would be a medium size shrub in warmer climates, it behaves as an herbaceous perennial here with the habit of a shrubby groundcover. It happily grows in the heat of the summer, needing little if any supplemental water, even in dry weather. In the summer, it grows quickly and outcompetes most weeds. Its leaves are very fragrant, which is probably why it has very few pests. Starting in mid-October and continuing until frost or prolonged cold, the flowers open to almost completely cover the plant, transforming it from dark green to a bright gold. It is easily one of the most spectacular fall plants at the SCBG, and we are hoping to offer it at our spring plant sale. ~ Trenton Miller, Collections Manager