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A Newsletter for Friends of
Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden

Beyond Bulbs in Bloom

BY ADRIENNE ROETHLING, DIRECTOR



Every year, we get the same set of questions. When are the Tulips going to bloom? Are the Tulips blooming, yet? And my favorite, If I come there now, what will I see? All of those are very good questions, and sometimes we ask ourselves the same thing. A recent Google review read, “still waiting on blooms”. So are we, fellow garden enthusiast, so are we!

Mother Nature likes to toy with us. While frost and freezes do not pose a great threat to the tulips or daffodils, it does affect the timing. Some years, peak is mid-April, other years it may be early April. This year, we are looking at early – mid April for a 2-3 week peak period with plenty to see now and plenty more to see after. Early tulip flowers are just beginning to open, but at the same time, there are still the late season tulips that haven't begun to emerge out of the ground. Daffodils have exploded this last week along with Crocus, Ipheion (star flower), Dutch iris, fritillary, Muscari (grape hyacinths) and more.



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Beyond Bulbs in Bloom ... Cont'd

April 9 marks our 11th anniversary at the Garden and we have the day filled with activities, tours, plants for sale and more. While you are here, be sure to visit the 16,000 daffodils and tulips in the Pattern Garden where we will be handing out Brent and Becky's Bulb catalogs. While the Pattern Garden is in its full glory, you'll be able to jot down the ones that stand out to you the most. Be sure to visit Bloomin' Bucks with Brent and Becky's Bulbs, a progressive fundraising program designed to earn select Non-Profit organizations cash for every order received through the [Brent and Becky's Bulbs website!](#) Be sure to select, Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden as your favorite Non-Profit.

But wait, there's more. As soon as you pull into the parking lot and get out of your car, you will be greeted by a wide variety of plants emerging or coming into bloom. Redbuds, dogwoods and Loropetalum (fringe flower) brighten up the parking lot while several species of maples highlight the Welcome Center. Several vines also adorn the Welcome Center, especially on the Patio Terrace side, like the Carolina jessamine and chocolate vines. One of our favorites is the Chinese snowball viburnum with its chartreuse green buds slowly turning into white snowballs. It's also a photo favorite during prom season.



Mother Nature may not be done with the frost and freezing weather. Cold temperatures will pose a great threat for newly emerging plants such as hosta and Japanese maples. For those anxiously waiting to get out and enjoy the gardens, bear in mind that we are still weeks away from our average last frost date. Have those blankets ready and maybe wait on planting your summer annuals and vegetables.

Spectacular Tulip Bloom Celebration

Saturday, April 9, 10:00am - 4:00pm

Come celebrate the Spectacular Tulip Blooms!

See the tulips in the Pattern Garden, talk to docents, take a specialty tour of the Garden, sit in on a lecture, participate in family-friendly activities, visit the Garden Shop, shop the spring plant sale, and more!

Lectures, tours, and family-friendly activities are FREE.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see the full schedule of events.





2022 Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, April 9, 9:00am - 2:00pm

It's that time of year again. Shop the Spring Plant Sale in-person on Saturday, April 9 for your outdoor landscaping plant needs. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the list of available plants. PJCBG members receive a 10% discount on plant sale purchases.

Looking for something besides outdoor landscaping plants? KW Homestead will have a selection of fruit trees and plants for your kitchen garden, Peddling Plants will be selling houseplants, and The Rusted Bucket Project will be selling unique containers.

The virtual plant sale is HAPPENING NOW! A limited selection of outdoor landscaping plants is available for pre-order. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the list of available plants. To place an order, call 336-996-7888. All virtual plant sale orders due by Wednesday, April 6 at NOON.

News From the Wyatt & Dolores LeFever Garden Shop

Happy Spring! Buds and blooms are bringing new life into the Garden. The spring season is also bringing new merchandise into the Garden Shop.

We now carry a few unique containers and houseplants for your shopping pleasure, including Kokedama and succulent arrangements. Kokedama is the Japanese art of growing plants in a moss-covered ball of soil wrapped with string or mono-filament fishing line. They can be displayed on a decorative surface or hung by string in a window. Succulent arrangements make the perfect hostess gift, and we have options in hanging metal containers and teacups.

We have an exceptional selection of rain chains and wind chimes, beautiful solar and LED lanterns for the deck or patio, spring and Easter flags, and more! Adorable wind-up bunnies that hop are a must see and guaranteed to make you smile. Local honey, soaps, jewelry, notecards, and pottery are also available.

Garden Shop Hours

Tuesday - Friday, 10:00am - 4:00pm*

Saturday, April 9, 10:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday, May 7, 10:00am - 2:00pm

Saturday, June 11, 10:00am - 4:00pm

*Open Monday - Friday during the month of April



Please consider shopping for your Easter and Mother's Day gifts here at the Wyatt & Dolores LeFever Garden Shop. All proceeds benefit the garden. Members of the Garden receive a 10% discount and memberships are an excellent gift idea too.

Sweet Bouquets

FOR MOTHER'S DAY
Coming Soon!



Share the Spotlight: Asiatic Maples

BY JOSH WILLIAMS, GARDEN MANAGER



Acer palmatum -Japanese Maple is widely loved for its graceful structure, dainty foliage, striking seasonal color, and impressive range of variety. This species is usually the only subject of conversation when it comes to focal points or major elements in Asiatic/Japanese themed gardening. Currently, we have 55 varieties of *Acer palmatum* growing in the Japanese Garden Vignette and surrounding areas.

There are many other lesser-known Asiatic species. Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden currently displays 23 other species throughout the garden. Each specimen performs well for us and fits into Eastern inspired designs in both form and principle. Here are a few that you will see when visiting the Garden.

Acer fabri -Emerald jade maple

Acer fabri is a rare evergreen maple native to Vietnam and China. It can reach a height and width of 20-30' and has slender unlobed leaves that do not look like other maples. It may experience leaf drop in zone 7 but will hold up well in zone 8 and higher. *Acer fabri* has been growing on the Patio Terrace since 2011, where the stone and building can offer some winter protection and reflected heat. While it can handle some sun, it is a great tree for shaded areas. Its red-tipped stems and interesting bark add winter interest to the landscape.



Acer fabri



Acer pubinerve

Acer pubinerve / *wuyuanense* -Chocolate maple (species names are synonyms with each other)

Acer pubinerve is native to China. Commonly known as the Chocolate maple because of the color of the emerging leaves, they have densely pubescent winter buds. This is a rare Chinese maple with five lobed slightly shiny foliage and a weeping habit. Our display plant is being espaliered below the Garden Shop window, a training technique well suited to this maple.



Acer tegmentosum

Acer tegmentosum -Manchurian striped maple

Acer tegmentosum is native to far-east Russia, northeastern China, and Korea. Mature specimens are typically vase-shaped, reaching a mature height of 20-35'. Commonly known as snake-bark maple, its smooth, bright-green bark is lavishly adorned with blue green to white striations of varying widths forming a pattern reminiscent of a snake's skin. Handles low light well.



Acer griseum

Acer griseum -Paperbark maple

Acer griseum is native to the higher elevations of central China. Slow growing species that reaches 25' tall and 20' wide at maturity. The bark is smooth, shiny orange-red that peels in thin, papery layers. It may become fissured in old trees and has an exceptional burnt-orange color in the fall. Very light adaptable, but will thrive in shady parts of the landscape, especially in our summer heat.



Share the Spotlight: Asiatic Maples ... Cont'd

Acer shirasawanum -Fullmoon maple

Acer shirasawanum is native to Japan. It is a small, slow-growing, upright-rounded, deciduous tree that over time may rise to 16-20' tall. It also grows as a multi-stemmed shrub. Rounded leaves with 9-13 pointed lobes turn gold to orange to red in fall. Best foliage color occurs with part afternoon shade. Leaves may scorch in full sun.

Acer oblongum -Flying Moth Maple

Acer oblongum is native to central, eastern, and southeastern Asia. This medium-sized evergreen is semi-deciduous tree. Slow growing, it has reached 20'+ in 20 years for us in NC. It has long leathery leaves that make it stand out from a distance and boasts a dark red to maroon fall color.



Acer shirasawanum



Acer oblongum

April Plant of the Month

***Ajuga reptans* 'Catlin's Giant'** -large leaf carpet bugle



Ajuga reptans is a sprawling perennial herb native throughout Europe and is an important component of the Biodiversity Action Plan for threatened species due to habitat loss. Belonging to the mint family, carpet bugle has a history of treating some ailments such as heart conditions or skin abrasions. Though, carpet bugle gets a bad name due to its spreading nature, it is a great pollinator plant especially for bumblebees.

Ajuga reptans 'Catlin's Giant' has been a great groundcover, planted among the Island Beds of the Japanese Garden Vignette. If sighted correctly, proper mowing and edging will keep the plant contained to a small space. In spring, large purple leaves give rise to purple, blue flowers opened tubular flowers held on 8" spikes. The leaves are somewhat evergreen and keep their purple bronze color all year long. In severe winters, expect plants to go completely dormant. *Ajuga reptans* 'Catlin's Giant' will do equally well in containers. Plant in shade to part sun with good drainage.

Membership

Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden is located in the heart of the Kernersville historic downtown district. Memberships help the Garden provide valuable educational opportunities to people of all ages and help in the development of new garden spaces as we continue to grow. Individual/Family Memberships are \$50 annually. Member benefits include a 10% discount at the Garden's Plant Sales and the Garden Gift Shop, free admission to the Garden's "Lunch and Learn" and "Summer Evening" lectures, discounted rates for classes and workshops, preferred registration to outings for members, free subscription to Better Homes & Gardens or Martha Stewart Living compliments of American Public Gardens Association, discounts to over 300 gardens throughout North America and the Cayman Islands through the American Horticultural Society, and more! Join or renew your membership online and your name will be entered into a drawing for our Plant of the Month. Congratulations Carol Eickmeyer, our March winner. They will receive a complimentary division of *Gelsemium sempervirens* - Carolina jessamine.

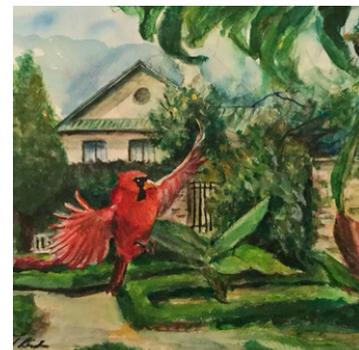


"Visitors From Heaven:" A One-Man Show by Raymond Reid

Sunday, April 24, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

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After multiple postponements, we are excited to finally host "Visitors from Heaven", a One-Man Show by Raymond Reid, national award winning artist, newspaper columnist and author. This is the first art show to be held at the Garden and will consist of 60 original paintings and drawings of Reid's inspirational and dramatic depictions of cardinals. Reid's original watercolor, "Come Fly With Me," featuring a cardinal in flight at the Garden, will be drawn for raffle by Bill Apple, Kernersville Mayor Pro Tem, at 5:00 pm the day of the show. We are offering a limited number of raffle tickets at \$15 each. They can be purchased online, in the Garden Shop or at the event. Winner does not need to be present to win. Reid donated the painting to the Garden as a fund-raiser, all proceeds from the raffle will go to the Garden.



Raymond Reid's cardinal paintings have spoken to the hearts of people all over the world. His legacy portraits of deceased loved ones, featuring cardinals, have been commissioned by families all over the U.S., as well as Canada. His prints and paintings are represented in corporate and private collections stateside, as well as in Australia, Russia, Canada and Great Britain. He is past president of the Wilkes Art Guild and the Associated Artists of Winston-Salem. The exhibition at Ciener Garden will be Reid's 19th one-man show. Reid, and his wife Teresa, live in Kernersville.



Spring Photography Classes

Elizabeth Larson will once again be teaching photography classes at Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden this spring.

Elizabeth is celebrating 32 years in business as a professional photographer this year. She specializes in wedding photography, lifestyles, natural portraiture, travel, garden, and editorial photography. Elizabeth has been teaching yearly photography workshops at the prestigious John C. Campbell Folk School since 2011 and has taught several local and out of state workshops as well. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, gardening, cooking, journaling, live music, kayaking, and the great outdoors. A member of Professional Photographers of North Carolina, American Society of Media Photographers, Wedding & Portrait Society, Guilford Horticulture Society and Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden.

Learning Your Smartphone Camera: Spectacular Tulip Blooms Edition

Tuesday, April 5, 5:30pm - 8:30pm

\$59 / \$49 PJCBG members, limited space remains

[Learn More](#)

Taking Better Photographs with your DSLR/Mirrorless Camera

Tuesdays, May 3, 10, & 17, 5:30pm - 8:30pm

\$179 / \$159 PJCBG members

[Learn More](#)



Wanderlust: Nature Travel Photography

Tuesdays, June 7, 14, & 21, 5:30pm - 8:30pm

\$189 / \$169 PJCBG members

[Learn More](#)

Learning Your Smartphone Camera

Thursday, June 23, 5:30pm - 8:30pm

\$59 / \$49 PJCBG members

[Learn More](#)



Upcoming Events

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Learning Your Smartphone Camera: Spectacular Tulip Bloom Edition

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Experience the Spectacular Tulip Blooms through the lens of your Smartphone Camera. You will learn skills to better understand proper lighting, composition, exposure and selecting go-to photo apps to enhance your photographs. Learn how to share on social media (i.e., Instagram) if desired and how to get a following of your photos on your page. This class benefits both the iPhone or Samsung Galaxy photographer. All levels welcome.

Taught by Elizabeth Larson Photography. To learn about Elizabeth and view her work, please visit her [WEBSITE](#) and [INSTAGRAM](#).

Roots of Our Nutrition

Thursday, April 7, 10:00pm - 11:30am

Tuesday, April 12, 6:00pm - 7:30pm

FREE

REGISTER HERE



Roots are essential to plants, and plants are essential to our nutrition. Learn about the functions of roots with Josh Williams, Garden Manager. He will also discuss the nutritional benefits of vegetables and herbs currently growing in the Kitchen and Herb Gardens. Following the formal program, attendees will be invited to visit the Kitchen and Herb Gardens. Attendees will also receive a packet of the 'Spice of the Month' and recipes featuring this spice and other vegetables and herbs growing at the Garden. This event is in partnership with the Kernersville Paddison Memorial Branch Library and the "Paddison Spice Club." An [NC Science Festival](#) Event.

This program will be held on

- Thursday, April 7 @ 10:00am, Paddison Memorial Branch Library, 248 Harmon Ln, Kernersville, NC 27284
- Tuesday, April 12 @ 6:00pm, Paul J Ciener Botanical Garden, 215 S Main St, Kernersville, NC 27284

Storytime in the Garden

Tuesday, April 12, 10:00am - 11:00am

Tuesday, May 10, 10:00am - 11:00am

Tuesday, June 14, 10:00am - 11:00am

RSVP HERE



We've partnered with the Kernersville Library to bring storytime to the Garden. Join us on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:00am for stories, songs, and activities. FREE, recommended for ages 6 and under.



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Kindermusik Playdate with Carol Penney

Monday, April 25, 10:30am - 11:30am

Monday, May 23, 10:30am - 11:30am

Monday, June 20, 10:30am - 11:30am

[RSVP HERE](#)



Join us at the Garden for a KINDERMUSIK PLAYDATE! Grown-ups and children from infants to 6-year-olds will have loads of fun together singing, dancing, playing instruments, and listening to a story. Taught by Master Kindermusik Educator, Carol Penney. FREE, recommended for ages 6 and under. Limited to 18 families, advance registration required.

Director's Tour: The Making of the Spectacular Tulip Blooms

Wednesday, April 27, 10:00am - 11:00am

\$10 / \$7 PJCBG members

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Explore Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden from the Director's point of view. Adrienne Roethling, Director, will select a new topic each month and take you on a unique tour of the Garden. This month is all about the Spectacular Tulip Blooms. A lot of work goes happens behind the scenes to bring you Spectacular Tulips Blooms each year. With the help of staff and volunteers, the Pattern Garden is transformed into a colorful display featuring thousands of bulbs. The person coordinating it all? Our Director, Adrienne Roethling. She will take you behind the scenes and share how she plans the Spectacular Tulips Blooms to bring color to the Garden throughout the spring.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, May 16, 11:00am - 3:30pm

Monday, June 27, 11:00am - 3:30pm

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Roll up your sleeves and help save lives! Each pint of blood we collect can help save up to three lives and will touch the lives of so many more. What a great way to pay it forward and make an impact on people in our community and across the country. Use [RapidPass](#) to complete your pre-reading and donation questions online, to reduce the time spent at the drive by 15 minutes. Also, blood donations will be tested for sickle cell trait from self-identified African American donors. To schedule an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org.



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Lunch & Learn Conversations: Forsyth Community Gardening Program

Wednesday, May 18, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

\$5 / Free to PJCBG members

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Community gardens come in all sizes and shapes, and are filled with a diversity of crops and gardeners alike. Community gardens play a valuable role in creating healthier communities by increasing community involvement and interaction between neighbors, providing fresh fruits and vegetables, and increasing opportunities for healthy outdoor physical activity. The Forsyth Community Gardening program supports residents in establishing and sustaining community gardens by developing local leaders' skills in community organizing and horticulture. This program will cover how community gardens and volunteers work to improve access to fresh produce and nutrition, enhance environmental quality, provide outdoor educational opportunities for all ages, and promote social well-being. Cameron Waters, Community Gardening Program Coordinator, will speak about the Forsyth County Extension and the community gardening program.

Director's Tour: After the Bulbs, Late-Spring Bloomers

Wednesday, May 25, 10:00am - 11:00am

\$10 / \$7 PJCBG members

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Wellness Benefits of Biophilic Design

Thursday, May 26, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

\$7 / \$5 PJCBG members

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Nature's design principles are all around us. The term Biophilia has become mainstream in the built environment of Design + Architecture. The term was made popular by psychologist and philosopher Erich Fromm, and later popularized by renowned biologist E.O. Wilson in his 1984 book, "Biophilia." It means "love of life," referring to humans' instinctive fondness for plants and animals. Mona King, Founder and Chief Creative Cultivator of Mona + Associates Design, LLC, will introduce the concept of Biophilia in the home and workplace. Learn some of the benefits to our mental, emotional, creative, and physical health that are achieved by intentionally adopting biophilic principles.



Upcoming Events ... Cont'd

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Director's Tour: A Pollinator Friendly Garden

Wednesday, June 29, 10:00am - 11:00am

\$10 / \$7 PJCBG members

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Explore Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden from the Director's point of view. Adrienne Roethling, Director, will select a new topic each month and take you on a unique tour of the Garden. June is Pollinator Month, so it's only fitting that we highlight pollinator-friendly plants. We LOVE pollinators, so much that we have created an essential pollinator area in the Garden. The Discovery Garden features many pollinator-friendly plants, especially native, non-invasive nectar and pollen producing plants. Learn what is growing in this space and what we are doing to support essential pollinators. You might even get a few ideas for your own garden!

Lunch & Learn Conversations: All About Bats

Tuesday, June 7, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

\$5 / Free to PJCBG members

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There are 17 species of bats found in North Carolina. While bats sometimes get a bad rap, they play an important role in our ecosystem. Some bat species are known to help control insect populations, some disperse seeds aiding in forest regrowth, and others are critical pollinators. Dr. Han Li, Visiting Assistant Professor at UNCG and NABat North Carolina Coordinator, will speak about bat populations around the world and share bat conservation efforts happening here in North Carolina.

Summer in the Gardens

Saturday, June 11, 10:00am - 4:00pm

LEARN MORE



The Gardens are in full bloom, and what a better way to enjoy it but with live music, food trucks, and shopping! Walk the grounds and shop with 40+ artisan, makers, and specialty vendors throughout the Garden. Hosted by Purple Wagon Events. For vendor information, email purplewagonevents@gmail.com.

Discovery Summer Camp Returns in 2022

July 18-22, 9:00am - 12:00pm

August 1-5, 9:00am - 12:00pm

"Discover" the Garden this summer! Rising 3rd-5th graders are invited to join us for a week-long summer camp. Cost to attend is FREE. Registration opening soon, limited to 10 campers each week.

Opportunities to Sponsor A Camper are still available. Email kristin@pjcbg.org for more information.



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