

# Plant Collections

"The Arboretum's plant collections are arranged primarily by their geographic origins. Future collections will highlight the floras in the five Mediterranean climate zones of the world. Last year, we added 532 new plant accessions to our computerized database."

Jim Bauml, Senior Biologist, Resident Ethnobotanist



The Arboretum's unique Japanese Iris Collection includes over 35 varieties of *Iris ensata*, the largest of all irises. The collection is celebrated with a Japanese Iris Festival in early summer to highlight its blooming period.



The Arboretum Orchid Collection, unique in its emphasis on natural species, is one of the largest in any botanical garden. It includes more than 10,000 plants and is housed in five greenhouses covering 6,000 square feet. The collection is currently being inventoried and relabeled; the database is being updated through various grants and sponsorships.

Among many unique specimens of plants that can be found at The Arboretum is an exceptional specimen of the Banyan Fig. This tree has columns of aerial roots that hang from the main branches and form new trunks.



Use of the website to disseminate plant information, as well as general Arboretum information, saw significant increases over the last year. The average weekly total of sessions on the website were 1962.



The Arboretum's first endowed garden, The Kallam Perennial Garden is designed to educate and inspire guests to find joy in creating their own personal garden. Within the garden you can find examples of rainbow, butterfly, sun & shade and rock garden designs.





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