

River Farm Bloom List

At River Farm, we take pride in our stunning landscapes and diverse plant life, ensuring year-round beauty for our guests. Below is our Bloom List, showcasing the seasonal highlights that contribute to the enchanting atmosphere of our venue.

Year-Round Interest

Experience breathtaking views of the Potomac River alongside our various gardens, including the Clara B. Plein Native Garden, the Children's Garden and the Garden Calm. Seasonal display gardens and containers provide an ever-changing backdrop. You'll also find our historic boxwoods and trees, such as Black Walnut, Kentucky Coffee, Osage Orange, and Burr Oak, inviting wildlife like bald eagles, wild turkeys, foxes, deer, and rabbits to call this place home.

Late January

In late January, you can expect to see Snowdrops, Crocus, Hellebore, Edgeworthia (Paper Bush), Salix (Pussy Willow), and Hamamelis (Witch Hazel).

February

February brings a delightful display of Snowdrops, Crocus, Daffodils, assorted minor bulbs, Salix (Pussy Willow), Hellebores, Pansies, Edgeworthia (Paper Bush), Parrotia persica (Persian Ironwood), Mahonia (Oregon Grape), and Acer (Maples).

March

As spring approaches in March, our gardens bloom with Pansies, spring seasonal display gardens, Daffodils, Tulips, Hyacinths, small minor bulbs, Leucojum, Fritillaria persica, Virginia Bluebells, Epimedium, Ferns, Brunnera macrophylla, Creeping Phlox, Wild Blue Phlox, Solomon's Seal, Iris, Kerria japonica, Viburnum carlesii, Magnolias, Camellias (Japanese Camellia), and Spice Bush.

April

April brings vibrant colors with Spring Display Containers and Spring Garden Displays, featuring Pansies, Tulips, assorted minor bulbs, Daffodils, Muscari (Grape Hyacinth), Brunnera macrophylla (Siberian Bugloss), Spanish Bluebells, Virginia Bluebells, Fritillaria persica, Phlox, Iris, Camassia, Peonies, Climbing Roses, Shrub Roses, Amsonia, Tradescantia, Dianthus, Ferns, Hostas, Epimediums, Wild Strawberry, Penstemon, Columbine, Azaleas, Cercis (Redbuds), Crab Apples, Viburnums, Kerria japonica, Fothergilla, Indian Hawthorn, Fringe Trees, Rhododendron, Deutzia, Korean Abelia, Apple Serviceberry, and Common Paw Paw.

We hope you enjoy exploring our gardens and the beautiful blooms throughout the seasons at River Farm. If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to reach out! 703.768.5700.



May

In May, you can enjoy the beauty of Pansies, Climbing Roses, Peonies, Iris, Monarda, Amsonia, Nepeta, Alliums, Tradescantia, Geum, Hostas, Bletilla striata, Salvias, Phlox, Silene, Lilies, Scabiosa, Baptisia, Wild Strawberry, Penstemon, Ferns, Tiarella (Foam Flower), Columbine, Astilbe, Physocarpus (Nine Bark), Cornus kousa (Pagoda Dogwood), Magnolias, Virginia Sweetspire, Spirea, Smoke Bush, American Holly, Black Dwarf Chokeberry, and Common Paw Paw.

June

Our seasonal display gardens, containers and baskets are brilliant at the beginning of summer. Look for Lilies, Scabiosa, Baptisia, St. John's Wort, Catmint, Hostas, ferns, Leycesteria, Digitalis, Bananas, ornamental grasses, Penstemon, Astilbe, Chaste Tree, Smoke Bush, Magnolia, Pagoda Dogwood, Bottlebrush Buckeye, Black Chokeberry, Buttonbush, Sweet Pepperbush, and Hydrangea.

July, August, September

Our gardens continue to flourish throughout July, August, and September with seasonal blooms and a variety of containers and baskets. Expect to see Ageratums, Asters, Coneflower, Asclepias species, Liatris, Boltonia, Veronica, Salvias, grasses, Canna Lily, Chelone (Turtlehead), Coreopsis, Hostas, Kerria japonica, Leycesteria formosa, Lobelias, Lycoris, Mirabilis (Four O'clock), ornamental grasses, Catmint, Phlox (Garden Phlox), Mountain Mint, Rudbeckia (Black-eyed Susan), Tradescantia (Spiderwort), Vernonia (Ironweed), Joe Pye Weed, Narrow-Leaved Sunflower, Heuchera, Goldenrod, Bananas, Toad Lilies, Sedums, Japanese Anemones, Fall-Blooming Iris, and Fall-Blooming Crocus. You will also find Magnolias, Hydrangeas, Crape Myrtle, Buddleia (Butterfly Bush), Spirea (Meadowsweets), Chaste Tree, Persimmon (fruit), Viburnum (fruit), and Dogwood (fruit).

October

As autumn arrives in October, enjoy the warm hues of fall with Goldenrod, Narrow-Leaved Sunflower, Chelone (Turtleheads), Asters, Sedums, Fall Crocus, Pansies, Ornamental Kale, Seasonal display gardens, Seasonal display containers and baskets, Fall-Blooming Iris, Persimmon (fruit), Viburnum (fruit), Dogwood (fruit), Holly (fruit), and vibrant fall foliage.

November, December, January

During the winter months, find beauty in the serene landscape with Pansies, Holly (fruit), conifers (foliage and cones), ornamental grasses (dried), and the bare branches of trees.