# Exhibits

The U.S. Botanic Garden is committed to creating and offering extraordinary exhibits that delight, educate and inspire the public to become more active stewards of the plants that support life on earth.

**Seasonal Exhibits**

***Amber Waves of Grain***

Conservatory West Gallery
*Through October 13, 2014*

An exhibit on wheat, the work of Dr. Norman Borlaug and the ongoing research into curing wheat disease.

Conservatory Terrace
*Opening May 24, 2014*

*Amber Waves of Grain* is expanded to the outside terrace with planted beds and interpretive panels focusing on wheat. Fields of golden wheat have captured the imagination of many artists and our palates, serving as the main ingredient in much of our food- like bread, pasta, pizza, tortillas and cake. The domestication of wheat laid the foundation for Western civilization and is now grown on every continent except Antarctica. Experience the beauty and diversity of this important plant, that has permeated our art, culture and cuisine. Additional exhibits feature the work of Dr. Norman Borlaug, "the man who saved a billion people," and the importance of today's urban agriculture.

***This Land is Your Land***

Conservatory East Gallery
*July 1 Through October 13, 2014*

*This Land is Your Land* will showcase the beauty and diversity of plants in the United States as seen through the lens of a camera. From the mountain and prairies to the farmlands and arid lands, this display will feature images by female photographers from the Garden Club of America.

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**Plant Collections**

- Conservatory: The permanent exhibits in our Conservatory will take you around the world all year long. It houses collections of plants from subtropical, tropical and arid regions and showcases orchids, medicinal, economic, endangered and Jurassic plants. From late May to mid-October, the Conservatory Terrace features thematic exhibitions.
- National Garden: Our newest outdoor garden, the National Garden features the Regional Garden of Mid-Atlantic native plants, the Rose Garden - all grown organically - devoted to the U.S. national flower, the Butterfly Garden and the First Ladies Water Garden."
- Bartholdi Park: Bartholdi Park, a favorite "secret" garden of Washingtonians, is across Independence Avenue from the Conservatory. Here visitors will find a tapestry of theme gardens surrounding the historic Bartholdi Fountain. The gardens suggest interesting plants and innovative designs at a scale suitable for the home landscape.

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- Titan Arum: *Amorphophallus titanum* is known as the titan arum, or corpse flower, because at full bloom, the inflorescence is said to smell like a large rotting corpse. In addition to the July 2013 blooming titan arum, the U.S. Botanic Garden has displayed these amazing blooming plants in 2003, 2005 and 2007.
- *Savage Gardens* provided a special look into the captivating, and bizarre, world of carnivorous plants and their astounding adaptations to inhospitable habitats. Hungry for more? Don't miss the time lapse video of a sundew trapping a fruit fly.
- Slow Life is a window into the world of plants. It accelerates the time-scale of plants into our own frame of reference, speeding up their everyday lives to a pace that resonates with our own. This online guide to the lives of plants is based on the traveling exhibit developed by the U.S. Botanic Garden, Chicago Botanic Garden and Indiana University.
- The advent of book publishing ushered in an exuberant age of plant exploration and discovery. *Plants in Print: The Age of Botanical Discovery*, a collaboration between the U.S. Botanic Garden and the Chicago Botanic Garden, shares the rich history of botany and plant exploration with a nationwide audience.

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