



## News Media Information

### Media Resources

Education is core to the mission of the U.S. Botanic Garden and we welcome media inquiries that help demonstrate the aesthetic, cultural, economic, and scientific importance of plants.

For questions, to schedule an interview with staff, or arrange a filming at the U.S. Botanic Garden, please contact:

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## Recent Press Releases

- Updated Children's Garden opens at U.S. Botanic Garden
- *You Can Grow It!* at U.S. Botanic Garden answers visitors' top plant care questions
- *Season's Greenings: National Parks and Historic Sites* to open Thanksgiving Day at U.S. Botanic Garden
- Corpse flower to bloom at U.S. Botanic Garden

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### USBG in the News

## Quick Facts

In 1820, the U.S. Congress granted land for a national botanic garden. The U.S. Botanic Garden was formally founded in 1850. It is part of the Legislative Branch and administered through the Architect of the Capitol.

The U.S. Botanic Garden is a living plant museum and accredited by the American Association of Museums. There are three public components of the U.S. Botanic Garden:

- The Conservatory houses the following displays and exhibits: Garden Court, The Tropics, Plant Adaptations, Garden Primeval, Hawaii, World Orchids, Mediterranean, Rare and Endangered Species, Southern Exposure (seasonally), Children's Garden (seasonally), and temporary exhibits Galleries.
- The National Garden features a Regional Garden of Mid-Atlantic native plants, a Rose Garden devoted to the national flower, a Butterfly Garden, and an Amphitheater.
- Bartholdi Park houses historic Bartholdi Fountain with gardens continuously updated to reflect modern trends in American horticulture and new plant introductions.

The U.S. Botanic Garden maintains more than 12,000 accessions, comprising about 65,000 plants for exhibition, study, conservation and exchange with other institutions. Noteworthy collections include economic plants, medicinal plants, orchids, carnivorous plants, cacti and succulents, Mid-Atlantic native plants and ferns. The U.S. Exploring Expedition (1838-1842).

The U.S. Botanic Garden also serves as a rescue center for plants confiscated at U.S. borders in cooperation with CITES, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.