Botanical Coloring Book
Inspired by the plant collections and gardens of the United States Botanic Garden
It would be hard to live without the plants in this room. Plants give us food, shelter, clothing, spices, cosmetics, fuel, and even the oxygen we breathe.
These plants thrive in the five regions of the world with Mediterranean climates where summers are hot and dry, and winters are cool and wet.
Orchid flowers come in every color of the rainbow, but they all have a similar make up: three outer sepals, three inner petals, and a central column with male and female parts.
Traditional healers have used plants to treat illness and injury for thousands of years. About half of prescription drugs originally came from plants or fungi.
Many desert plants have thick stems or fleshy leaves that store water. Some also grow long, sharp spines to keep thirsty animals away.
HAWAII

A unique collection of native plants has evolved on the remote Hawaiian Islands. Many have been endangered or lost to development, invasive species, and roaming livestock.
Jurassic dinosaurs roamed among ferns, horsetails, cycads, and conifers millions of years ago. Living descendants of many of those ancient plants survive today and are featured in this room.
Many of these plants have amazing adaptations to the places where they live and evolved. Some prey on insects. Others grow without roots in the ground. Several have beneficial relationships with ants.
Tropical rainforests have more plant species than any other habitat on earth. Their tall trees form a canopy above the forest that can reach as tall as a 10-story building.
In this outdoor garden, you will see plants native to our local Mid-Atlantic region including redbud, serviceberry, sweetgum, holly, and switchgrass.
This garden is planted with roses that resist diseases and flourish in Washington’s hot, humid summers. It also features plants that attract beneficial insects to help protect the roses.
BARTHOLDI PARK

This showcase for sustainable gardening practices includes a kitchen garden, a carnivorous plant bog, shrubs and trees with edible fruits, and many different native trees, grasses, and ferns.
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