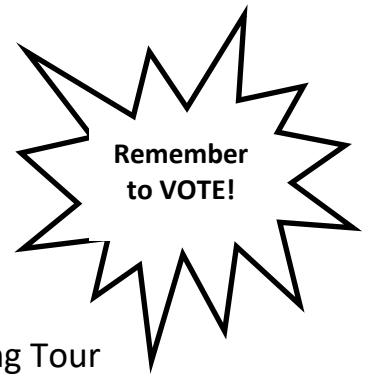


WALKING TOURS

Hammond Research Station
September 19, 2019 Self-Guided Trial Gardens Walking Tour
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Allen D. Owings Sun Garden Walking Tour

Apply your sunscreen and grab a wide-brimmed hat as you embark on your walking tour of the best-known trial garden at the Hammond Research Station! This area was designed to capture the perfect sauna-like conditions of Louisiana's long growing season – high humidity, heavy rainfall, extreme sun exposure, and high daytime (and even nighttime) temperatures. Annual and perennial bedding plants occupy most of the bed space here as you start on the east end, with the west end housing some woody ornamental shrubs and root-hardy tropical plants. Some selections sent by our trialing partners are intended to be short-lived shoulder crops or color designed to be planted more than once during the growing season (like zinnias). Other selections are expected to get better as the summer gets hotter (like ornamental peppers) or beautifully endure the entirety of the growing season (like pentas). In contrast, some of our perennial bedding plants tend to wait until their second year of growth to really pop in the landscape. Trial plants are evaluated in a typical raised landscape bed setting and are irrigated regularly during establishment. After that, supplemental irrigation is given during dry periods; however, all the rain in 2019 eliminated the need for that until recently! However, by September, most warm season annuals are on their way out, as you'll see in the Sun Garden.

Shade House Bed 1 (north of east end of Sun Garden) – Camellia *Camellia sasanqua* 'Leslie Ann'

Bed 3 - Heat it Up™ Gaillardia

Bed 4 - Celosia *Celosia argentea* 'China Town'

- Dragon's Breath® Celosia (nice vegetative growth right now)

Bed 5 - Sunstar™ Pentas

- Diamond Snow™ Euphorbia

- Euphorbia *Euphorbia graminea* 'Glamour Improved'

Bed 6 - FlameThrower™ Coleus collection

- Superbena Sparkling® Amethyst Verbena

Bed 6.1- Lemon Coral® Sedum

- Drift® Rose series

- PowWow® Wild Berry Echinacea

- Serena® Mix Angelonia

- Intenz™ Classic Celosia

- Fountain Grass *Pennisetum setaceum* 'Fireworks'

Bed 7 - Suncredible™ Sunflower

- Bed 8 - Lucky Star® Pentas
- Bed 9 - Switchgrass *Panicum virgatum* nativars/selections
- Bed 11 - Switchgrass *Panicum virgatum* nativars/selections
- Bed 13 - Profusion *Zinnia hybrida* Zinnia series
- Bed 14 - Dwarf Tibouchina *Tibouchina urvilleana* 'Athens Blue'
- Bed 15 - A nice assortment of Gomphrena cultivars
 - Zesty™ Zinnia series
- Bed 16 - Lime Sizzler™ Firebush
 - Jazz Hands® Variegated Loropetalum
- Bed 17 - Diamond Frost® Euphorbia
 - Mojave® Portulaca Red
 - A fine assortment of ornamental peppers
- Bed 18 - Profusion *Zinnia hybrida* Zinnia series
 - Zahara™ Zinnia series
- Bed 19 - Canna collection
 - Bolo Bolo *Clappertonia ficifolia*
 - Caladium collection
- Bed 20 - Coleus collection
 - A handful of ornamental peppers
- Bed 23 - Basils and other herbs
 - Basil *Ocimum basilicum* Everleaf Emerald Towers
 - Dwarf Mexican Mint Marigold *Tagetes lucida*
 - Fire Away™ Hot and Heavy Hot Pepper
- Bed 24 - FlameThrower™ Chili Pepper Coleus
 - FlameThrower™ Serrano Coleus
 - Coleus Heartbreaker
 - ColorBlaze® Wicked Hot™ Coleus
 - ColorBlaze® Wicked Witch™ Coleus
 - Hibiscus 'Mocha Moon'
 - Head Over Heels® Hibiscus Blush
- Bed 25 - *Gardenia jasminoides* 'Frostproof'
- Bed 26 - Sneezeweed *Helenium autumnale* 'Salud™ Yellow'
 - Sneezeweed *Helenium autumnale* 'Salud™ Embers'
- Bed 27 - Beneficial Blooms plant collection
 - Dahlia *Dahlia pinnata* Venti™ Passion Fruit
 - Variegated Tropical Milkweed *Asclepias curassavica* 'Monarch Promise'
 - Porterweed species
- Bed 28 - *Eupatorium purpureum* Euphorbia™ 'Ruby'
 - Bluebeard *Caryopteris x clandonensis* 'Gold Crest'
- Bed 29 - Rockin'® Blue Suede Shoes™ Salvia
 - Salvia Purple & Bloom

- Bed 30 - Verbena *Verbena bonariensis* Purple Haze
- Orange-scented Lemon Balm *Melissa officinalis* 'Mandarina'
- Bed 31 - Fire Chief™ Thuja
- Delta Jazz® Crapemyrtle
- Bed 33 - Check out the salvias
- Forever Goldy® Arborvitae
- Bed 34 - Fantastic buddleia collection – many still in full bloom
- Bed 35 - Dwarf buddleia evaluation
- Bed 36 - A few more buddleias
- Elaeagnus 'Olive Martini'
- Golden Oakland™ Holly
- Bed 37 - Pink Pinnacle™ Vitex
- Bed 39 - Flip Side® Vitex
- Strongbox® Inkberry Holly
- Gem Box® Inkberry Holly
- Bambina™ Pineapple Guava
- Bed 40 - Summer Spice™ Hardy Hibiscus series
- Bed 42 - Sweet Almond Verbena *Aloysia virgata*
- Bed 45 - *Salvia farinacea* 'Henry Duelberg'
- *Salvia farinacea* 'Augusta Duelberg'
- Bed 48 - *Salvia guaranitica* 'Blue Ensign'
- Delta Jazz® Crape Myrtle
- Bed 49 - Coppertone™ Distylium
- Delta Blues™ Vitex
- Emerald Snow® Semi-Dwarf Loropetalum
- Bed 50 - Azalea *Rhododendron* 'Conversation Piece'
- Bed 52 – Heavenly Bamboo *Nandina domestica* 'Lemon-Lime'
- Purple Pixie® Dwarf Weeping Loropetalum
- ScentAmazing™ Gardenia
- Barberry *Berberis thunbergii* 'Orange Rocket'
- 'Poquito' Banana (*Musa*)
- Bed 50 - Cinnamon Girl® Distylium
- Opening Day™ Doublefile Viburnum (spring bloom)
- Bed 53 - Camellia *Camellia hiemalis* 'ShiShi Gashira'
- Louisiana Super Plant demonstration garden! All plants in this bed (except the small Magnolia and Cherry trees) are Louisiana Super Plants

Margie Y. Jenkins Azalea Garden Walking Tour

After you've melted in the heat of the Allen Owings Sun Garden, come enjoy the dappled shade and gazebo in the Margie Y. Jenkins Azalea Garden! Established in 2006, this collection was established to honor the enormous horticultural contributions of "Ms. Margie" – owner of Jenkins Farm and Nursery in Amite, LA. Ms. Margie blazed trails by introducing unusual azalea varieties to the south central and Gulf Coast markets, as well as propagating and promoting the use of native plants in the landscape. Many of those plants form the foundation of this garden, along with favorite companion plants, many different series of re-blooming azaleas, hydrangeas, different camellia species and beautyberries. Some of the summer/fall blooming azaleas have great color now, so make sure to take note of those!

- Bed 1 - ReBLOOM™ Azalea Series 'Blush Elegance'
- Bed 2 - Encore® Azaleas
 - Royal Star™ Silver Dollar *Hydrangea paniculata*
- Bed 5 - (Gazebo Bed) Azalea *Rhododendron* 'Freddy'
- Bed 6 - Encore® Azaleas
- Bed 7 - Chinese Buttonbush *Adina rubella*
 - Blue Butterfly Bush *Rotheca myricoides*
- Bed 9 - (and Bed 11) Fried Egg Plant *Frankliniana axillaris*
- Bed 12 - American Beautyberry *Callicarpa Americana* (Pink Fruit Selection)
 - Japanese Beautyberry *Callicarpa japonica*
 - Beautyberry *Callicarpa dichotoma* f. *albifructa* 'Duet'
- Bed 17 - *Calycanthus floridus* var *purpureus* 'Burgundy Spice'
- Bed 18 - American Beautyberry *Callicarpa Americana* 'Bonner Creek'
 - Beautyberry *Callicarpa dichotoma* f. *albifructa*

Piney Woods Walking Tour

Welcome to the Piney Woods Garden of the Hammond Research Station! Most of the plants in this garden enjoy some shade at certain times in the day, but there are some beds that get full sun. This collection mainly houses long-term displays of superior woody ornamental plant material for the Gulf South, both native and exotic. Some new plant trials are also conducted here, where the shrubs or ornamental trees are evaluated for at least three years. Most of the plants you see today are survivors of the two 2016 historic floods. Some former iris display beds on the south end of the garden are up for complete renovation this fall.

Bed 2 - Paw Paw *Asimina triloba*

Bed 4 - Squirt™ *Leucothoe*

Bed 9 - A good sampling of unusual Japanese Maple (*Acer palmatum*) cultivars

- Dwarf Bald Cypress *Taxodium distichum* 'Jim's Little Guy'

Bed 9.1- Dwarf Joe Pye Weed *Eupatorium dubium* 'Baby Joe'

Bed 10 - Romeo™ and Juliet™ *Cleyera*

- Azalea *Rhododendron* Koromo Shikibu

Bed 11 - Anise *Illicium parviflorum* 'Florida Sunshine'

Bed 13 - A nice assortment of *Abelia* cultivars (mostly *Abelia x grandiflora*)

- Crape Myrtle *Lagerstroemia* 'Tennessee Red'

Bed 15 - Variegated Beautyberry *Callicarpa dichotoma* f. *albafructa* 'Duet'

- Liriope *Liriope muscari* 'Lynn Lowrey'

Bed 16.1 - Gold Doubloon™ *Gardenia*

- Strongbox® *Inkberry Holly*

- Spring Frost™ *Distylium*

- Emerald Heights® *Distylium*

- Lindsey's Skyward™ Bald Cypress (single tree outside Bed 16.1)

Bed 17 - Variegated *Gardenia jasminoides* 'Variegata'

- Variegated Azalea *Rhododendron* 'Red Luster'

- Southgate® *Rhododendron* Series

Bed 18 - Japanese Yew *Podocarpus* cultivars

- Dwarf Florida Anise *Illicium floridanum* cultivars

Bed 24 - *Vitex* (or Chaste Tree) species and cultivars (*Vitex* spp.)

- Roman Candle™ *Podocarpus*/Japanese Yew (nearby outside bed)

Bed 25 - *Vitex* (or Chaste Tree) cultivars (*Vitex agnus-castus*)

- Yellow Flowering Magnolia hybrids (spring bloom, but note nice summer foliage)

- Cinnamon Girl® *Distylium*

- Swing Low® *Distylium*

Bed 26 - 'Sunshine' *Ligustrum*

- Pam Puryear's Pink Turk's Cap *Malvaviscus*

Bed 27 - Weeping Bald Cypress *Taxodium distichum* 'Falling Waters'

Bed 33 - Parsley Hawthorn *Crataegus marshallii*

Bed 34 - Weeping False Buddleia *Rostrinucula dependens*

- Yaupon *Ilex vomitoria* 'Lowery Road'

- Dwarf Japanese Yew *Podocarpus macrophyllus* 'Pringles Dwarf'

- Beautyberry *Callicarpa acuminata* 'Woodlander's Burgundy' or Black Beautyberry

Bed 36 - Hydrangea *Hydrangea paniculata* 'Limelight'

- Little Lime® Hydrangea

- Crimson Fire™ Loropetalum

- Quick Fire® Hydrangea

- Pinky Winky® Hydrangea

- Little Quick Fire® Hydrangea

- Black Gum *Nyssa sylvatica*

- Mexican Sycamore *Platanus mexicana*

Bed 37 - Dwarf Southern Magnolia *Magnolia grandiflora* 'Seagrove'