

## Welcome

Do you have a passion for plants? Well, so do we!

The JC Raulston Arboretum (JCRA) at NC State

University is famous for the diversity of its woody

ornamental plants and its many unique plant collections.

Discover over 5,000 different kinds of plants collected

from around the world on display in just over ten acres

of beautiful garden settings. The Arboretum is a teaching

and research facility for students, the green industry,

and the public. It is named in honor of its late director

and founder, Dr. J. C. Raulston, renowned plantsman

and professor of horticultural science at NC State.

Take time to visit and return as often as

you like. You'll find something different and excit-

ing each time.



## Our Mission

The JC Raulston Arboretum at NC State University promotes responsible, inspirational design and management of cultivated landscapes through plant development and evaluation, as well as academic and public education.

## Strategic Goals

- Provide creative research and educational programs for students, the green industry, and the public in an effort to improve the American landscape.
- Function as a living laboratory which resides in and complements the curricula of NC State University.
- Develop improved ornamental plants through controlled breeding, evaluation, and selection.
- Collect and evaluate plants for their potential ornamental value and landscape use.
- Provide visitors with an inspirational and educational experience, and an opportunity to connect to the natural world.

## Guidelines for Your Visit

- Please respect the gardens. Do not pick or remove anything from the Arboretum and please stay on the paths.
- Pets are not allowed, except service dogs.
- Please supervise your children for their safety and the welfare of our plants.
  - Please use the trash receptacles and recycling bins.
  - Bicycling, skating, skateboarding, and roller-blading are not allowed.
  - Photographers are welcome but please do not move the benches or labels, stage children in the plantings or trees, or block pathways with equipment.
  - Certified nursery and landscape professionals are allowed to procure propagules from the Arboretum. Please call Arboretum staff first to obtain permission.

## Join Today

Did you know that the Arboretum depends on memberships and gifts for most of its operating support? Join the Friends of the Arboretum today and start enjoying the many benefits of membership.

Simply complete a copy of the membership application inside the membership brochure or call the JCRA membership coordinator at (919) 513-3826.



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**Admission:** Free. Public is welcome to visit.

**Hours:** Open seven days a week, including holidays. The Arboretum is closed for certain special events.

**Grounds:**

April-October: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm  
November-March: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Ruby C. McSwain Education Center:**  
Monday-Friday: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Closed weekends and holidays.

**Arboretum Visitor Center:**  
Hours of operation are posted on the door.

**Accessibility:** Wheelchairs can readily access the Ruby C. McSwain Education Center, Bobby G. Wilder Visitor Center, A. E. Finley Rooftop Terrace, and The Necessary. The paths throughout much of the JCRA are not paved but are partially accessible, ground conditions permitting.

**Tours:** Join one of the free guided tours each Sunday at 2:00 pm from March through October. Guided tours are available year-round when arranged one month in advance. Self-guided tours are always available from our brochure stands. Call for more information.

**Volunteering:** Many different volunteering opportunities are available. Contact our volunteer coordinator at (919) 513-7004.

**Facilities Rental:** The JCRA offers a variety of options for hosting group events, meetings, conferences, and special parties. Contact our facilities coordinator at (919) 513-7457.

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# Collections, Gardens, and Featured Areas of the



## JCRaulstonArboretum

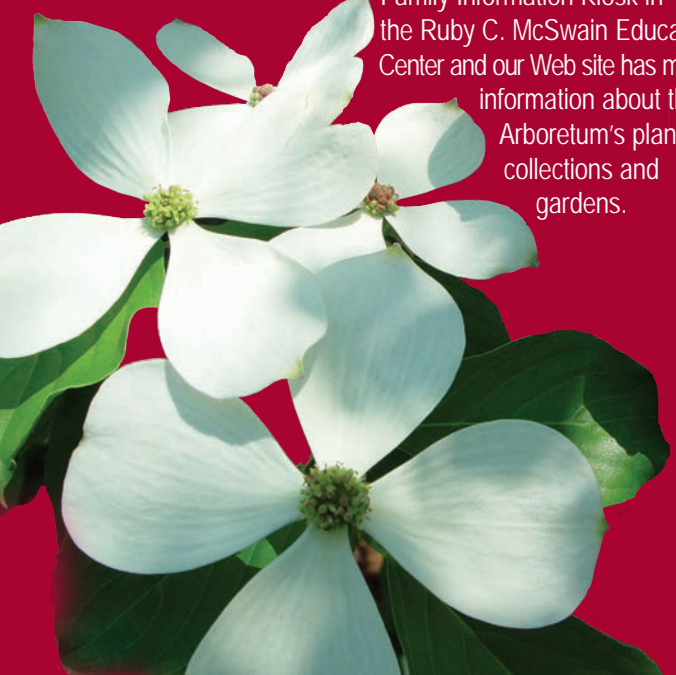
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Plant collections are the foundation of the JC Raulston Arboretum. Many rare plants prosper and some collections are considered among the most comprehensive in the world and include the national redbud collection. Currently, there are over 5,000 different kinds of plants (taxa) at the Arboretum. Plants are evaluated for their landscape potential, and superior plants are identified and promoted in cooperation with the nursery industry.

Important woody plant collections include: redbuds, nandinas, Japanese maples, boxwoods, magnolias, hollies, Mexican oaks, viburnums, hydrangeas, mahonias, conifers, buckeyes, and members of the Styracaceae. Some collections are grouped together, while others are scattered throughout the Arboretum. Herbaceous perennials are outstanding and located primarily in the Perennial Border, Lath House, and Winter Garden. Each year, the Annual Color Trials showcase and evaluate hundreds of different kinds of annual plants.

Visit the Plant Finder kiosk in the Visitor Center to find the location of a plant at the JCRA. The Ron E. Doggett Family Information Kiosk in the Ruby C. McSwain Education Center and our Web site has more information about the Arboretum's plant collections and gardens.

DISCOVER



RESTROOMS	HARD SURFACE PATH
PARKING	UNPAVED
DRINKING FOUNTAIN	Emergency button located on pole between Education Center and Visitor Center
INFORMATION	USDA Plant Hardiness Zone: 7b (5°F to 10°F)
HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE	



- 1 Ruby C. McSwain Education Center** houses a visitor desk, the York Auditorium, classrooms, the volunteer office, staff offices, and the state headquarters of the Garden Club of North Carolina.
- 2 Bobby G. Wilder Visitor Center** is the place to start your visit. Pick up a map, brochures, or a self-guided tour. Restrooms are available.
- 3 A. E. Finley Rooftop Terrace** is a place to enjoy the gardens and the view from atop the Ruby C. McSwain Education Center.
- 4 Geophyte Border** contains plants with underground storage organs, such as bulbs, corms, tubers, and rhizomes.
- 5 Southall Garden** is dedicated to the memory of NC State horticulture professor Dr. Russell Southall, who taught plant materials from 1966 to 1978.
- 6 Klein-Pringle White Garden** is an elegant, formal garden inspired by the White Garden at Sissinghurst in Kent, England.
- 7 Winter Garden** is superb anytime of the year. This area showcases plants that are dazzling on winter days.
- 8 Conifer Collection** showcases the tremendous diversity of conifers adaptable to the Southeast.
- 9 Perennial Border** is a mosaic of herbaceous perennials, shrubs, grasses, and bulbs. This spectacular, 300' long marvel of color and texture is fabulous year-round.
- 10 Model Gardens**, designed and built by students in the 1980s, are planned for renovation and showcase a Water Garden, Reading Garden, Townhouse Garden, Butterfly Garden, and Paradise Garden.
- 11 Finley-Nottingham Rose Garden** presents a spectacular display of roses, both old and new, including hybrid teas, climbing, shrub, and floribunda roses.
- 12 Mixed Border** is composed of trees, shrubs, ground covers, perennials, and bulbs. Follow a winding path through a series of charming vignettes.
- 13 Annual Color Trials** are an official All-America Selections Trial Grounds, displaying new cultivars of bedding plants during the summer and winter months.
- 14 Plantsmen's Woods** is a mix of shade trees and understory plants from around the world that will ultimately form a shady haven for American, European, and Asian plants.
- 15 Lath House** (open in fall 2010) has some of the newest plants arriving at the JCRA. It provides the shade and shelter many new plants require before they are ready to be moved to other areas.
- 16 Japanese Garden** is an area to relax and enjoy quiet contemplation while gazing across a sea of raked stones.
- 17 Asian Valley** has species from Asia that are new to cultivation as well as novel selections that are continually being introduced by plant collectors and breeders.
- 18 Scree and Xeric Gardens** are home to an eclectic variety of plants that are drought tolerant and native to climates such as South Africa, Mexico, the Mediterranean, and the southwestern United States.