

JANUARY

in the Gardens

RIGHT NOW'S THE TIME!

- Heavy snows and freezing temperatures at the end of December helped spur along some of our winter blooming shrubs.
 - ◊ Witch hazel shrubs are blooming at the Gatehouse, including staff favorite 'Jolena,' which has amazing orange and red flowers and a delicate scent.
 - ◊ Also at the Gatehouse, a wintersweet shrub is showing off its tiny, yellow, bell-shaped flowers. Make sure to smell this one!
 - ◊ In the Buxton Bird Marsh, Nootka roses bordering the pond pop with bright red and orange fruits.
 - ◊ On the Camellia Trail, sweetbox buds are opening, filling the area with fragrance.
 - ◊ Throughout the grounds look for numerous silk tassel shrubs with their white, pendulous blooms hanging below glossy, green leaves.
- The Moss Garden is most lush at this time of year, benefitting from seasonal moisture. The bright green foliage of slender beaked moss stands against the dark earth. The garden truly looks primeval with so many of its features dripping in greens. Take notice of the surprising transition between the Moss Garden and the more formal Reflection Pool.
- Bufflehead ducks are still wintering in the area. Look for them rafting at Mid Pond.
- The iconic weeping willow at Mid Pond is also displaying its golden twigs, providing a bright splash of color.
- The two camperdown elms, which flank the Bluff Overlook behind the Residence, are showing their surprisingly intricate structure now that their leaves are down.



wintersweet



slender beaked moss



witch hazel 'Jolena'



sweetbox



silk tassel