

OCTOBER *in the gardens*



SEASONAL INTEREST

Fall is the perfect time to prune and plant trees, preparing for the winter season. It is also when the rich, fall colors of our Japanese maples and Persian ironwood trees are at their best!

GARDENS NORTH As you begin your walk during our annual Squash Hunt this month, be sure to stop and enjoy the variety of blooming ornamental grasses in the Arrival Garden that are turning rich golden yellow, crimson, and purple. Various squash and pumpkin varieties can be found throughout the gardens as well, including: Grizzly Bear, Blaze, Long Island Cheese, and Knucklehead.

GARDENS SOUTH While cattail stalks begin fading from green to tan and red-winged blackbirds pluck out cottony tufts of nesting material from the dark brown seed heads, the continuing blooms of red salvia, purple aster, yellow goldenrod, orange poppy, and white pearly everlasting around the meadow overlook are sure to brighten your day!

GARDENS EAST Bloedel Reserve is an ever-changing landscape, embracing evolving horticultural and cultural practices. As such, renovations to the Residence landscape are underway this fall, starting with the removal of the boxwood hedges (*Buxus sempervirens*) that line the front of the building. Climate-stressed in this location, these plants have proved to be disease prone and high maintenance. In late October, we will also be removing the well-loved Empress tree (*Paulownia tomentosa*), now overgrown and nearing the end of its life, thereby returning the Residence to its original symmetrical design aesthetic. A new pair of better suited trees will soon follow!

GARDENS WEST As the fall rains start, watch the Moss Garden for the fresh green of saturated, growing mosses. By mid-month, the Japanese Garden will be ablaze in fall colors.



Little Joe Pye Weed
Eutrochium dubium 'Little Joe'
Arrival Garden



Fountain Grass
Pennisetum 'Hameln'
Arrival Garden



Native Wildflowers
Buxton Bird Marsh and Pollinator Meadow



Japanese Maple
Acer japonicum
Japanese Garden & Maple Lane



Mosses and Ferns
Moss Garden