

What We Heard

Guild Park and Gardens - Horticulture Plan

Public Information Meeting

May, 2018

The Planning Partnership



Public Information Meeting

The Public Information Meeting for the Guild Park and Gardens - Horticulture Plan was held on Tuesday, May 8th, 2018 at the Guild Inn Estate.

Sessions were held at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Each session included a presentation followed by table group discussions, and a question and answer session. Participants also added comments directly onto panels focused on design and visioning.

There were over 30 participants in the workshops including staff with subject matter expertise and the consulting team.

The purpose of the workshop was to gather input on the draft recommendations for plant selection, garden style, main areas of concern, and management. The preferred design solution was presented as two concepts, the first featuring a straight edge and the second an undulating edge. Participants were invited to comment on their preferred approach.

This report coalesces “What We Heard” at the Public Information Meeting.



Site Context

Public Information Meeting Panels

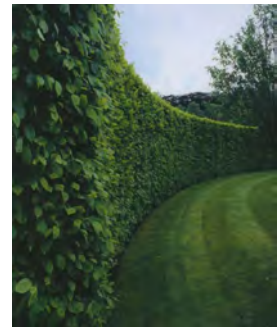


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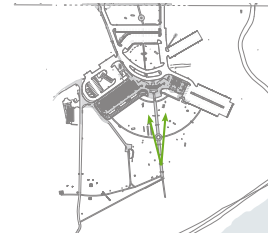
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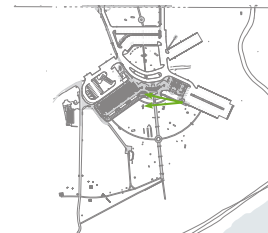
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**VIEW OF PROPOSED
CENTRAL WALKWAY**



**VIEW TOWARDS
TERRACE FROM PATH
TO EAST PARKING
LOT**



**SECTION 1
CENTRAL WALKWAY**

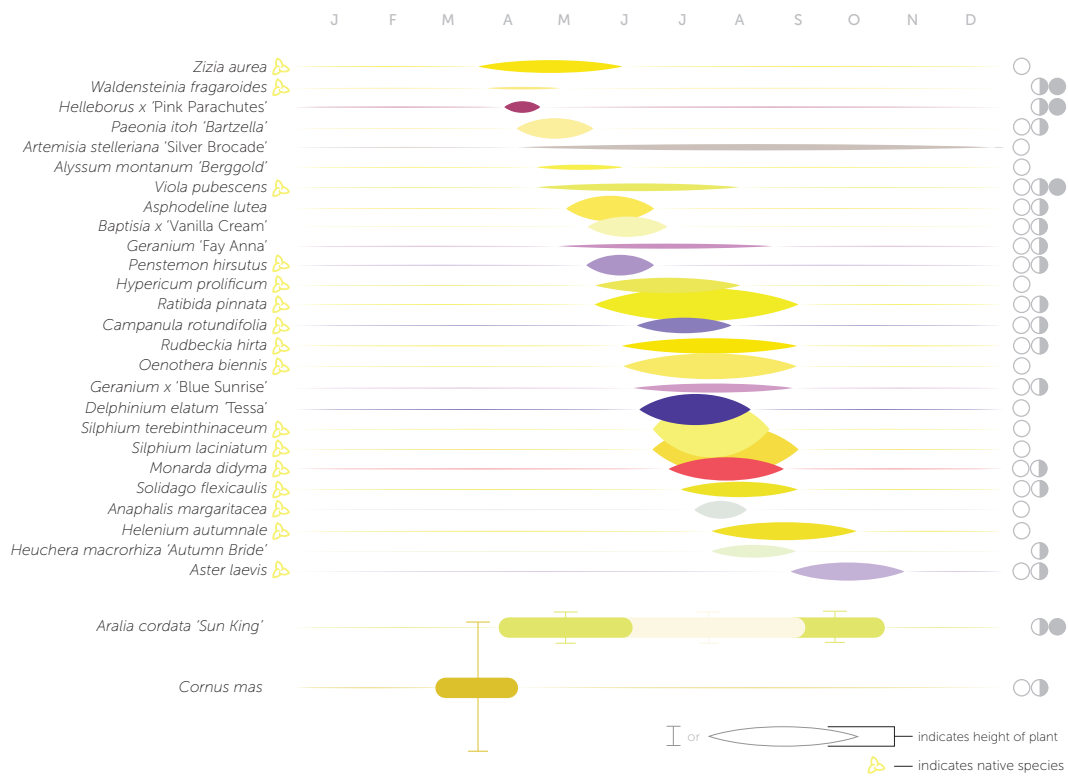


**SECTION 2
TERRACE STEPS**

**VIEW &
SECTIONS**

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Zizia aurea
Golden Alexanders



Waldsteinia fragaroides
Barren Strawberry



Paeonia itoh 'Bartzella'
Bartzella Peony



Artemisia stelleriana 'Silver Brocade'
Silver Brocade Artemisia



Alyssum montanum 'Berggold'
Mountain Gold



Viola pubescens
Downy Yellow Violet



Asphodeline lutea
King's Spear



Ratibida pinnata
Gray Headed Coneflower



Oenothera biennis
Evening Primrose



Geranium x 'Blue Sunrise'
Blue Sunrise Geranium



Silphium terebinthinaceum
Prairie Dock



Solidago flexicaulis
Zig Zag Goldenrod



Anaphalis margaritacea
Pearly Everlasting



Helenium autumnale
Sneezeweed



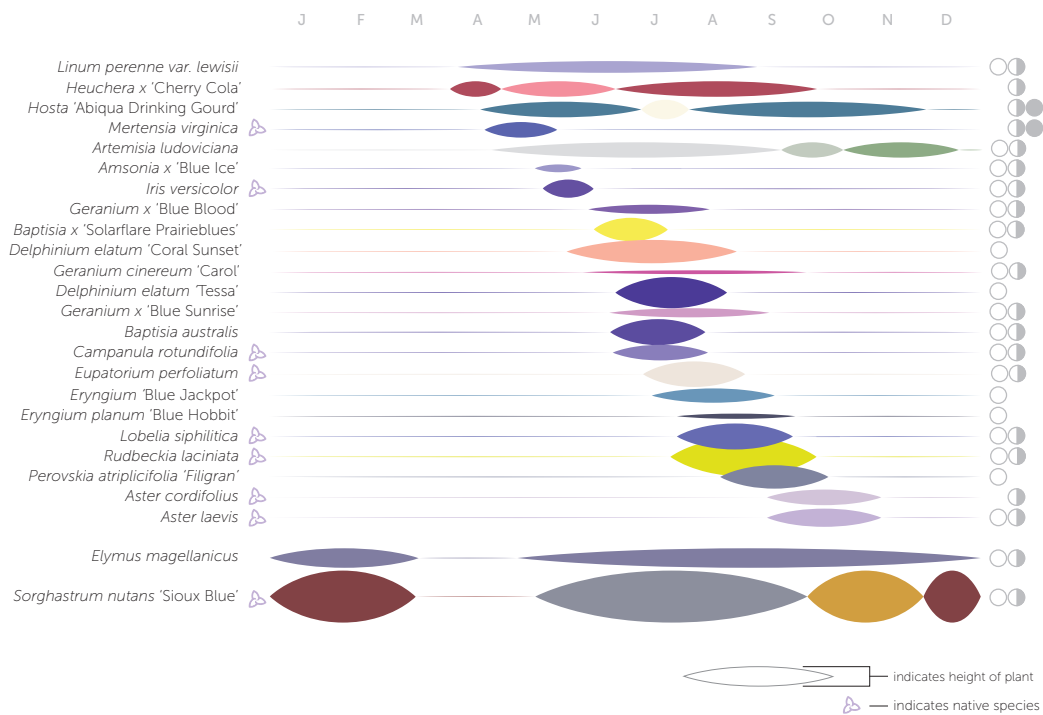
Heuchera macrorhiza 'Autumn Bride'
Autumn Bride Coral Bells

KEY SPECIES : YELLOW-GREEN

PLANT
PALETTE

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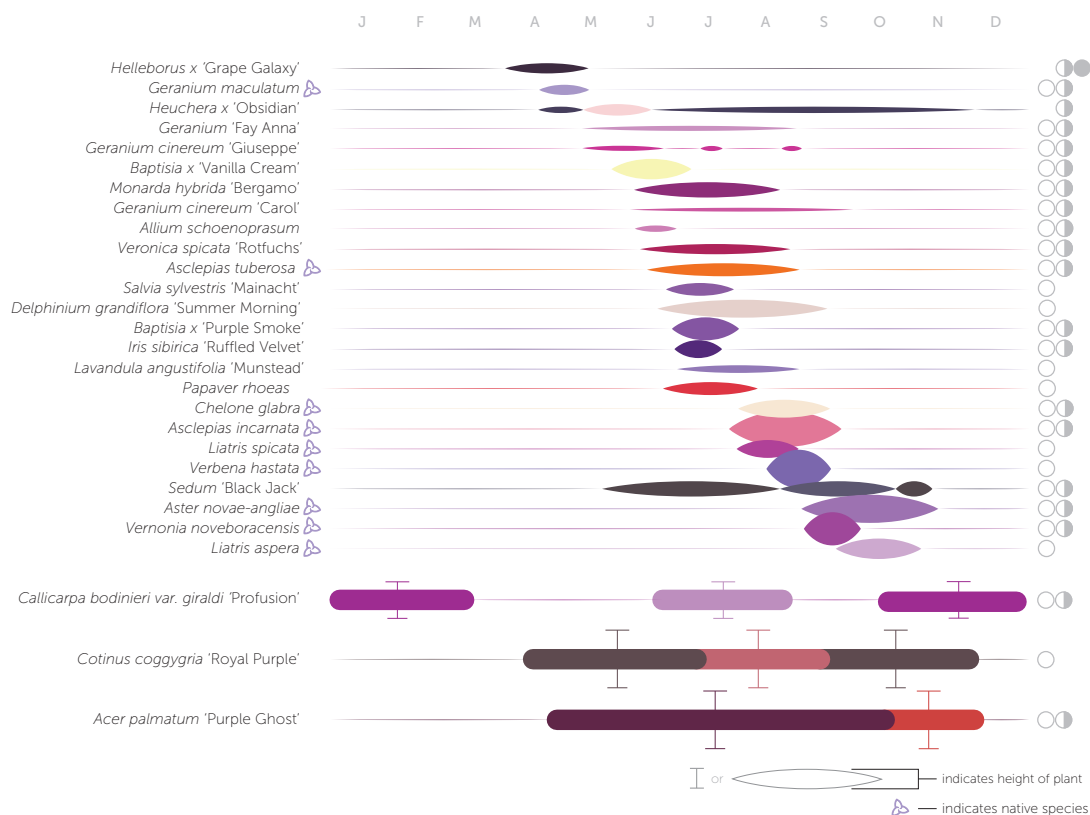


KEY SPECIES : BLUE

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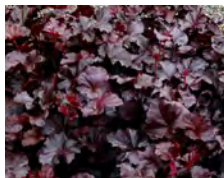
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Helleborus x Grape Galaxy
Grape Galaxy Christmas Rose



Geranium maculatum
Wild Geranium



Heuchera x 'Obsidian'
Mountain Gold



Geranium 'Fay Anna'
Fay Anna Cranesbill



Baptisia x 'Vanilla Cream'
Vanilla Cream Indigo



Monarda hybrida 'Bergamo'
Bergamo Bee Balm



Allium schoenoprasum
Chives



Asclepias tuberosa
Butterfly Milkweed



Salvia sylvestris 'Mainacht'
May Night Wood Sage



Baptisia x 'Purple Smoke'
Purple Smoke Indigo



Iris sibirica 'Ruffled Velvet'
Ruffled Velvet Siberian Iris



Lavandula angustifolia 'Munstead'
Munstead English Lavender



Chelone glabra
Turtlehead



Liatris spicata
Dense Blazing Star



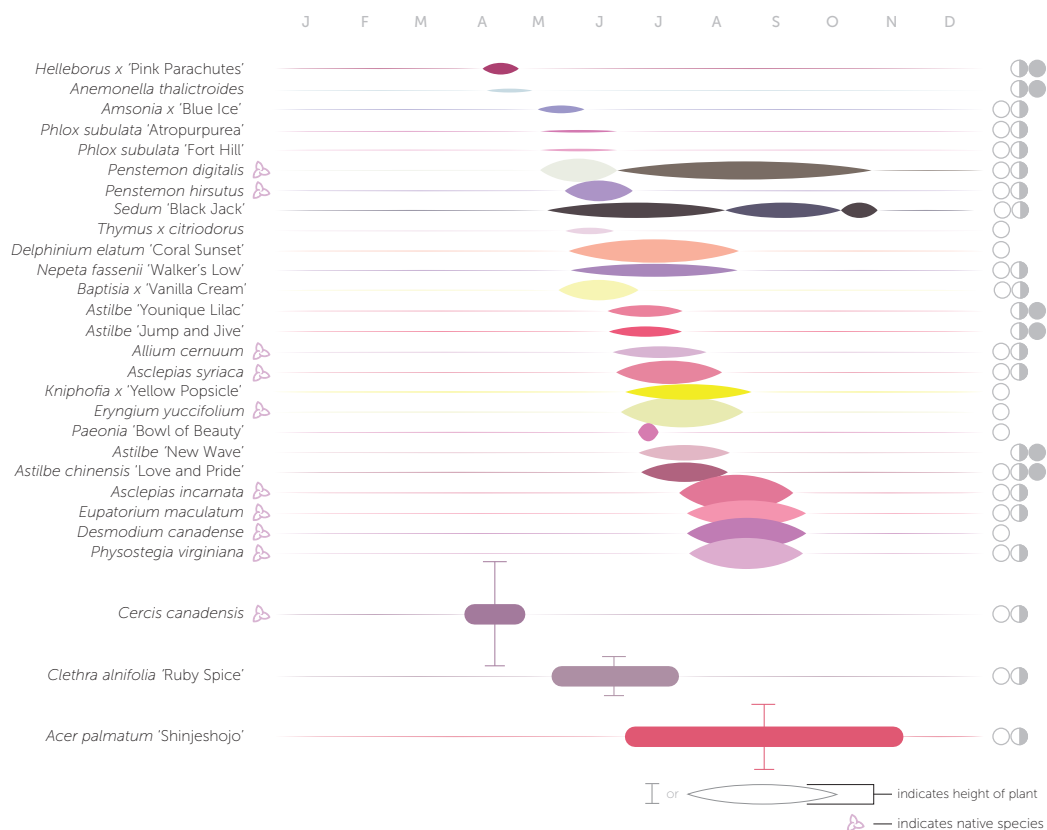
Vernonia noveboracensis
Ironweed

KEY SPECIES : PURPLE

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Helleborus x 'Pink Parachutes'
Pink Parachutes Hellebore



Anemonella thalictroides
Rue Anemone



Phlox subulata 'Atropurpurea'
Purple Moss Phlox



Penstemon digitalis
Foxglove Beardtongue



Penstemon hirsutus
Hairy Beardtongue



Thymus citriodorus
Lemon Thyme



Delphinium elatum 'Coral Sunset'
Coral Sunset Larkspur



Nepeta fassenii x 'Walker's Low'
Walker's Low Catmint



Baptisia x 'Vanilla Cream'
Vanilla Cream Indigo



Astilbe 'Yunique Lilac'
Yunique Lilac Astilbe



Allium cernuum
Nodding Wild Onion



Asclepias syriaca
Common Milkweed



Eryngium yuccifolium
Rattlesnake Master



Paeonia 'Bowl of Beauty'
Bowl of Beauty Peony



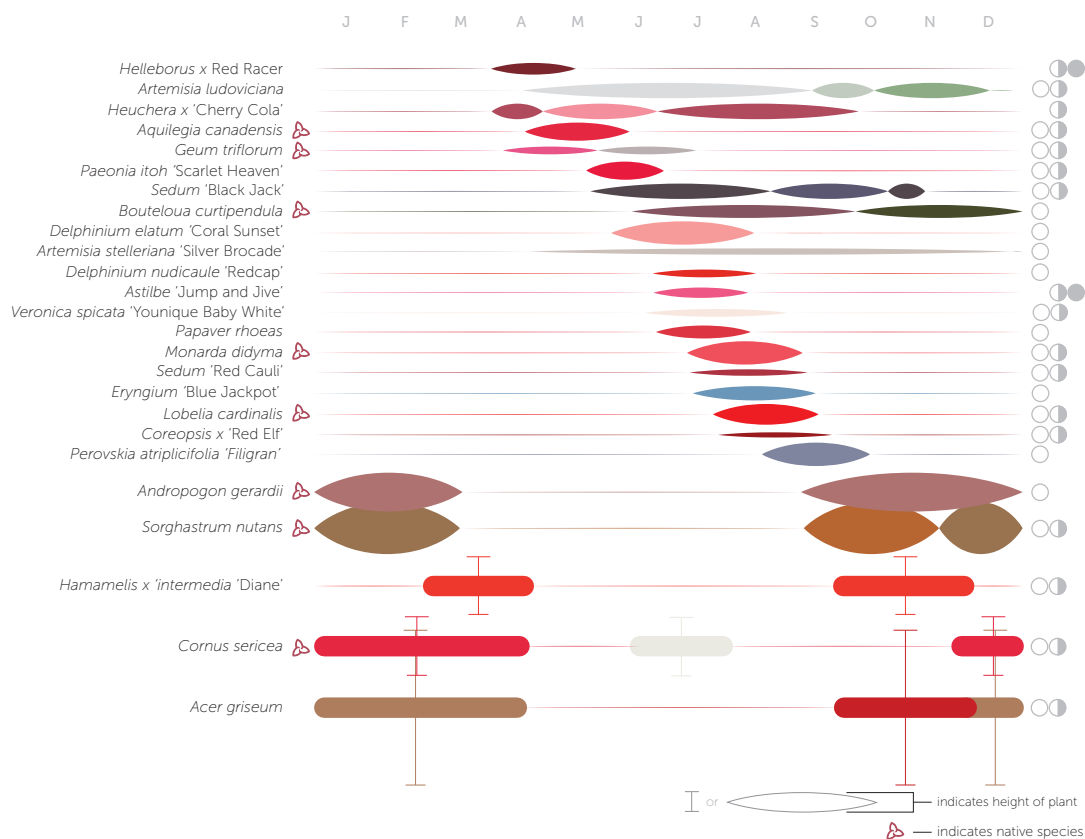
Asclepias incarnata
Swamp Milkweed

KEY SPECIES : PINK

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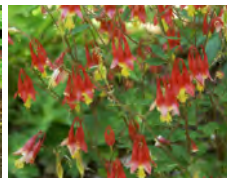
Helleborus x 'Red Racer'
 Red Racer Hellebore



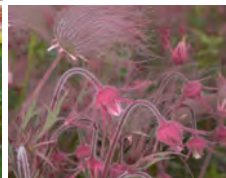
Artemisia ludoviciana
 Silver Wormwood



Heuchera x 'Cherry Cola'
 Cherry Cola Coral Bells



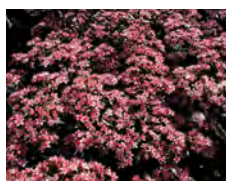
Aquilegia canadensis
 Eastern Columbine



Geum triflorum
 Prairie Smoke



Paeonia itoh 'Scarlet Heaven'
 Scarlet Heaven Peony



Sedum 'Black Jack'
 Black Jack Stonecrop



Bouteloua curtipendula
 Side Oats Grama



Veronica spicata 'Baby White'
 Baby White Speedwell



Andropogon gerardii
 Big Bluestem



Astilbe 'Jump and Jive'
 Jump and Jive Astilbe



Monarda didyma
 Bee Balm



Sedum 'Red Cauli'
 Red Cauli Stonecrop



Lobelia cardinalis
 Cardinal Flower



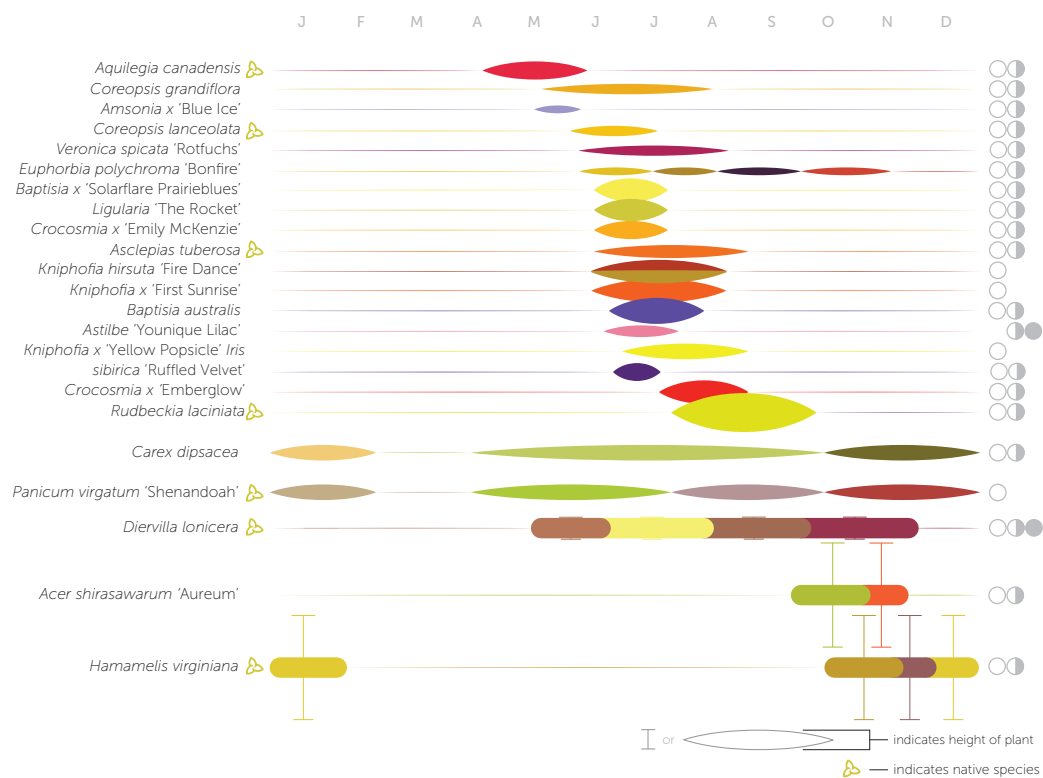
Coreopsis x 'Red Elf'
 Red Elf Tickseed

KEY SPECIES : RED

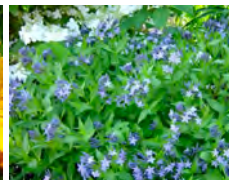
PLANT
 PALETTE

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Coreopsis grandiflora
Big Flower Coreopsis



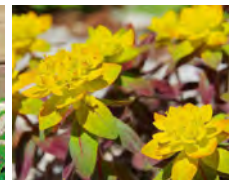
Amsonia 'Blue Ice'
Blue Star



Coreopsis lanceolata
Lance-leaved Coreopsis



Veronica spicata 'Rottfuchs'
Red Fox Speedwell



Euphorbia polychroma 'Bonfire'
Bonfire Cushion Spurge



Baptisia x 'Solar Flare'
Solar Flare Wild Indigo



Crocosmia 'Emily McKenzie'
Emily McKenzie Crocosmia



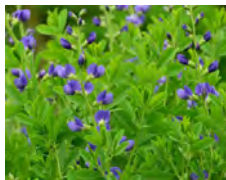
Asclepias tuberosa
Butterfly Milkweed



Kniphofia hirsuta 'Fire Dance'
Fire Dance Torchlilly



Kniphofia x 'First Sunrise'
First Sunrise Torchlilly



Baptisia australis
Wild Indigo



Iris sibirica 'Ruffled Velvet'
Ruffled Velvet Siberian Iris



Rudbeckia laciniata
Cutleaf Coneflower



Panicum virgatum 'Shenandoah'
Shenandoah Switch Grass



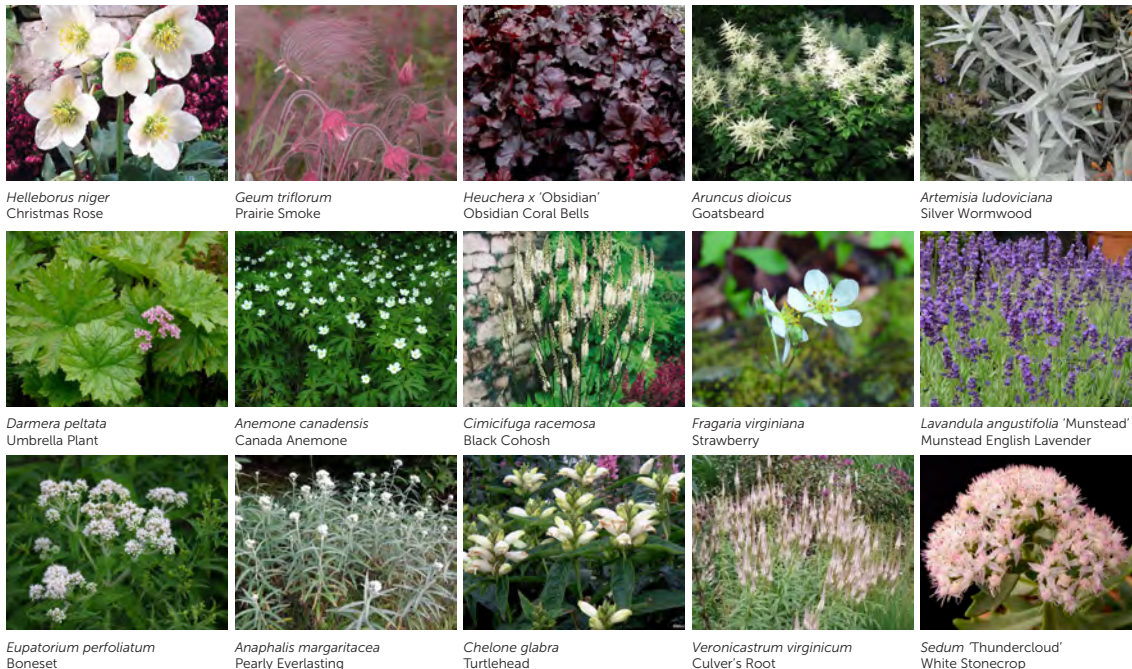
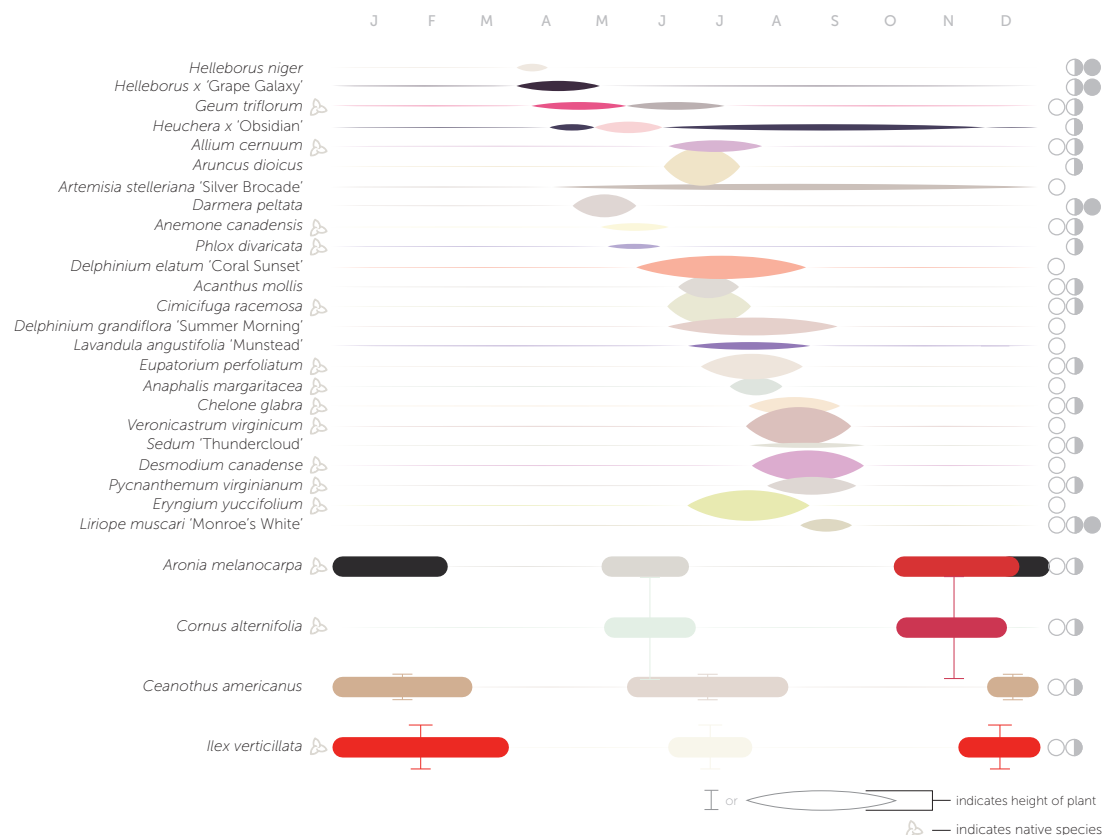
Acer shirasawarum 'Aureum'
Golden Full Moon Maple

KEY SPECIES : YELLOW-ORANGE

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KEY SPECIES : WHITE

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General Comments

Design

- Supportive of the preferred design concepts (Concept 1 and 2)
- Work with the existing planting beds
- Supportive of introducing undulating garden beds
- Emphasize the creation of new habitat for local species
- Design the gardens to have elements of interest in all seasons
- Prefer a garden style that is Arts and Crafts influenced, and a mid-point between formal and informal garden styles
- Provide spaces that can serve as outdoor classrooms with the potential for experiential learning
- Bring back the original Bickford residence gardens

Plant Selection

- Plant primarily native species
- Plant palettes should be developed which take into consideration four season interest
- Jenny Wren Rose, and a species of dahlia, mayflower, bluebell, and primrose have connections to the site and should be incorporated into the preferred plant list
- Strong inclination towards selecting plants which support local pollinator species
- Incorporate Carolinian forest species into the plant palette
- Incorporate species that were originally planted when the Bickford residence was first established
- Consider adding masses of ornamental grasses
- Introduce more shade trees
- Incorporate First Nations vegetation and gardens
- Long grasses may provide a habitat for black-legged ticks and shelter for mosquitoes

Maintenance

- Concern was expressed regarding maintenance. Participants felt that any changes or enhancements to the site should take into consideration current and future maintenance resources
- Invasive species were identified as a primary concern to residents. It was recommended that an invasive species mitigation strategy be established
- Interest expressed in a volunteer gardening force, which would defer to the guidance of City staff

Miscellaneous

- Bike racks should be added throughout the site

Location Specific Comments

Monument Walk

- Extend the soft landscaping out from the circular area around the Bell Tower

South Garden Area

- Create a backdrop to the Greek Theatre
- Highlight the sculptures and architectural elements

Log Cabin

- The Log Cabin will be used seasonally (was weather) and as a base for outdoor programming. Consider reducing the orchard size to allow more space to gather around the cabin

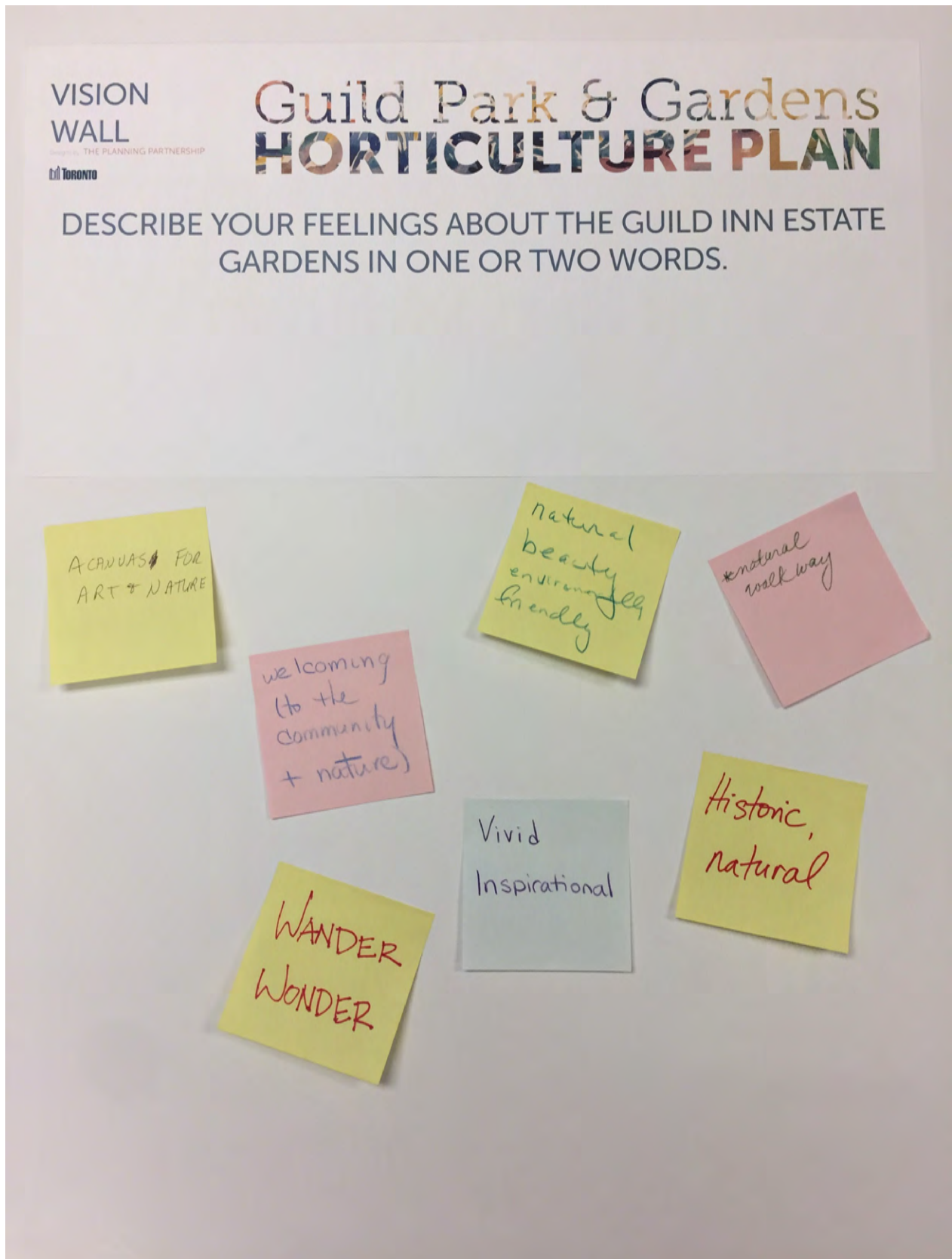
Sculptor's Cabin

- The cabin will be used by the community. Consider providing space for gathering outside of the cabin, and including appropriate site furnishings, such as benches
- Consider adding architectural fragments to this area

Guild Inn

- Consider adding 4 architectural panels currently in storage to the traffic island in front of the Bickford House
- Provide planting at the entrances from Guildwood Parkway

Panels With Public Comments



IDEAS
WALL

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WHAT IDEAS DO YOU HAVE FOR PLANTING AND GARDENS
AT THE GUILD INN ESTATE?

EXTEND DW TO
INCLUDE GARDEN
FEATURE AT
FRONT GATES BY
GUILD SIGN

Masses of
Grasses
- heavy, airy seedheads
that catch morning
dew.

Specific
Pollinator
Garden to
inspire others
to plant one!

* pollinator
friendly
* native
species

Outdoor
(classroom)
learning
potential

Encourage
Volunteer
Gardening

Support
ecology

Carolinean
plants

INCORPORATE
FIRST NATIONS
VEGETATION &
POWDER GARDEN

Love the idea
of planting jack in
the pulpit etc in
the woodland walk.
Also love the low ledge
at the south end
and high impact garden
for all the portrait
photographers who
come.

THEATRE
BEECH
BARK DISEASE

tree, trees,
more trees!

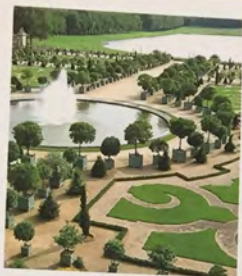
~~Carolinean~~
native
plants & flowering
trees in
the front

* Concept 2
best

back to
what Guild
looked like
years ago
especially in the
front

DO YOU PREFER
FORMAL GARDENS,
NATURAL
MEADOWS, OR
SOMETHING IN
BETWEEN?

PLACE A DOT TO LET
US KNOW!



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