

# Grey Towers What's Blooming?

A Biweekly Report of What's in Bloom at Grey Towers

**MAY 5/7/26**



## *Lilac*

- *Syringa vulgaris* Common Lilac, *Syringa vulgaris* 'Charles Joy' Charles Joy Lilac, *Syringa vulgaris* 'Congo' Congo Lilac
- Lilacs were originally planted by Cornelia Pinchot, and a few remain near the Icehouse.
- These three varieties are planted along the Allee, as Cornelia designed.
- There are 3 Lilac species, to extend the bloom period, so the fragrant display is longer with staggered bloom times



## *Wood Hyacinth*

- *Hyacinthoides hispanica*
- This late spring bulb adds color to woodland edges, groundcover under deciduous trees, and rock gardens.
- Planted by the USFS, this bulb naturalizes easily and has been proven to be deer resistant.



## *Lily of the Valley*

- *Convallaria majalis*
- This perennial features fragrant, white bell shaped flowers that bloom in late spring to early summer
- Orange fruit arrive in fall.
- Lily of the Valley can grow quite aggressively if growing in ideal circumstances.
- Check with local experts before planting, and be prepared to do regular maintenance to control the plants's tendency to roam
- these can be found along the brick walkways between the Marble Court and Letter Box

**BOLO (Be On the Look Out) for the spectacular Wisteria soon to bloom at the Finger Bowl**

Walk-in Pedestrian Gates open  
7 days a week, weather permitting,  
sun-up to sun-down  
Drive-up Gates are open M-F  
8am-3:30pm

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