

Grey Towers What's Blooming?

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

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Bee Balm

- *Monarda didyma*
- Found in the orchard grasses in the historic apple orchard that one drives through to the lower Visitor Parking Lot
- Bee Balm is one of eastern North America's most spectacular native wildflower, renowned for its brilliant purple tubular flowers that create stunning displays in gardens.



Fringe Tree

- *Chionanthus virginicus*
- An outstanding native flowering tree found arching over the stair by the Pavilion, as well as throughout the beds of the lower Visitor Parking Lot.
- When you see a fringe tree in full bloom you understand its name.
- A cascade of snow-white blossoms in late spring covers the canopy
- Drifting down each paniculate flower is a light and sweet lilac-like fragrance.



Carolina All Spice

- *Calycanthus floridus*
- Solitary maroon flowers on short shoots is not particularly showy and one must search for their blooms.
- The fragrance of the blooms has been described as combining hints of pineapple, strawberry, and banana.
- The aroma is stronger in higher temperatures, and it is best to purchase the plant in flower, as the fragrances vary widely.

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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