

What's Growing On - May 2018

Asphalt Path/Crosswalk

- **Peony**, *Paeonia* - Herbaceous perennial divided into six flower forms, Single, Japanese, Anemone, Semi-double, Bomb, Double, flowering in April- May in a range of colors, including white, yellow, pink, red
- **Korean Dogwood**, *Cornus kousa* – Small, deciduous, flowering tree or multi-stemmed shrub 15-30' tall, with a vase shape habit; white blooms of four narrowly pointed petal-like bracts followed by berry-like fruit (to 1" diameter) which matures to pinkish-red in summer and fall
- **Japanese Snowball**, *Viburnum plicatum* f. *tomentosum* 'Summer Snowflake' - Deciduous shrub 8'-10' with white lacecap-like flowers (late April- May) but may continue sporadically throughout the summer
- **Ornamental Onion**, *Allium schubertii* - Dramatic foot-wide umbels resembling exploding fireworks; *Allium* x 'Gladiator' has globe shaped deep purple flower heads on 3-foot stems

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- **Chinese Fringe Tree**, *Chionanthus retusus* - Small deciduous tree or multi-stemmed shrub; pure white, fringe-like petals; fragrant
- **Kern's Pink Viburnum**, *Viburnum plicatum* 'Kern's Pink' - Deciduous shrub 10' tall x 8' wide featuring bronze-tinged foliage with delicate soft pink flowers in May
- **Beautybush**, *Kolkwitzia amabilis* - Deciduous, suckering shrub bearing a profusion of bell-shaped flowers, pale to deep pink with a yellow throat, in late spring and early summer

Mathews Nature Trail

- **Pitcher Plant**, *Sarracenia* - Carnivorous plant grown in bogs, leaves resembling tall pitchers partially filled with water; the pistil, or female part of the flower, is the strangest part. It has a normal enough ovary that provides the enlarged base of the pistil, but the style expands into a large, star-shaped umbrella.
- **Bigleaf Snowbell**, *Styrax grandifolia* - Deciduous tree 20-30' tall with white fragrant bell-faced flowers

Bush Azalea Trail/Dogwood Trail

- **Rhododendron**, *Rhododendron catawbiense* - Evergreen shrub producing a lilac to pale lavender flower in May against dense, smooth foliage
- **Sweet Shrub**, *Calycanthus floridus* - Deciduous shrub with a dense, rounded habit; 6-9; tall and wide; unusual, waterlily-like flowers with a fragrance resembling strawberries, banana, and pineapple, appearing in May and continuing intermittently into June and July; dark green leaves and bark release a clove or camphor-like scent when crushed



There's always something growing on at Huntsville Botanical Garden.