

# Garden Highlights, December 2016



After a season with good rain, flowers are responding to the warmer days of summer. Four special collections of plants are flowering in profusion this month.

1. Commonly called **Geraniums**, the **Pelargoniums** in the Pelargonium House are covered with blooms. Don't miss the nearby beds that display Pelargonium species plants with flowers that look more delicate.
2. The terraces of the **Herb Garden** are lush. The herbs are displaying more subtle flowers, but of course we value herbs for their aroma and taste. In the top terrace the **Nasturtiums Tropaeolum** are boldly showing their orange flowers with a spur at the back. Nasturtiums have been used in salads, but some people find the spicy aroma a bit strong, hence the name Nasturtium meaning "nose-tweaker"
3. The **Perennial Border**, with some 60 species of plants, is a riot of flower colours in December and January. Don't forget to look beyond the colourful flowers to those of the taller grasses and rushes forming diverse graceful shapes.
4. Many plants in the **Salvia** collection flower in summer. They are in several beds in the middle of the lower garden area.

There is more information on the special collections on the gardens website. Some plants from these collections can be purchased from the Friends Nursery.



## What's on in December 2016 (More details on Friends website)

Botanical Art Exhibition 'Pleasant Surprises' Weekend 3 - 4 December 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Discovery Table, Sunday 18 December 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

'Enlarged Flower Portraits', Botanical Art 4-day intensive workshop,  
Thursday 19 to Sunday 22 January 2017.

The Friends' Nursery is open on Wednesdays 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Free Guided Walks, each Sunday 2:00 pm, Wednesday 11:00 am. No walk Sunday 25 December.

The Tea House is open every day.

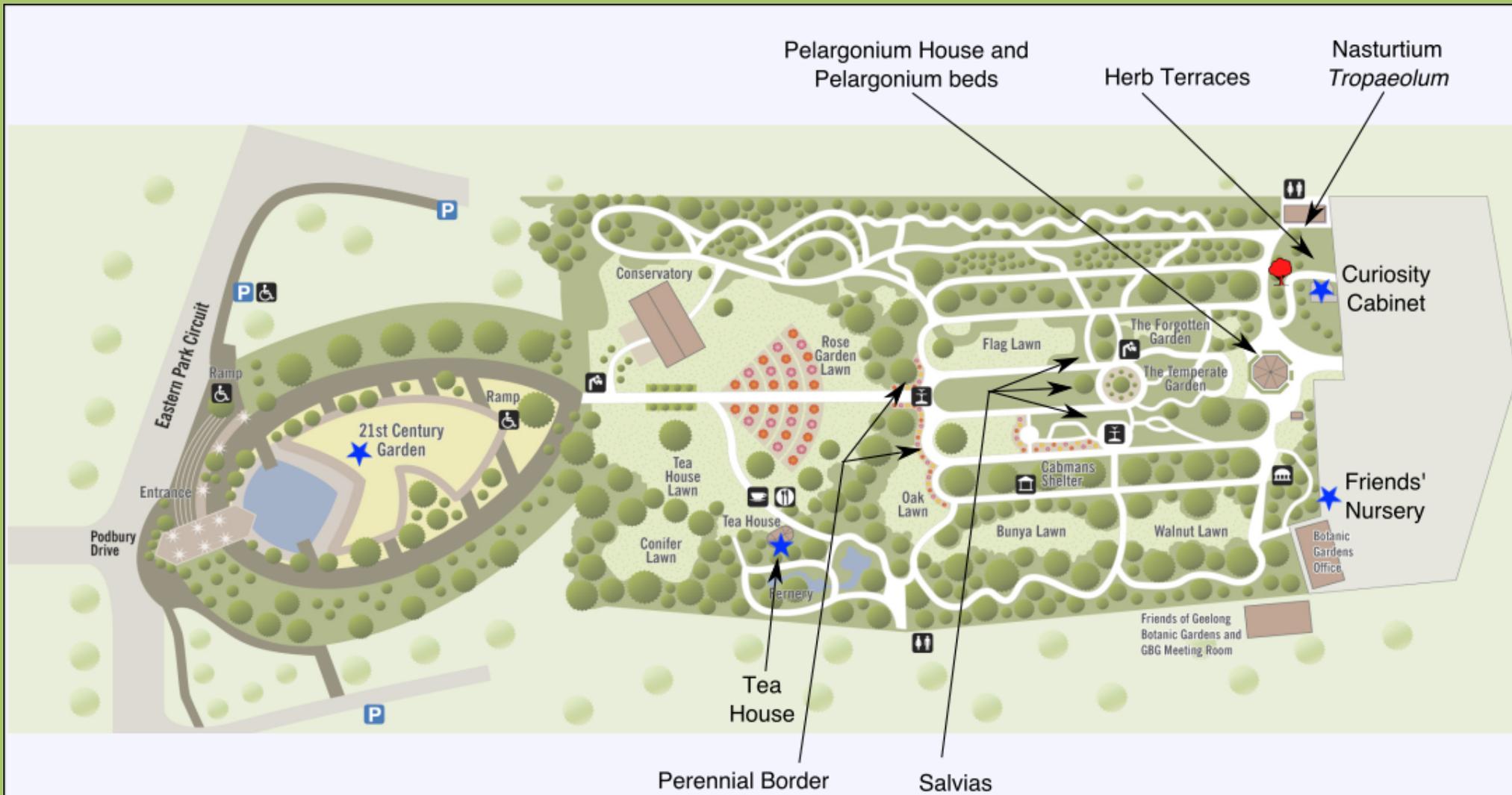


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