

The History of the Seasonal Flower Plantings in Downtown Kirkwood

The planting of seasonal flowers found in a variety of public flower gardens in downtown Kirkwood is the result of the diligent efforts of a variety of Kirkwood businesses, non-profit organizations and citizen volunteers.

Since 1978, the **Kirkwood Garden Club** has consistently planted the seasonal flowerbeds adjacent to Kirkwood's vintage 1893 train station located centrally in downtown Kirkwood. In 1981, the **Kirkwood Garden Club** expanded their efforts to include the planting of the companion flowerbed located across Kirkwood Road from the station.

Since its early beginnings in the year 2000, **Kirkwood in BLOOM** has assisted the **Kirkwood Post Office** with flower plantings at Kirkwood's Taylor Avenue postal facility.

Also in 2000, the **Downtown Kirkwood Special Business District** (or SBD) expanded on the landscape enhancement efforts of the Kirkwood Garden Club by placing and planting decorative landscape planters at prominent street intersections in the business district. In 2004, the **Downtown Kirkwood Business District Enhancement Committee**, with the assistance of **Kirkwood in BLOOM**, established seasonal flower display gardens in the Argonne Avenue medians and parking lot borders along Jefferson Avenue. Every season, Downtown Kirkwood funds and installs additional planting displays

To celebrate Kirkwood's 2007 entry in the **America in Bloom** national community enhancement competition, **Kirkwood in BLOOM** coordinated the establishment of two signature projects involving the planting of flowers at both east and west entrances of Kirkwood City Hall.

The Plant Selections

The public flower gardens located throughout downtown Kirkwood contain a significant variety of seasonal ornamental plants. Each year, the plant combinations change in varying degrees to include both veteran and new plant selections proven to withstand the rigors of the Gateway region's hot and humid summers. This brochure has been created to assist those interested in the names of the plants found at each garden location.

Kirkwood City Hall – West Entrance

Planting Design: **Kirkwood in BLOOM**

Installation: **Sundown Landscape Contracting**

Management: **Kirkwood in BLOOM and Kirkwood Public Works**

THEME: “America in Bloom”

Thrillers (tall/ upright/ spiky)

Canna `Futurity Red'

Celosia `New Look' [AAS-1988]

Eucalyptus `Silverdrop'

Ruellia brittoniana, `Blue' (Mexican Petunia)

Salvia guaranitica `Black and Blue'

Salvia `Mystic Spires'

Fillers (round/ full)

Ageratum `High Tide Blue'

Angelonia `Serena White'

Begonia `Dragon Wing Red' [POM]

Spillers (cascading/ trailing)

Petunia `Surfinia Red'

Scaevola `Amethyst'

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Downtown Kirkwood Business District, another name for historic Downtown Kirkwood, Missouri, is located in the suburban heart of the St. Louis metropolitan area. Kirkwood Junction has been a regional destination for area residents since trains began boarding passengers at the Kirkwood Train Station in 1853. Today, downtown Kirkwood is one of region's most popular destination for dining and shopping. www.kirkwoodjunction.com

Kirkwood Garden Club offers a friendly community forum for individuals interested in gardening who enjoy sharing gardening information and pursuing experiences to acquire greater gardening and horticultural knowledge and skills.

www.kirkwoodgardenclub.org

Kirkwood in BLOOM is a citizen-inspired and managed initiative to enhance public landscapes in Kirkwood. Community pride in action! For more information about Kirkwood's downtown flower plantings, visit:

www.kirkwoodinbloom.org

or call Bill Ruppert @ (314) 966-0253

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The Seasonal Flower Gardens of Downtown Kirkwood, MO



2007

Summer Plant Displays

Kirkwood City Hall – St. Louis Planters

Planting Design: **Kirkwood in BLOOM**

Installation: **Kirkwood in BLOOM**

Management: **Kirkwood in BLOOM and Downtown Kirkwood Special Business District**

THEME: “Fiesta Fireworks”

Thrillers (*tall/upright/spiky*)

Canna `Futurity Red`

Canna `Striata` (syn `Pretoria`, `Bengal Tiger`) [POM]

Copper Plant `Bourbon Street` (Acalypha)

Tapioca `Variegated` (Manihot esculenta)

Fillers (*round/full*)

Begonia `Dragon Wing Red` [POM]

Iresine `Sun Ray` (Iresine herbst)

Salvia `Faye Chappell` (Salvia splendens)

Spillers (*cascading/trailing*)

Lantana `New Gold`

Oxalis `Lucky`

Red Ivy (Hemigraphis alternata)

Scaevola `Blue Wonder` [POM]

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Kirkwood in BLOOM and National Nursery Products – St. Louis

Kirkwood Train Station Gardens

Planting Design: **Kirkwood in BLOOM**

Installation: **Kirkwood Garden Club**

Management: **Kirkwood Garden Club**

THEME: “Star Spangled Glory”

Thrillers (*tall/upright/spiky*)

Alocasia macrorrhiza (Upright Elephant’s Ear)

Canna `Futurity Red`

Celosia `New Look` [AAS-1988]

Dracaena indivisa (Spikes)

Ruellia brittoniana, `Blue` (Mexican Petunia)

Salvia farinacea `Evolution` [AAS-2006]

Salvia farinacea `Victoria White`

Fillers (*round/full*)

Begonia `Baby Wing White`

Begonia `Dragon Wing Red` [POM]

Begonia x semperflorens `Encore Red III` (landscape series)

Solenostemon `Stained Glass` (Coleus)

Spillers (*cascading/trailing*)

Lantana `Weeping Lavender`

Petunia `Surfinia Red`

Petunia `Surfinia White`

Plectranthus `Variegatus` (Variegated Swedish Ivy)

Tradescantia `Purpurea` (Purple-Heart)

Spiderwort)[POM]

Argonne Ave. Landscape Medians

Planting Design: **Kirkwood in BLOOM**

Installation: **Business District Merchants**

Management: **Downtown Kirkwood Special Business District**

THEME : “Knock Out Companions”

Thrillers (*tall/upright/spiky*)

Canna `Futurity Red`

Salvia farinacea `Evolution` [AAS-2006]

Fillers (*round/full*)

Angelonia `Serena White`

Solenostemon `Stained Glass` (Coleus)

Spillers (*cascading/trailing*)

Lantana `Weeping Lavender`

Petunia `Wave Pink`

Tradescantia `Purpurea` (Purple-Heart)

Spiderwort)[POM]

THEME: “Pretty in Pink”

Thrillers (*tall/upright/spiky*)

Salvia farinacea `Victoria White`

Salvia guaranitica `Black & Blue`

Fillers (*round/full*)

Begonia `Dragon Wing Pink`

Iresine `Blazin` Rose`

Lantana `Pink Caprice`

Spillers (*cascading/trailing*)

Petunia `Wave Purple`

Tradescantia `Purpurea` (Purple-Heart)

Spiderwort)[POM]

THEME: “Home Run Red Companions”

Thrillers (*tall/upright/spiky*)

Pennisetum `Rubrum` (Purple Fountain Grass)

Rudbeckia `Prairie Sun` [AAS-2003]

Salvia `Mystic Spires Blue`

Fillers (*round/full*)

Begonia `Baby Wing White`

Lantana `Dallas Red`

Spillers (*cascading/trailing*)

Petunia `Wave Red`

Tradescantia `Purpurea` (Purple-Heart)

Spiderwort)[POM]

Kirkwood Post Office

Planting Design: **Kirkwood in BLOOM**

Installation: **Kirkwood Post Office**

Management: **Kirkwood Post Office**

THEME: “Salute to Kirkwood’s Postal Carriers”

Thrillers (*tall/upright/spiky*)

Celosia `New Look` [AAS-1988]

Eucalyptus `Silverdrop`

Plumbago `Imperial Blue`

Salvia guaranitica `Black and Blue`

Salvia `Mystic Spires`

Fillers (*round/full*)

Angelonia `Serena White`

Begonia `Dragon Wing Red` [POM]

Spillers (*cascading/trailing*)

Calibrachoa `Million Bells Bush White` (Mini “Petunia”)

Calibrachoa `Million Bells Red` (Mini “Petunia”)

Dichondra argentea `Silver Falls`

Evolvulus `Blue Daze` [POM]

Petunia `Surfinia Red`

Petunia `Surfinia White`

Scaevola `Amethyst`

Tradescantia `Purpurea` (Purple-Heart)

Spiderwort)[POM]

Tradescantia pallida `Blue Sue`

Verbena `Imagination` [AAS-1993] [POM]

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Station Plaza Tree Planters

Planting Design: **Kirkwood in BLOOM**

Installation: **Berkshire Company**

Management: **Berkshire Company**

THEME : “Festive Reflections”

Thrillers (*tall/upright/spiky*)

Salvia farinacea `Evolution` [AAS-2006]

Fillers (*round/full*)

Begonia `Dragon Wing Red` [POM]

Iresine `Sun Ray`

Lantana `Patriot Desert Sunset`

Spillers (*cascading/trailing*)

Lantana `New Gold`

Tradescantia `Purpurea` (Purple-Heart)

Spiderwort)[POM]

POM = Plants of Merit, a plant awareness program of the **Missouri Botanical Garden**.

www.plantsofmerit.org

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www.all-americaelections.org