

HEAD GARDENER'S UPDATE

27th JULY 2010

Walled Garden

White Garden – A lot of flowers are out now in the White Garden. Amongst the many highlights are the Stachys, Gaura, Salvia, Lysimachia, Echinops, Physostegia and Agapanthus. The annuals are also starting to show strongly, in particular the Cosmos, Osteospermum, Chrysanthemums, Scabious and Agastache.

At their peak are the magnificent hydrangea Annabel, which are greatly admired.

Flower Garden – Many perennials are in full bloom. Looking particularly good are the Hemerocallis, Verbascums, the fiery Crocosmia Lucifer, Inulas, Helleniums, Coreopsis, Heliopsis, Lysimachia and Tiger Lilies. Many of the annuals are now looking at their finest and include Tagetes, Marigolds, Verbenas, Alonsoa, Tithonias, Rudbeckias, Zinnias, Cupheas, Ageratums and Salvias.

Herb Garden – It is a good time to see the herb garden with the spectacular Hollyhocks, in different shades of pink, red, yellow, purple and white, planted en masse to great effect. Other plants in the herb garden looking good are Salvia Turkestanica, chicory, fennel and marshmallow.

Organic Fruit & Vegetable Garden

The planting of purple cauliflowers, purple sprouting broccoli, pumpkins and squashes has taken place for winter/spring. The gardeners are currently sowing carrots, mizuna greens and lettuce for transplanting later.

Crops currently being picked are second early potatoes, onions, lettuces, beetroot, spinach, peas, courgettes, cabbages, marrows, climbing French beans and runner beans. Main crop potatoes will be dug up soon and the sweet corn is looking good.

Melons and apples are growing strongly.

The Sunflowers throughout the Garden are looking spectacular, as are Sweet Peas, Echinacea, Tansies and Gypsophila.

Trevor is sowing blue and white forget-me-nots in beds which become available, for transplanting in the autumn into the Flower Gardens.