



Memphis Botanic Garden Creates *Bicentennial Blues Bed*!

Blues inspired plantings celebrate Memphis' 200th Birthday



“The Mississippi River is the heart of Memphis”, said Rick Pudwell; Director of Horticulture for the Memphis Botanic Garden. “For that reason, we made the river the centerpiece of a new bed of plantings honoring our City and its 200th birthday”, said Pudwell.

Called the *Bicentennial Blues Bed*, this new, year-long planting opened this week and is located just outside of the Four Seasons Garden and easily in view of the thousands of guests who visit to the Garden each week. The bed features blue hued plants; including Blue Hydrangea’s (arguably the most popular plant in the south), Blue Point Junipers, Dianthus, African Plumbago, Blue Hawaii Ageratum and more!

“As a City of Memphis owned property, we are proud to lend our support and expertise to the celebration of this 200 year milestone”, said Mike Allen; Executive Director of the Memphis Botanic Garden.

The Memphis Botanic Garden is a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization dedicated to being an exemplary center for horticulture and environmental enrichment. Serving over 40,000 school-aged children annually, and hosting 225,000 visitors each year, Memphis Botanic Garden strives to enhance lives by connecting people with nature, increasing awareness and appreciation of our environment.

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