



Entry Garden

Plantings in the Entry Garden help provide a transition from the hustle and bustle of Denver and the Front Range to the more pastoral, naturalistic spaces of the Rocky Mountain Memorial Park. Trees, shrubs and perennials selected for this initial garden portray a garden-esque appearance, intended to be both familiar and comforting to visitors and guests.

A respectful alley of Littleleaf Linden trees provides cool, dense shade along the route, while masses of long-blooming Spirea, Weigela and Rose shrubs, and a fragrant Viburnum hedge help to create outdoor rooms in the garden. Rich plantings of Daylily, Sedum, Coreopsis and Liatris perennials line the path and provide color, texture and seasonal interest. Ornamental grasses sway gently in the wind as they provide a soft backdrop to colorful foreground plantings.

Careful attention to color, texture, bloom periods and other plant characteristics insure that the garden will show well and be fragrant throughout the growing season, and have a continuing, artful presence through Autumn and Winter seasons. Selected plants in the Entry Garden include the following:

TREES

Littleleaf Linden	<i>Tilia cordata</i>
Ginnala Maple	<i>Acer ginnala</i>
Columnar Norway Maple	<i>Acer platanoides</i> 'Columnare'

SHRUBS

White Buddleia	<i>Buddleia davidii</i> 'White Bouquet'
Armstrong Juniper	<i>Juniperus chinensis</i> 'Armstrong'
Shrub Rose	<i>Rosa</i> 'Nearly Wild,' Golden Wings,' & 'Red Meidiland'
Japanese Spirea	<i>Spiraea japonica</i> 'Anthony Waterer'
Koreanspice Viburnum	<i>Viburnum carlesii</i>
Crimson Weigela	<i>Weigela florida</i> 'Rumba'

PERENNIALS & ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

Black-Eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i> 'Goldsturm'
Double Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis grandiflora</i> 'Sunray'
Purple Coneflower	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> 'Magnus'
Moonbeam Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i> 'Moonbeam'
Pink Cranesbill	<i>Geranium sanguineum</i>
Feather Reed Grass	<i>Calamagrostis acutiflora</i> 'Karl Foerster'
Deep Blue Lavender	<i>Lavendula angustifolia</i> 'Hidcote'
May Night Salvia	<i>Salvia nemerosa</i> 'May Night'

The Garden Chapel at Memorial Falls

By the time visitors reach the Garden Chapel at Memorial Falls portion of the Rocky Mountain Memorial Park, the plantings are almost exclusively native and native-related trees, shrubs, perennials and grasses. This type of planting style completes the comforting transition to the most contemplative spaces within the Rocky Mountain Memorial Park where guests can find respite and quietly reflect on loved ones who have passed on.

Diverse, native plantings fully envelop the water feature and adjacent areas to create refreshing landscapes similar to those found in the beautiful mountains and foothills of Colorado. The gentle sound of running water completes the ambiance of this most natural garden area within the Rocky Mountain Memorial Park.

Native evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs rise up from dense wildflower plantings to create a series of intimate outdoor spaces and rooms for use in the placement of ashes and memorials. Ponderosa and Bristlecone Pine inhabit the high ground, while Thinleaf Alder, Serviceberry and Aspen trees are grouped around the waterway, much as they would in the wilds. Masses of Willow, Red-Twig Dogwood, Snowberry and Pine shrubs also inhabit the area to create a rich, native-like plant community with which we are all familiar. Selected plants include the following:

TREES

Quaking Aspen
Bristlecone Pine
Ponderosa Pine
Serviceberry

Populus tremuloides
Pinus aristata
Pinus ponderosa
Amelanchier canadensis

SHRUBS

Pawnee Buttes Sand Cherry
Red-Twig Dogwood
Mugo Pine
Snowberry
Spreading Silver Willow

Prunus besseyi 'Pawnee Buttes'
Cornus sericea
Pinus mugo
Symphoricarpos albus
Salix arenaria

PERENNIALS & WILDFLOWERS

Rocky Mountain Columbine
Blanketflower
Blazing Star / Gayfeather
Columbine
Perennial Lupine
Native Black-Eyed Susan
Golden Yarrow

Aquilegia caerulea
Gaillardia aristata
Liatris punctata
Aquilegia hybrida
Lupinus perennis
Rudbeckia hirta
Achillea fillipendulina

Memorial Sculpture Court

Plantings in the Memorial Sculptural Court continue the quiet transition for visitors and guests away from the adjacent urban settings to the more contemplative spaces of the Rocky Mountain Memorial Park. Rich, garden-esque plantings continue here but are joined by colorful native and native-related trees, shrubs and perennials. Plants historically introduced to the area by early settlers also grace this inner most sanctum. All together, they subtly, yet eloquently portray beauty of the natural and cultural landscapes of Colorado.

A tightly-knit bosque of Skyline Honeylocust trees provides soft, dappled shade in the center court, above a floor of granite stepping stones and crusher fines pavement planted with Creeping Thyme, Potentilla and other low, flowering groundcovers. Masses of long-blooming crimson Weigela and red, yellow and pink Shrub Roses frame the intimate outdoor spaces in the Court.

Heirloom Iris adorn the six entries and Clematis and Climbing Roses gracefully drape the arbors at the two columbariums. Adjacent plantings of Daylily, Sedum, Shasta Daisy and Veronica perennials and graceful ornamental grasses line the paths. Selected plants are as follows:

TREES

Flowering Crabapple
Honeylocust
Littleleaf Linden
Pine Austrian
Robin Hill Serviceberry

Malus 'Klehm's Bechtel' Skyline
Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis 'Skyline'
Tilia cordata
Pinus nigra
Amelanchier 'Robin Hill'

SHRUBS

Armstrong Juniper
Shrub Rose
Japanese Spirea
Crimson Weigela

Juniperus chinensis 'Armstrong'
Rosa 'Nearly Wild,' Golden Wings,' & 'Red Meidiland'
Spiraea japonica 'Anthony Waterer'
Weigela florida 'Rumba'

PERENNIALS & ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

Black-Eyed Susan
Shasta Daisy
Immortality Iris
Purple Coneflower
Feather Reed Grass
Deep Blue Lavender

Rudbeckia fulgida 'Goldsturm'
Leucanthemum x superbum 'Alaska'
Iris x germanica 'Immortality'
Echinacea purpurea 'Magnus'
Calamagrostis acutiflora 'Karl Foerster'
Lavendula angustifolia 'Hidcote'

