

A BRIEF HISTORY

The Albert Kahn designed Conservatory opened in August 1904. It was constructed from wood salvaged from the St. Louis World's Fair. It was rebuilt in the early 1950s with aluminum replacing the wooden framework.

The Conservatory was dedicated in 1955 to honor Anna Scripps Whitcomb, a Detroit News heiress, who donated her extensive orchid collection.

The Conservatory provides an in-depth look at the world of horticulture. The Conservatory occupies a 13-acre parcel of land shared by the formal gardens and Lily Pond. The dome is 85 feet high providing over 100,000 cubic feet for palms and other large tropical plants. The Show House area was remodeled in 1981, and has a continuous display marking the seasons. The other wings house ferns, cactus and tropical plants.

The Levi Barbour fountain, completed in 1936, is located in the center of the formal gardens in front of the Conservatory. The statue was designed by renowned sculptor Marshall Fredericks as his first professional commission.

The Conservatory is managed by Department of Natural Resources staff with support from Belle Isle Conservancy volunteers.

**FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, GROUP TOURS AND GIVING, CALL:
BELLE ISLE CONSERVANCY
(313) 331-7760**

**FOR EVENTS, WEDDINGS AND SHELTER RESERVATIONS, CALL:
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
(800) 447-2757**

**FOR INFORMATION, CALL:
CONSERVATORY
(313) 821-5428**

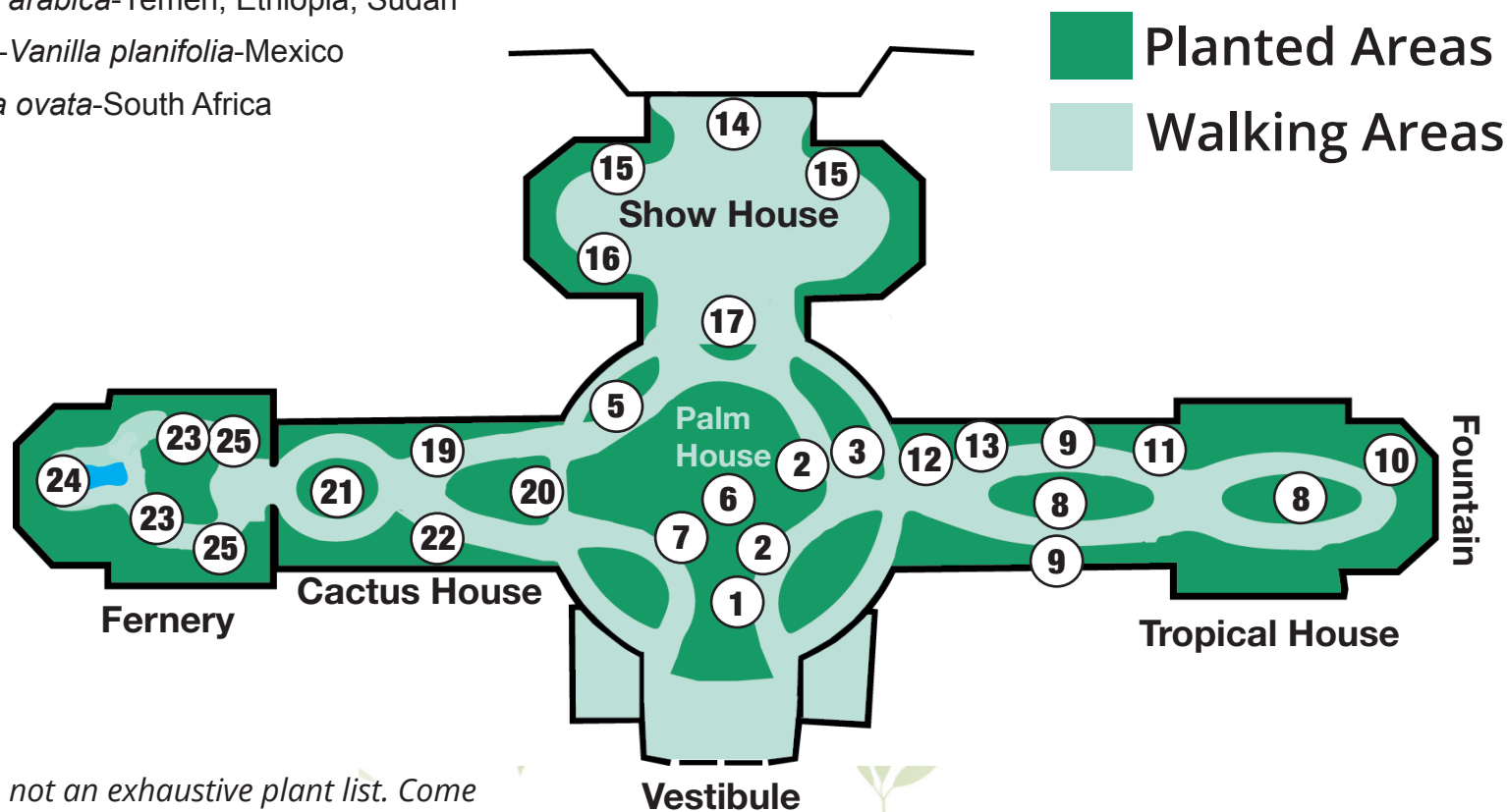
SEASONAL SHOW HOUSE DISPLAYS

- Spring Show including bulbs, amaryllis and lilies – February to May
- Tropical Show – May to October
- Autumn Show including mums, pumpkins, and gourds – Halloween to Thanksgiving
- Poinsettia Show – Thanksgiving through January

ANNA SCRIPPS WHITCOMB CONSERVATORY AND HENRY T. JOHNSON MEMORIAL GARDENS

**Hours:
Wednesday through Sunday
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

- 1 Avocado-*Persea americana*-Central America
- 2 Lipstick Palm-*Cyrtostachys renda*-Thailand
- 3 Cacao-*Theobroma cacao*-South/Central America
- 4 Cycad-*Dioon spinulosum*-Central America
- 5 Sausage Tree-*Kegelia africana*-Tropical Africa
- 6 Canary Island Date Palm-*Phoenix canariensis*-Canary Islands
- 7 Screw Pine-*Pandanus utilis*-Madagascar
- 8 Bananas-*Musa paradisiaca*-Tropical Asia
- 9 Citrus-*Citrus*-various-SE Asia, China, Vietnam, SE United States
- 10 Jaboticaba-*Plinia cauliflora*-Brazil
- 11 Fig-*Ficus carica*-Portugal
- 12 Jade Vine-*Strongylodon macrobotrys*-South Africa
- 13 Coffee-*Coffea arabica*-Yemen, Ethiopia, Sudan
- 14 Vanilla Orchid-*Vanilla planifolia*-Mexico
- 15 Jade-*Crassula ovata*-South Africa
- 16 Buddhist Pine-*Podocarpus macrophyllus*-Japan & China
- 17 Bottle Brush-*Callistemon*-Australia
- 18 Crown of Thorns-*Euphorbia milii*-Madagascar
- 19 Agave-*Agave americana*-Mexico
- 20 Peruvian Apple Cactus-*Cereus peruvianus*- Peru
- 21 Madagascar Palm-*Pachypodium lamerei*-Madagascar
- 22 Prickly Pear-*Opuntia* sp.-Mexico
- 23 Staghorn Fern-*Platyserium*-Australia
- 24 Tasmanian Tree Fern-*Dicksonia antarctica*-Australia
- 25 Sago Palm-*Cycas revoluta*-South Japan



Please Note: This is not an exhaustive plant list. Come visit us to see the full collection!