Garden Features

(starting at the pavilion)

Peggy Lee Hahn Garden Pavilion is our special events and education facility, made possible by Peggy Lee and T. Marshall Hahn and dedicated in 2006. Gracing the crest of the hill, the multi-purpose room is the perfect place for receptions and meetings. The beautiful Jocylene Couture Nowak Memorial Terrace Garden overlooks the meadow.

The Meadow Garden is our newest addition, featuring native plant species and cultivars as well as the Hahn Amphitheater. The winding path passes through Peggy’s Meadow.

To the east of the Pavilion lies the Utility Line Arboretum - a display created and maintained by Urban Forestry faculty and students — a demonstration of the best species for planting under power lines.

Constructed in 2003, the Jane Andrews Memorial Stream Garden is an extraordinary, 200 foot long water feature. Koi and goldfish swim among more than twenty species of emergent (bog) and aquatic plants.

The Conifer Display features green, blue, and gold evergreen gems; many are “dwarf” and stay a manageable size — a big deal for small gardens.

Our Trident Maple Allee is a row of stately maples, under-planted with perennials and annuals. A favorite place for wedding ceremonies.

The west side features the Shade Gardens; over an acre of rare and wonderful trees, shrubs, and perennials. Unusual plants from Asia and Europe rub elbows with native favorites. An arbor covered in wisteria provides a quiet nook for study or lunch.

Newly renovated to be bolder and brighter, the Small Pond has a lot going on. Tropicals add drama along with two glorious Japanese maples.

The recently-renovated Xeriscape Garden boasts drought-tolerant species of Sedum, Agave, Yucca, and more, both tender and cold-hardy.

The Spectrum Border has more than 90 species and cultivars planted in a circular spectrum. Three trellises are smothered in climbing roses and clematis.

Hot colors are featured in Bright Perennial Border, a festive array of perennials and flowering shrubs that separates the Garden from the greenhouse complex. It’s “most bodacious” in the early summer!

Two Hokie Stone walls define the Garden Entrance. Built in the dry-stack tradition in 2002, summer annuals cascade over and around the walls.
Welcome
to the
Hahn Horticulture Garden at Virginia Tech

The Hahn Horticulture Garden encompasses nearly six acres of teaching and display gardens. Established in 1984 by horticulture faculty, the garden serves undergraduate students and the local community as a hands-on learning resource for plant material, landscaping concepts, and environmental awareness.

Hope you enjoy your visit!

Visiting hours are dawn to dusk, 365 days a year. If you are visiting between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on a weekday, you must get a Visitor’s Pass from the VT Visitor’s Center on Prices Fork Rd (next to The Inn).

Restrooms and water fountains are located in the Peggy Lee Hahn Garden Pavilion and are available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Learn more about our facilities, programs, and opportunities to get involved — visit our website at www.hort.vt.edu, E-mail vtgarden@vt.edu, or call 540-231-5970.

- Join our Friends of the Garden program. While helping support garden operations, you’ll get great benefits such as discounts at garden seminars, plant sales, and more. A current Friends of the Garden membership card also provides free admission to more than 250 gardens and arboreta across North America through the American Horticulture Society’s reciprocal membership program.

- Volunteer. We rely on our volunteers for help and inspiration. All levels of experience are welcome — we work hard but have fun each Monday evening in the spring and summer.

- The garden and Peggy Lee Hahn Pavilion is a wonderful place for weddings and special events — rental fees contribute to our operating fund to help keep the garden beautiful.

- Educational programs for adults and youth are held throughout the year. Join us for seminars, workshops, and garden walks - share our passion for gardening and the environment.

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