

The President's Garden

1. *Magnolia grandiflora* – Southern magnolia – A stunning grove has suckered off the main parent plant creating a unique focal point to the left of the main walkway to the house.
2. *Quercus phellos* – Willow oak – A stately willow oak graces the right side of the walkway to the house. Its branches create a beautiful dappled shade on the lawn below and balance out the volume of the Magnolia across from it.
3. *Buxus sempervirens* – American boxwood – The front foundation has been replanted with this stunning architectural plant to enhance the porch of the stately home.
4. *Cephalotaxus harringtonia* 'Hedgehog' – Japanese plum yew 'Hedgehog' – These gorgeous deer proof evergreens create a textural layer in front of the boxwoods against the foundation and a beautiful backdrop for the myriad of perennials that are layered in front.
5. *Cephalotaxus harringtonia* 'Prostrata' – Weeping Japanese plum yew – These gorgeous weeping deer proof evergreens line the driveway creating a lush green layer welcoming guests to the property. Their arching branches make them a great base layer to help fill the ground and prevent weeds while acting as a green base layer for what's surrounding them.
6. *Ilex* – Holly – These dense evergreens have been limbed up to allow for vehicles to enter and exit without damaging either. Because there are so many hollies in the area they are quite laden with berries in the winter which the birds love!
7. *Rhododendron* – Rhododendron – A stunning pale pink with darker edges and yellow freckled throat bursts into bloom in early spring. The sheer size is enough to stop you in your tracks, but when it's covered in blooms this evergreen beauty really shines.
8. *Lagerstroemia indica* 'Near East' – Crape Myrtle 'Near East' – This gorgeous tree had us stumped on its color. It looks white, pale pink and blush all at once and is covered with blooms in late summer. A fantastic addition to the garden and certainly adds a burst of southern elegance to the entertaining space.
9. *Athyrium filix-femina* – Lady Fern – In the back right corner of the property a rain garden has been designed to capture runoff while maximizing the space and creating a lush haven for ferns. Several cultivars love this damp part shade location and are thriving!
10. *Caryopteris x clandonensis* 'Dark Knight' – Bluebeard or Blue Mist Spirea – Sadly you won't see this beauty blooming yet, its time to shine is late fall. The silvery gray shows off in summer but when it is smothered in dusty purple-blue flowers it is a show stopper! The butterflies love it and it's a welcome sight after many of the summer perennials have finished pulling their weight in the garden.