

(from the Reef Point Gardens Bulletin, August 1950)

THE GARDEN MONTH BY MONTH

MARCH

Snowdrops, early iris, winter aconite.

APRIL

Early bulbs, glory of the snow, scilla sibirica, crocus, early heaths and witchhazels, red maple flower.

MAY

Primroses, daffodils in the hardwood grove and under the east terrace; early lavender azaleas and prunus blossoms and sugar pears. Early perennials, dwarf apple tree bloom in the garden.

JUNE

Tulips and peonies on the terrace, English bluebells in shade plantations, woodland flowers- as twinleaf, mayapple; early azaleas- pink and white, yellows and orange in late June. .

JULY

Single roses on east terrace; astilbes and other perennials in garden; Climbing hydrangea and tripterygium and hybrid clematis on the house walls, and also species of clematis.

AUGUST

East of house heathers and heaths: goldenrods, boneset. Joe Pyeweed and asters in bog; start of change of leaf in red maples.

SEPTEMBER

Leaf colouring growing more intense as month progresses, late aconites in garden and late sunflowers. Autumn colour plantations near north Garden Club House.

OCTOBER

Chrysanthemums in cutting garden, oaks browning to russet, crabapple fruits, burning bush (Euonymus alatus) winterberry scarlets.

(As favorites of Mrs. Farrand, most of these plants were moved to Garland Farm, where they continue to mark the Maine seasons.)