Themed beds highlight many of Luther’s most famous plant introductions, as well as sharing the diversity of our plant collections. $1000/year

Cut Flowers Garden
This area highlights plants that can be used for either their flowers or foliage to make interesting fresh arrangements.

Walnut Orchard
Luther Burbank planted the Paradox Walnut himself which is the focal point of this themed area.

Plum Orchard
These highly varied plums are part of a PhD genetics research project being conducted by our Garden Curator at UC Davis. 
Sponsored by California Rare Fruit Growers

Wildlife Habitat
This certified wildlife habitat area pays homage to Luther’s love for nature.

Rose Garden
Established in 1979 and updated as part of a major site re-design in the early 1990s, the Rose Garden is a focal point for events and enjoyment. 
Sponsored by Chandi Hospitality Group

Medicinal Garden
This bed contains many plants that were used to treat health problems.

Edible Garden
No display garden would be complete without an edible section. This themed area is comprised of several large fruit trees and an understory of perennial and annual vegetables.

Children’s Garden
Luther’s success as a plant breeder can be attributed to his child-like curiosity and sense of wonder.

Butterfly Garden
This area contains plants that provide food or shelter for the adult and caterpillar forms of many native butterflies.
Ornamental Grass Garden
Mr. Burbank did not breed a lot of grasses, but he did work with many grass-like plants.

Drought-Tolerant
Luther Burbank found California native vegetation to have lots of potential for the home landscaper.

South West Corner
As the hottest and driest part of the Gardens, this area features unusual drought-tolerant plants native to Australia, South Africa, and South America.

Inner Courtyard
The charming Inner Courtyard is an inviting place for small gatherings. It has patches of landscaping surrounding a brick patio area & container gardens.

Victorian Garden
Serving as the border around Mr. Burbank’s final resting place, this portion of the Gardens showcases plants that were available during the Victorian Era.

Greenhouse
Built by Luther Burbank, it is currently used as a production greenhouse, place to save seeds, tour stop, and area for small weddings or gatherings.

Tupper Entry
As the gateway to the Gardens, this area features a wide variety of annual & perennial plants that provide year-round interest to our visitors.

Perennial beds showcase individual or related species and include some of Luther’s best-loved creations. $500/year

Sponsored by Bank of Marin

Peruvian Lily
This bed shows a modern iteration of Mr. Burbank’s work. Luther originally hybridized this plant with a California native lily.

Poppies
Luther Burbank enjoyed working with poppies because he could make several crosses within a single year due to their quick flowering time.

Sponsored by Poppy Bank
“20,000 Prune Trees”
Burbank became “The Plant Wizard” when he delivered 20,000 prune trees. We don’t have space for that, but this bed shows the kind of rootstock he used.

Blackberries & Columbine
The front of the bed is planted with Columbine, a plant that fueled Luther’s ego as he successfully bred off its spurs.

Shasta Daisy
One of Luther’s most famous creations, the Shasta Daisy is a household name to any home gardener. This beautiful flower took 17 years to breed.

Amarcrinum Lilies
This plant was an interspecific hybrid between the Amaryllis and the Crinum Lily. It was said to be impossible, but Mr. Burbank was able to generate a new species.

California Natives
The potential for California Natives to be introduced to a global market was capitalized on by Mr. Burbank.

Gladiolus
The flower spike everyone knows as a gladiolus exists because of Mr. Burbank. Before him, the flowers had wimpy stalks with a few, widely spaced flowers.

Canna Lilies
Not a true lily, Burbank worked with this relative of Bananas and Ginger for 25 years, resulting in 10 new cultivars.

Calla Lilies
Luther Burbank tried his hardest to make the calla lily smell pleasant. The few he was able to achieve a favorable odor from are now extinct.

Dahlias
Mr. Burbank introduced over 20 different kinds of Dahlia, bred by crossing domesticated plants with wild distant relatives.

Penstemon
Luther Burbank improved the number of flowers and the height of the spikes for this common flower.
White Blackberry
One of Mr. Burbank’s most novel creations is the white blackberry. It has just become commercially available again.

Iris
Burbank tried mixing relatives of the iris. We are seeking donations of Iris to show the wide variety of them available.

Day Lilies
Burbank introduced four varieties of day lily. We currently only have one of the four known as Surprise, but are actively seeking the other three.

The annual beds allow us to feature seasonal plantings that show off the year-round possibilities of gardening. Six Beds Available.
$250/6-month season
Three Sponsored for Summer

Summer Annual Bed
Sample - Sunflowers

Winter Annual Bed
Sample - Brassica, including ornamental cabbage

Summer Annual Bed
Sample - Zinnias

Winter Annual Bed
Sample - Calendula

Summer Annual Bed
Sample - Amaranth
Sponsored by Hank’s Creekside Restaurant

Winter Annual Bed
Sample - California Poppies