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- Free daytime admission to the Gardens and Leu House Museum for an entire year
- Special Member pricing on ticketed events
- Special Member discount on all classes
- Leu Members shop early on the first day of the annual Plant Sale
- Complimentary daytime garden admission passes
- Special reciprocal admission or discounts to over 300 gardens nationwide
- Free admission to all movie nights

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Let the beautiful gardens be the backdrop for your wedding.

Private Events

Leu Gardens is the perfect place for your next event. Whether you want an elegant space for an intimate gathering or need a unique venue for a corporate retreat, we offer a variety of amazing spaces for your special occasion.

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Harry P.
Leu
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Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily
(closed December 25th)
No Entry after 4:00 p.m.
(hours subject to change)

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Welcome to Beautiful Leu Gardens!

The 50-acre gardens and historic home were donated to the City of Orlando in 1961 by Mr. Harry P. Leu and his wife, Mary Jane. Their passion for horticulture transformed their estate into a wonderful botanical oasis with over 40 different plant collections.

Our mission is to provide a cultural venue that promotes the awareness and understanding of plants, the environment and the Gardens' history.

Harry P. Leu Gardens is governed by a Board of Trustees, the Mayor and City Council of Orlando. We hope you enjoy your visit.



Historic Home

The Leu House Museum, listed on the National Registry of Historic Places, reflects the time periods of the families who once lived on the property: The Mizells, The Pells, The Woodwards, and The Leus. The stories of the families are enduring and fascinating.

Mr. Leu was an Orlando native who built a successful industrial supply business. He married his secretary, Mary Jane, and they traveled extensively and brought back plants which shaped their estate into a botanical showplace featuring camellias, roses and azaleas.

*Open Tuesday - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.,
tours every 30 minutes on the hour and half-hour.
Closed in July.*

**Guest
Guide
& Map**

Camellia japonica 'Les Marbury'

The Gardens

Our Central Florida climate and soil allows for a diverse collection of plants, and as a result, we are always evaluating new selections.

To better assist you, interpretive signs, QR Codes and plant labels can be found throughout the gardens. Please ask any member of the staff if you have any questions. We hope you enjoy your visit.

1 Garden House Welcome Center

The Garden House Welcome Center provides a unique venue for any occasion including receptions, meetings, and retreats. Guests and locals enjoy the art gallery, gardens' classes, Gift Shop and researching in the botanic library.

2 Tropical Stream Garden

The Upper and Lower levels display a variety of tropical plants – bananas, bird-of-paradise, bromeliads, calatheas, gingers, heliconias, palms, tree ferns and vines which mimics a tropical rainforest.

3 Idea Garden

Ten distinct gardens illustrate a variety of plants, horticulture techniques and garden designs: i.e. Urban Patio Garden, Bird Garden, Perennial Garden, Fragrance Garden, Evening Garden, Subtropical Fruit Garden, Wildflower Garden, Shade Garden, Bog Garden and Enabling Garden.

- Children will enjoy finding the 'Secret Garden' (SG) which sparks imagination with our outdoor children's library, and enjoy a book in the gardens.

4 Herb Garden

Displays of both culinary and medicinal herbs make up this garden. Reminiscent of kitchen gardens from the turn of the century, the herb garden is very aromatic.

5 Butterfly Garden

A favorite among children and adults, the butterfly garden puts a smile on everyone's face. A wide variety of flowers are planted to attract different types of butterflies.

6 Vegetable Garden

Fruits, berries and seasonal vegetables suitable to the Central Florida climate are planted in this garden and donated to local food banks. A variety of growing techniques and planting styles are also exhibited.

7 Rose Garden

Mary Jane Leu loved roses. She saw the garden as a place of beauty and education for future generations. This is the largest formal rose garden in Florida and contains old garden roses, those existing prior to 1867, and modern roses.

8 Color Garden

Enjoy the beauty of flowering plants year-round.

9 Leu House Museum

Step back in time with a tour of the Leu House. 30-minute tours: Tuesday - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on the hour and half-hour. Closed in July.

10 Palms, Cycads & Bamboo

This garden is sometimes referred as the dinosaur garden with many plants dating back to the prehistoric age. Palms are very useful providing food, furniture, even wax for surfboards: i.e. Carnauba Wax Palm. Cycads are cone bearing plants and are not related to palms. Bamboo is a woody-stemmed plant in the grass family.

11 White Garden

Only plants with white blooms or green and white variegated foliage make up this unique garden.

12 Arid Garden

Plants which need little water flourish in this area. No irrigation is used in this garden, only natural rainfall, which demonstrates good plant selections for a drought tolerant landscape.

13 Camellias

Leu Gardens is home to the largest documented camellia collection in Eastern North America. Nestled under the towering oak trees in the north and south woods, Mr. Leu's favorite collection consists of over 200 varieties which bloom from mid-October through March.

