

THE PLANTS OF WARHOL

Like many landscape architects, the visual artist Andy Warhol was inspired by the repetition of shapes, bright pops of color and the full force positioning of a primary object. Our horticulture team has drawn inspiration from these concepts, as well

as some of the plants featured in Warhol's works to create vivid floral and plant displays that will take over the conservatory and gardens beginning in February. Here are some plants to look for as you explore the exhibition in the months to come:



Hibiscus - as part of the *Malvaceae*, or mallow family, there are approximately 300 species of hibiscus. This plant family also includes okra, cotton, cacao and even the *Bombax* trees found on our property.



Neoregelia - As part of the *Bromeliaceae* family, *Neoregelia* is plentiful at Selby Gardens. The colorful centers of this popular bromeliad will be used to create a modern pattern in the conservatory.



Sunflower - Sunflowers are part of the *Asteraceae* family, which also includes daisies, chrysanthemums, lettuce and artichokes. Placement of groups of *Helianthus* will evoke a sunflower field where Warhol was famously photographed with some of the paintings from the



Madagascar Periwinkle (*Catharanthus roseus*) - This ornamental plant grows well throughout the tropics worldwide, and some subtropical areas, including Sarasota. Its pink and white, five-petal flowers will be used to inject color into our outdoor scenes.

"Flowers" series.



Poinsettia - These native Mexican plants from the spurge family (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*) are ubiquitous during the holidays thanks to their red and green foliage, but they actually grow well outdoors in subtropical climates. The red color comes from the



Tillandsia tectorum - a quick glance at this large, white, almost fuzzy tillandsia and you'll understand the inspiration comes from Warhol's unmistakable hair-do. While this plant doesn't like hot, humid climates, we will take advantage of the drier, cooler months early in

right combination of long, dark nights and sunny days. Warhol's *Poinsettias* are on display in the museum, and plants from this family in our living collection will be highlighted.

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