



Scroll and Stroll The Battery Gardens

Today in tribute to all our **Public Health Workers** we are **BLUE** in our "Scroll and Stroll" at The Battery. We say thank you to all those who are serving with their skills and selfless courage.

The Battery is doing what it always does in April, blooms with spring bulbs. It gives a sense of consistency and dependability.

Do join us from the safety of your home as our Chief Horticulturist, Gabriela Marin, guides you through our drifts of blue splendor.



VIRGINIA BLUEBELLS

The Battery Forest Farm and The Battery Bosque

Virginia Bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*): "They have been noted even by Thomas Jefferson in one of his garden books in 1776. This woodland ephemeral will grow up to 2' tall with blue and lavender nodding bell-like flowers borne in small clusters. The flower buds are pinkish-lavender, when they first appear and then soon open up to a shade of blue-lavender. This change in color is possible because of the shift in the acidity of the petals over time. These plants too can spread easily around the garden and will go dormant after flowering."



GLORY OF THE SNOW

The Battery Bosque and Bikeway Gardens

Glory of the Snow (*Chionodoxa*): "My second favorite is a delicate little flowering bulb called Glory of the Snow or *Chionodoxa*. We have a few cultivars and the flowers are star shaped with six petals that may be blue, lavender or pink. It is one of the earliest blooming flowers in the spring and they even can push and bloom through the snow. They are good naturalizers, growing into a little larger clump each year."



WOODLAND PHLOX

*The Battery Bikeway and
Tiffany & Co. Foundation Woodland Gardens*

Woodland Phlox (*Phlox divaricata*): "Woodland phlox is an eastern North American native that flowers in late March beginning of April. This herbaceous perennial has sweetly fragrant flowers that come in shades of blue and occasionally pink or white. The beautiful tubular flowers are pollinated by long-tongued butterflies, bumble bees and moths but are a source of pollen for many insects. If you are looking for a plant that does well in woodland conditions this ground cover phlox is the right choice and you can combine it with other shade-loving perennials such as hostas, astilbes, hellebores, and ferns."



HYACINTH

The Battery Bosque Gardens

Hyacinth (*Hyacinthus orientalis*): "Extremely fragrant hyacinths, with their bell shaped flowers are welcoming you in the Bosque. These bulbs will naturalize in time, are easy to grow and for best visual impact, I recommend to plant them in groups or mix with other flowering plants."

