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The Weather Garden is a product of the Campus Beautification Committee - making things such as landscape, sidewalks and flowerbeds a priority in beautifying the campus. The Weather Garden is a demonstration project to add an educational component to the beautification. The Classroom Buildings fourth floor terrace is an incubator to test out ideas, in the hopes of incorporating success into campus wide gardens. If nothing else, this effort has beautified a neglected garden on the terrace.



Prostrate growing plants in a 'Köppen Climate Zone (cold desert) or Bsk.



Sunflowers are heliotropes, following the sun in the sky until mature. Once mature, they face east.



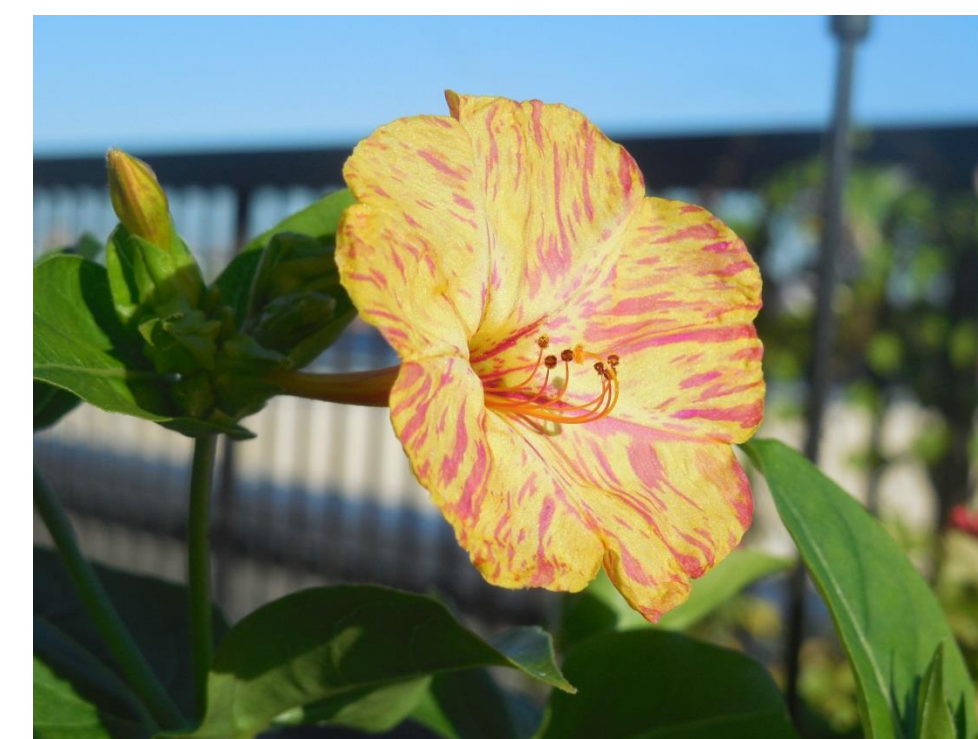
The morning glory flowers unravel into full bloom in the early morning. The variety planted in the Weather Garden is 'Heavenly Blue'; the blossoms color is sky blue with a white sun shining in the center of each blossom.



Celosia bloom in all the colors of a glowing sunset.



The leaf of Rhododendrons droop and curl as the temperature approaches freezing.



Four O'clocks produce trumpet shaped flowers that open each afternoon at about 4:00 PM.



Cosmos presents itself as a cloudy mass of fresh green, crowned in the upper reaches by numerous flower heads, which dance and sway gracefully in response to the wind



Mums: Reduced light in the fall stimulates the mum plant to create its fantastic blooms.



The Billion Bug Highway describes an enormous herd of insects that ride the winds above!



Wind cannot be seen, but its feel on our face, its sound to our ears, or the swirling and movement of an object in its path tells us it is real.



Rain Gauge

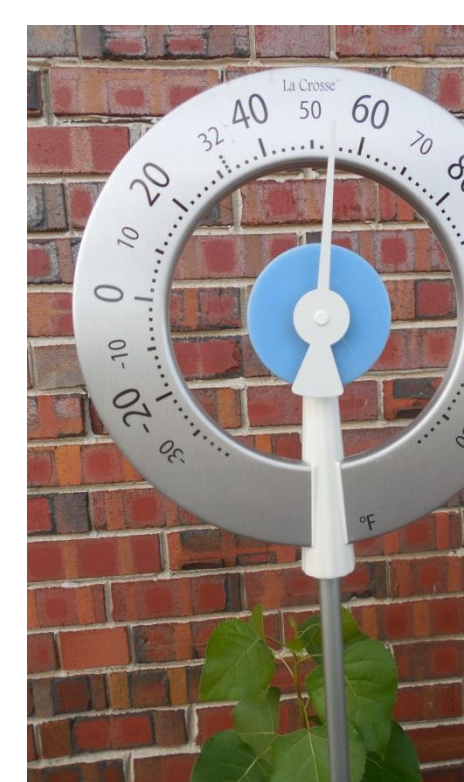


Spanish moss is an example of an epiphyte which absorbs nutrients and water solely from the air and rainfall.

The Prayer Plant bends its leaves upright in the evening (dark conditions), as if in prayer.



A weather stick is a traditional means of weather prediction used by some Native Americans.



The Moon Flower unfurls in the evening (around 6:00 p.m.) or on overcast days, and stays open until the sun rises.