



# Kathrine Dulin Folger Rose Garden

## Community

“**W**hen we try to pick out anything by itself,  
we find it hitched to everything else in the universe.”

—John Muir

In a garden, as with any community, each member plays a role in its success or failure. The relationships between its residents—both plants and insects—intertwine and are dependent on one another.

A garden planted with a broad palette of plants not only provides year-round beauty but also supports a diverse population of insects. The goal is to maintain a habitat that balances insects considered to be plant pests with their natural enemies, called beneficial insects.

Creating and maintaining a balance between these two populations is essential to sustaining a healthy garden.

### *What can you do?*

Create a garden using a variety of plants that attract all types of insects.

Avoid using insecticides as they kill beneficial insects as well as garden pests.

