Sensing Nature

Deepen your connection to the natural world and awaken your senses with the plants found in the Sensory Garden, located near the Smokestack in the Museum Park. Each plant on this list is either fragrant or produces edible fruit. Plant identification labels in the garden help guide you on an exploration of the senses.

**American Hazelnut**  
*Corylus americana*  
Sensory information: Edible nut  
Nut/fruit/seed: Late summer, early fall

**Chives**  
*Allium schoenoprasum*  
Sensory information: Edible flowers and leaves  
Season of bloom: Spring, summer

**American Persimmon**  
*Diospyros virginiana*  
Sensory information: Edible fruit  
Nut/fruit/seed: Fall, winter

**Common Lavender**  
*Lavandula angustifolia*  
Sensory information: Fragrant  
Season of bloom: Summer
**Creeping Thyme**  
*Thymus serpyllum*  
Sensory information: Fragrant  
Season of bloom: Summer

**Gray Lavender**  
*Cotton*  
*Santolina incana ‘Nana’*  
Sensory information: Fragrant  
Season of bloom: Spring

**Dwarf Chinquapin**  
*Castanea pumila*  
Sensory information: Edible nut  
Nut/fruit/seed: Fall, winter

**Highbush Blueberry**  
*Various cultivars*  
*Vaccinium corymbosum*  
Sensory information: Edible berry  
Nut/fruit/seed: Summer

**Edible Fig**  
*Ficus carica*  
Sensory information: Edible fruit  
Nut/fruit/seed: Summer, fall

**Oregano**  
*Origanum vulgare*  
Sensory information: Edible, fragrant  
Nut/fruit/seed: Summer, fall
**Rabbiteye Blueberry**
*Vaccinium virgatum*

**Sensory information:** Edible fruit
**Nut/fruit/seed:** Summer, fall

**Pawpaw**
*Asimina triloba*

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**Rosemary**
*Salvia rosmarinus*

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**Pecan**
*Carya illinoinensis*

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*Thymus vulgaris*

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