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On the cover: The *Phalaenopsis* orchid that graces this year's cover of *The United States Government Manual 2006–2007* is just one of many exquisite displays showcased at the United States Botanic Garden (Botanic Garden).

The Botanic Garden, located at the foot of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, DC, is a national treasure that captivates our collective spirit with its unique aura of elegance and repose due to its vast, magnificent plant collection.

The Botanic Garden proper consists of three locations: the newly renovated Conservatory, which showcases a beautiful and fascinating living plant museum; Bartholdi Park, which serves as a home landscape demonstration garden and showcases innovative plant combinations in a variety of styles and design themes; and the Production Facility, which is used for growing and storing plants for propagation, for the maintenance of the collection, or for display in upcoming annual shows. Construction is also underway for a National Garden west of the Conservatory, scheduled to open in October 2006.

The current Botanic Garden was inspired by American naval officer and explorer Charles Wilkes, commander of the United States Exploring Expedition to the South Seas from 1838–1842, who amassed an extensive collection of live and dried specimens of plants and seeds from around the globe that were previously unknown to the United States. The expedition greatly advanced the field of science in the United States.

Located on the National Mall across from the U.S. Capitol along First Street SW., between Maryland Avenue and C Street, visitors can marvel at the exhibits that include over 25,000 living specimens.

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For more information on the Botanic Garden, visit its Web site at <http://www.usbg.gov> or call 202-225-8333.

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