Rotary Botanical Gardens
Some Basic History

- Founded by Dr. Robert Yahr in 1989 on City of Janesville land
- Site of a former sand & gravel pit
- Early reclamation by area Rotary Clubs
- 20 acres
- 26 garden themes
- Educational Mission
Plant Collections

- 1,000+ varieties of trees and shrubs
- 2,500+ varieties of perennials
- 400,000 Spring blooming bulbs
- 150,000 annuals are planted each year (900 varieties)
Scope of Seasonals

- 150,000 plants annually
- 900+ varieties
- 80% seed grown, 20% vegetative
- Five wholesale growers
- Sponsorship arrangements
“Annual” Planning

- Trial garden visits
- Vegetative annuals all ordered by mid October
- Seeds ordered by mid January
- Labels made in February
- 50% on the fly...
- “Hit the ground running...”
Caladium Collection
I had a lot of fun helping out at your flower garden.

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