



The scenic drive to the top of Signal Mountain yields one of the most marvelous treats that the gardener or artistic soul could ever desire. At the end of a wooded road is an incredible nursery that is reminiscent of one of the South's finest botanical gardens.

Visitors to the 10-acre nursery tell owners Laurel and David Steele that they are surprised they are not charged admission to view the grounds. Upon entering the greenhouse, you are overwhelmed by the magnitude and opulence of all the flowers and plants. The intense colors, along with the soothing sounds of the many fountains throughout the nursery, surprise and delight the senses.

Laurel and David grow at least 90 percent of their inventory in their 46 greenhouses, so they are able to maintain the exceptional high quality in their plants, which has drawn gardeners from as far away as Birmingham and Atlanta for more than 27 years. They offer a wide variety of ornamental shrubs and trees, over 25,000 perennials, unique groundcovers, spectacular annuals, and a huge array of seasonal plants such as pansies, mums and poinsettias. The staff members are knowledgeable with growth habits, season of bloom, soil treatment, etc., and they are always eager to assist with plant selection and landscape design.

Before you leave the nursery, be sure to spend some time in the gift shop where you'll find all the gardening essentials, as well as a large variety of decorative items to give your home and garden a personal flair.

Whether you are a "weekend gardener" or a "professional," a visit to Signal Mtn. Nursery, located at 1100 Hubbard Rd., will be a wonderful experience. The nursery is open Monday-Friday, 8 am-5 pm and Saturday 9 am-5 pm with extended seasonal hours. For more information, call 423-886-3174.

