

GARDEN - *Continued*

Clustered in the corner by the house, in lovely clay pots, are a Camellia and Fatsia, under planted with white Phlox and large flowered Bacopa.

There are several "rocks" in the garden that look like sculpted pieces of granite. They are speakers.

Exit the garden through the iron gate, under the Lady Banksia. Take time to look at the interesting plant material here: Red Tip Photinia, Oak Leaf Hydrangea (*Hydrangea quercifolia*), Boxwood, Dietes, Large leafed *Rhaphiolepis umbellata* in pots with Pansies and Nemesis, Loquat, Tassel Ferns (*Polystichum polyblepharum*) and Tea Olive (*Osmanthus fragrans*).

The Sweet Olive, or Tea Olive, is a small tree that starts blooming at the first hint of cool weather in the fall. It then blooms off and on for seven months. The intensity of its fragrance is such that the wind can carry it a full city block, and you might not be able to see the source. Planting to the north of a door or passageway you use frequently will provide the best location. This is because the prevailing breezes in the fall, winter and early spring are from the north and will carry the perfume right to you.