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Dolls Eyes (*Actea pachypoda*) White Baneberry My Halloween Plant!

This perennial wildflower is known for the white berry with a black dot and a blood red pedicle that makes it look like an eyeball.

The flowers on the stalk are small, white and insignificant in early summer. Then the berry forms and is present late summer through the fall. It is native to eastern North American woodlands.

Most importantly, the berry is highly poisonous to people, but not to birds, who spread the seed.

Tivoli Gardens Copenhagen

This park was started in 1843 and was visited by Walt Disney in 1951, inspiring the creation of the first Disneyland. It is a wonderful blend of gardens, exotic architecture, ethnic restaurants, live performances and amusement rides. Its most famous ride is the wooden rollercoaster built in 1914. At night, thousands of colored lights cover the park.

I was most amazed by the entrance where hundreds of purple vanda orchids were hanging (see picture) I am unable to grow them here, only in Florida, and yet these were outdoors in a much colder climate.

Green Roofs of Norway – I suggest google this for wonderful pictures

This tradition dates back to the Vikings and perhaps earlier. The typical country home and even some suburban homes had roofs made of birch bark, then sod, and then soil and plantings. Some roofs grew trees, flowers, or just grass. A green roof of this sort is supposed to last 40 years, and provides excellent insulation in a colder climate.

In 1960, Germany started developing a modern type of green roof and today 10% of all roofs in Germany are of this sort. In the US, architects are starting to create green roofs in office buildings and apartment buildings.