

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

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The east and west garden courts of the National Gallery will be decorated at the time of the opening on March 17 with a famous collection of acacias. It is the gift of Mr. Joseph E. Widener of Philadelphia, one of the Trustees of the Gallery, who has given some of the acacias to be shown also at the U. S. Botanic Garden.

The collection comprises 588 plants of varying sizes, all in shades of yellow, and represents different varieties of the acacia family, sometimes called the mimosa. The plants in the collection were all rooted and grown at Mr. Widener's home, Lynnewood Hall, Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, and have been brought to Washington in bloom especially for the opening of the Gallery.

The collection has frequently been exhibited at flower shows in Philadelphia and New York and has won many silver cups and other prizes.

The garden courts and also the large sculpture halls will also be decorated with bay trees, which are the gift of The A. W. Mellon Educational and Charitable Trust.