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We are back and ready for spring! To help you get through those winter blues we will be releasing a group of plants on the first Wednesday of February, March, and April. First up: shade plants. All of the plants listed below have been grown in our nursery and are tucked in for the winter. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 2nd at 9:00am and visit our Online Plant Market where we will be releasing these plants for purchase. Buy then, pick up later! When you finish your order, you will be asked to choose a date and time to pick up your plants. These dates will start the last week of March when the threat of severe cold has passed and it is safe for you to take these plants home with you. We hope you enjoy the collections of plants we have put together for 2022 and look forward to seeing you in the spring!

#### **Hellebore Collection**

We have promoted the genus *Helleborus* here in the Louisville area for many years now and for good reason! Drought and shade tolerant. Deer proof. Yes, we used the words deer and proof together. Some of the species begin blooming as early as December and the rest follow through January, February, and March. During the warm days in winter you can even find pollinators on them getting a quick meal before the weather turns back cold. The maintenance for these plants are quite simple as well. For the *Helleborus niger* and *Helleborus* hybrids simply remove all of the foliage before the new flowers begin to emerge. The *Helleborus foetidus* and *Helleborus x nigercors* have a bit different schedule of cut back. You will want to wait until they have finished blooming in late spring before you remove their spent foliage. Other than that, they need very little care. Wonderful plants.

**Botanical Name Common Name Description** Helleborus 'California Honeymoon® Lenten Beautiful soft yellow flowers. Dreaming' Rose Hybrid Wedding Party® Lenten Helleborus 'Dark and A double flowered deep purple to nearly black selection. Handsome' Rose Hybrid Wedding Party® Lenten Helleborus 'Dashing A double flowered slate grey to rich, deep purple selection. Groomsmen' Rose Hybrid North Star™ Lenten Helleborus 'Garnet A double flowered maroon and white introduction from Terra Frills' Rose Hybrid Nova Nurseries. North Star™ Lenten Helleborus 'Pink' A double flowered pink introduction from Terra Nova Nurseries. Rose Hybrid This seed strain comes from Pine Knot Farm in Virginia that specializes in *Helleborus*. This strain will brighten the garden in winter with colors that range from white to nearly black, maroon Helleborus 'Pine Knot to pale yellow, and picotees to pink. The fun thing about these is Lenten Rose Hybrid Select' as the clumps begin to mature and the seedlings begin to flower you can start selecting the colors you want more of and removing those you don't. It could be the start of your plant selecting and breeding addiction! North Star™ Lenten A double flowered white flower with heavy pink/red spotting in Helleborus 'Ruby Rose Hybrid the interior of the flower introduction from Terra Nova Nurseries. Heart'



Hellebore Collection cont.		
Botanical Name	Common Name	Description
Helleborus 'Southern Belle'	Lenten Rose Hybrid	This is another seed strain from the Pine Knot Farm in Virginia and like the 'Pine Knot Select' strain the 'Southern Belle' strain comes in a wide range of color but the flowers of these are nearly all double flowering!
Helleborus 'Victoria'	VIV® Lenten Rose Hybrid	A purple/maroon single flower. The flower stalks on this variety are loaded with buds and puts on quite the show in winter.
Helleborus niger 'Snowbells'	Christmas Rose	This is our earliest flowering <i>Helleborus</i> in this year's collection.  They began to flower in the nursery in early December but keep in mind this was under the protection of a greenhouse. In the garden you can expect these large white flowers to truly be a Christmas Rose in this area. If you have a holiday party with your garden friends why wouldn't you want to show off flowers in your Kentucky garden in December?
Helleborus x nigercors 'Emma'	Lenten Rose	This is an interspecific cross between <i>H. nigers</i> and <i>H. argutifolius</i> . These white/soft yellow flowers are beginning to flower in January in the nursery. The foliage resembles that of the <i>H. argutifolius</i> with a very thick dark green leaf that is flushed with silver.
Helleborus foetidus	Stinking Hellebore	Don't worry, it doesn't stink. Horrible common name, great garden texture. Once established in the garden this plant will seed around here and there but is very easy to edit out if need be. The fine textured, dark green leaves are an absolute joy to see in the winter months. Because they flower later in spring on old wood you don't need to prune off the great foliage in December or January either! As spring approaches the clusters of light green flowers start to expand and put on a show in early spring. A favorite with visitors to Yew Dell.

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#### **Epimedium Collection**

Don't fill up all of your deer-inundated shade garden with just Helleborus. Epimediums are just as deer proof, we said it again, and tolerate a wide range of conditions. They will do fine in dry shade although they will flourish if given some water during dry spells. Once established, they form large masses of excellent groundcover that are not fussy at all. We will call them borderline semi-evergreen which basically means by December they have given up for the year. Once spring arrives, these plants send up some of the most beautiful flowers in the garden. Although low to the ground and small, we think you will quickly fall in love with them. The new foliage in the spring comes in an amazing array of colors. The leaves emerge green, yellow, red, pink, purple, and speckled, depending on the species, before

fading to a green. It is amazing deer don't eat these things!

Botanical Name	Common Name	Description
Epimedium 'Domino'	Barrenwort	Very vigorous selection with 12-15" masses of light green, red flecked spring foliage support airy clouds of white/burgundy flowers.
Epimedium 'Pink Champagne'	Barrenwort	A big, 18-24" high selection with white/burgundy flowers and extremely speckled green and red spring foliage.
Epimedium 'Pink Elf'	Barrenwort	Diminutive selection of this indispensable shade groundcover with pale green leaves and delightful pink spring flowers
Epimedium 'Pink Panther'	Barrenwort	Light pink flowers on this 12" high plant. The spring foliage on this one emerges nearly a bronze color!
Epimedium 'Spine Tingler'	Barrenwort	One ridiculously cool plant! 10" tall mounds of long, narrow, leathery leaves with spiny (although not painful!) margins give this a unique look. Covered with soft yellow blooms in spring. Takes dry shade but happier and more vigorous with a bit of moisture.
Epimedium wushanense 'Sandy Claws'	Barrenwort	Brace yourself for this one coming up in the spring! A little over 12" high mounds of long and spiny (like 'Spine Tingler' not painful though!) foliage is a screaming maroon color with a slight yellow margin. It is truly unbelievable.
Epimedium x perralchicum 'Frohnleiten'	Barrenwort	Beautiful 12" tall masses of green/bronze/maroon foliage sit below bright yellow flowers in this selection.
Epimedium x rubrum	Barrenwort	Pink to red flowers stand above the foliage that emerges green and maroon.
Epimedium x rubrum 'Galadriel'	Barrenwort	Where are our Lord of the Ring fans at? Yep, it was named after an Elven Queen from the series. Pink to red flowers stand above yellow and orange new growth.
Epimedium x versicolor 'Sulphureum'	Barrenwort	Theodore Klein Award Winner! 8-10" fine, soft green spring foliage with topped with pale yellow blooms. Great ground cover for a lightly shaded site. Tough and delicate at the same time. We have a tremendous mass of this plant above the Sunken Rock Garden at Yew Dell.
Epimedium x warleyense 'Orange Queen'	Barrenwort	Always a favorite, 'Orange Queen' is one of the better of the orange flowered <i>Epimediums</i> . 12" tall plants of light green spring foliage topped with clouds of yellow/orange spring blooms.

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#### **Shade Garden Collection**

We see a huge need for more widely available shade plants on the market and it is our goal to fill that need as we move forward in our nursery. Below you will find a good selection to choose from on February 2nd but rest assured there are plenty more varieties in the nursery that will be ready later this spring. Keep an eye out for an entire collection of native spring ephemerals during our in-person Opening Day Plant Sale on March 26th. I guess you could say the future isn't bright for our nursery but rather shady!

Botanical Name	Common Name	Description
Ajuga 'Noble Nightingale'	Feathered Friends™ Bugleweed	From our friend Chris Hansen of Garden Solutions comes this fabulous new <i>Ajuga</i> . Growing just 4" tall and spreading at a modest rate, the leaves are very narrow and a deep burgundy that hold a nice sheen through the summer. Spring flowers are lavender/blue on short stems. An excellent, deer resistant groundcover for sun or light shade. Don't overlook this plant as an option for planters on your porch or elevated troughs placed in the shade garden. A great little plant to grab a handful of to pass along to a friend as they visit your garden.
Ajuga reptans 'Silver Beauty'	Bugleweed	Another one of those unfortunate plants that had 'weed' added to their common name! This is far from a weed in our opinion and adds a lot to the shade garden or planter. Light gray to green leaves have a very pronounced creamy margin to them. Planted as a living mulch among your <i>Hosta</i> collection it will cover the ground, accent the plants growing around it and shoot up 10" spikes of purple flowers in the spring!
Anemone 'Pocahontas'	Fantasy™ Japanese Anemone	A choice new selection with double pink flowers in mid and late summer on a compact, 18" tall plant. Great for garden beds and containers. It will make a great cut flower to bring inside and after the flowers have finished puffs of cottony seed heads add more interest in the fall garden.
Aquilegia 'Faye's Blue'	Columbine	Not a Theodore Klein (1905-1998) introduction but rather a passalong plant given to him many years ago by a gardening friend named Faye. During one of the early springs of Yew Dell being a botanical garden in the early 2000's, it was noticed growing along the edge of a wood line. It was brought back up into the garden and the Klein family identified it and shared the story with staff. This 3 foot, double purple selection is completely consistent in form and color from seed. We wouldn't be without it!



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Shade Garden Collection cont.		
Botanical Name	Common Name	Description
Aralia cordata 'Sun King'	Japanese Spikenard	Perennial Plant Association plant of the year for 2020 and a Theodore Klein Award winner as well! This stout perennial will mature to a 4-5' tall and wide "shrub" in the garden with brilliant gold new growth fading to a soft chartreuse later in summer. More shade, more green - more sun, more gold - but not too much sun! Small white flowers in late summer yield glossy black fruit. Fabulous!
Asarum splendens	Chinese Wild Ginger	Clumping, semi-evergreen mound of bold, deep green leaves flecked in silver. Slow to grow but well behaved and unique in texture. This is a great companion plant to taller shade perennials in the garden. Reaching only 6-8" it spreads by rhizomes and forms nice masses. It is especially fond of organic rich soils. These rich soils can slowly be achieved by mulching with compost or leaf mould every year or so.
Asarum maximum 'Ling Ling'	Panda Face Wild Ginger	A collector's special and conversation piece for the shade garden. Huge leaves (for an Asarum, anyway) to 8" across are dark, leathery green with prominent silver markings above. Flowers are huge, black and white "panda faces" that are held below the spring foliage. The Louisville area is getting into the colder limits of this plant so a protected area is recommended. Any area inside the Watterson Expressway shouldn't have any trouble at all.
Bletilla x yokohama 'Kate'	Hardy Ground Orchid	It is always fun to have a visitor in the garden and have them be surprised when you tell them the large, 3 foot tall mass of plants with pink flowers is an orchid! The foliage is 2-3" wide blades that stand straight up and beginning in June the flowers stand well above and last for weeks. Upon closer inspection of the flowers, you will see their beauty and know right away that the delicate petals are indeed that of an orchid!
Brunnera macrophylla 'Alexander's Great'	Siberian Bugloss	This <i>Brunnera</i> got its name from a gardener in Belarus. Alexander was his name and the size of this plant makes the 'great' part understandable. Very large silver leaves with green veins stand a foot tall and the clusters of small blue flowers will reach nearly 18" tall. Now we just need Alexander to find a selection with this size but with giant 2" wide flowers!!!
Brunnera macrophylla 'Silver'	Alchemy™ Siberian Bugloss	Another great plant on the market from Terra Nova Nurseries. This <i>Brunnera</i> has large silver to nearly white leaves with green veins throughout. Well suited for our warmer summer weather in the Louisville area. Give this plant a try in a planter on your porch this year. With a hardiness zone of 4, well below our zone 6, this is one that can be left in the planter year round with no problem.

Shade Garden Collection cont.		
Botanical Name	Common Name	Description
Chelone obliqua 'ARMTIPP02'	Tiny Tortuga™ Turtlehead	An amazing late summer bloomer we have loved in the gardens here at Yew Dell! Only reaching about 18" tall the dark green foliage contrasts the bright pink flowers very well. We have had a Chelone growing in a large container in our Walled Garden for a few years now. It hasn't missed a beat! Tiny Tortuga™ is a fast grower and forms a nice mass quickly. <i>Chelone</i> is a fun and easy plant to separate into single divisions in the fall to expand your own shade garden or share with friends.
Chrysogonum virginianum 'Allen Bush'	Golden Knee	A fun little part shade plant native to Eastern Kentucky that shows off with bright yellow flowers in late spring with more flushes in the fall. Growing to only a few inches tall, this woodland ground cover will spread to about a foot wide. Great for path borders in the shade garden. Many people ask what native groundcovers there are to the Kentucky area. Don't pass this one up!
Disporopsis pernyi	Evergreen Solomon Seal	We honestly have no idea why everyone isn't growing this plant!  12" tall, glossy evergreen foliage with small spring bell-shaped flowers in white/green. Spreads slowly in the shade garden. Won't say deer-proof but deer resistant! When temperatures drop below 10 Fahrenheit the foliage finally takes a hit and will die back until the spring. As I write this description I'm looking out the front window at home on January 17th, 2022 and I can still see green foliage under the light snow and ice we received last night.
Disporum cantoniense 'Night Heron'	Fairy Bells	This <i>Disporum</i> , from the legendary Heronswood Nursery, is a wonderful shade groundcover that grows to about 2 foot tall and spreads slowly with underground runners. This one is very unique and was selected for the deep burgundy to blackish green foliage and stem color when it first emerges in the spring. Flowers similar to those of <i>Polygonatum</i> are of a pale yellow color and stand out well with the darker foliage in spring. In the Pacific Northwest this plant can reach 5 foot tall so treat it well and hope for some cool, wet summers!
Geranium maculatum	Wild Geranium	Not everything in the garden needs to be dwarf, weeping, variegated or purple foliaged! This native geranium is found throughout eastern North America in lightly wooded sites where it delights with spring crops of pink to lavender flowers over finely divided foliage. The 18" tall plants scramble in and around other plants and offers a soft ground plane for other plants later in the season. A seldom offered but very useful garden plant. Not bothered by deer or rabbits.



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Common Name	Common Name	Common Name
Heuchera 'Citronelle'	Coral Bells	The lime green foliage makes this plant stand out almost anywhere. We have really enjoyed <i>Heucheras</i> in planters as of late and they do fantastic in them. It eliminates their struggle in our horrible Kentucky clay soil. Other options for a high success rate are to mulch your garden with about 1" of compost or leaf mould every year or so.
Heuchera 'Green Spice'	Coral Bells	During the cool weather of spring and fall the leaves of this plant will exhibit red venation surrounded by a pale green/white leaf that has a green margin. Best in light shade. Is this the year you transition a portion of your planters to perennials and start a collection of <i>Heucheras</i> on the porch?
Heuchera 'Stainless Steel'	Coral Bells	Very unusual foliage color on this plant. A silver foliage with hints of purple will fade to a silver/green color during the summer months. In a deep purple planter on a porch or shaded patio this plant will work as an amazing specimen planting.
Heucherella 'Sweet Tea'	Foamy Bells	A 20" tall plant while in flower of eye popping color. <i>Heucheras</i> and <i>Heucherellas</i> can be finicky in this area if in the wrong soil. If in the right spot they flourish and live for years if not decades! In the wrong spot, well, plan on a short life. For this reason we like to recommend these plants in containers in a shaded area of the garden or patio. They overwinter perfectly in the container left out all winter and they love the well draining properties of a potting mix.
Hosta 'Blue Mouse Ears'	Plantain Lily	It's time for a new planter in the garden! This small, 8" tall plant has round leaves that are a blue/green color. If you are a connoisseur of <i>Hostas</i> you already know how fun it is to incorporate miniature varieties throughout the garden and patio in planters elevated above or spotted around the larger shade perennials in your garden.
Hosta 'Purple Profusion'	Plantain Lily	More deer candy! It is unfortunate but true. If you are one of the lucky ones that don't have the problem of deer dining in the garden this is a great plant to use as a ground cover! Growing only to a bit more than a foot tall this plant will reach 3 feet across easily. The masses we have had at Yew Dell were prolific and dense. It is a very late bloomer too and does not flower until August-September.
Hosta 'Silly String'	Plantain Lily	Don't like <i>Hostas</i> because they are just green, boring blobs? Well, let us introduce you to this amazing little plant. It isn't the tallest, only about 14" tall, but the very narrow blue/green foliage is unbelievably wavy on the margins of the leaves. When we say very narrow leaves we mean it. They will only be 1-2" across! One could almost say it looks like a <i>Hosta</i> and a <i>Carex</i> got together andwell you know.



Shade Garden Collection cont.		
Common Name	Common Name	Common Name
<i>Iris cristata</i> 'Powder Blue Giant'	Dwarf Crested Iris	This is a more robust selection of our much beloved native woodland wildflower. 6 to 8 inch masses of sword-like foliage and rich blue spring iris flowers. The flowers of 'Powder Blue Giant' are much larger than the straight species and can reach up to 3 inches across! Grow in filtered light on well drained soil. This selection was made not far from Louisville. Samuel Norris (1921-2002) of Owensboro, Kentucky discovered this selection growing in Leitchfield, Kentucky.
Iris cristata 'Eco Bluebird'	Dwarf Crested Iris	A light blue flowering selection that has all the same great characteristics of the straight species. Early spring flowering, easily divided and shared, and a great example of how more of our native plants should be considered superb garden plants. This is another one of those plants you can simply reach down, yank up a handful, and give to a friend while they are visiting your garden.
Iris cristata 'Tennessee White'	Dwarf Crested Iris	Our favorite little dwarf iris that is native to Kentucky! This selection has bright white flowers instead of the normal purple/blue. Perfect for path edges, troughs, or planters in the shade garden. Imagine the excitement that legendary nurseryman Don Shadow had when he discovered this amazing selection in Tennessee!
Iris tectorum	Japanese Roof Iris	This is a very cool <i>Iris</i> !! Expect to see this plant offered more frequently in our plant sales. This plant can tolerate a good deal of shade but also sun. It has broad sword like foliage, typical of <i>Iris</i> , and huge blue/purple flowers in spring that can reach 6" across. It gets its common name because it was grown on thatch roofs in China and Japan. And just like that the shingles on your roof are much more boring than they were before reading this!
Lamprocapnos spectabilis 'Gold Heart'	Bleeding Heart	Take the old fashioned bleeding heart the 2-3 foot tall plant with delicate arching stems and classic heart shaped pink spring blooms and make the foliage screaming yellow! Can go summer dormant but with that kind of spring show, who cares?! If protected from sun it will last much longer into the season.
Phlox divaricata 'Blue Moon'	Woodland Phlox	First introduced to this plant by our friends at North Creek Nurseries, it quickly became a favorite at Yew Dell. Vigorous growing woodland creeper, it produces fine textured spring foliage and clouds of beautiful blue spring blooms. Excellent selection for the lightly shaded garden. The fall color is a beautiful maroon color that will persist into the mild months of winter. Don't let the deer know you planted this one!
Primula vulgaris 'Kerbelbut'	Belarina® Pink Ice Primrose	A wonderful little cold and summer hardy series of Primrose. Pink Ice will have light pink flowers in late winter early spring. Best suited for areas of the shade garden that do not go through stretches of dry weather in the summer.



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Common Name	Common Name	Common Name
Primula vulgaris 'Kerbelpice'	Belarina® Buttercup Primrose	Buttercup flowers in late winter or early spring with soft yellow flowers. During the heat of the summer this plant can go dormant but expect it to come back in the fall and persist through spring.
Rohdea japonica	Sacred Lily	This is a unique and hard to find evergreen perennial clumper for the shade garden. Grows to about 12-18" tall, looking almost like a broad leafed, evergreen daylily. Small spring flowers in white yield bright red/orange fruit that persist through the winter. Easy to grow and long lived it can add a lot of winter interest in the garden when most other shade perennials have died back and gone dormant.
Stylophorum diphyllum	Celandine Poppy	One of the brightest yellow flowers you can have in your garden. An early spring ephemeral native to Kentucky this plant deserves a home in every shade garden. Standing 12-18" tall the foliage of this plant will persist quite a long time into summer but it is those bright yellow flowers that make it the gem that it is.
Tricyrtis hirta 'Moonlight'	Toad Lily	Excellent shade perennial to about 3' tall with leaves that emerge chartreuse in spring and fade to green. Late summer/fall flowers are white, flecked with burgundy. A nice and tidy selection. Deer resistant!

Fern Collection		
Common Name	Common Name	Common Name
Athyrium filix-femina 'Victoriae'	Victoria Lady Fern	Unique and choice fern with upright arching fronds of medium green that are twisted and crested at the tips. Nice specimen in the shade garden or shady container.
Athyrium niponicum var. pictum	Japanese Painted Fern	A fern no shade garden should be without. 15" tall clumps spotted with white/silvery markings on a deer resistant plant. This fern will spread faster than most. What's not to love?
Dryopteris erythrosora 'Brilliance'	Autumn Fern	Excellent vase shaped, semi-upright fern to about 2' tall for shade.  The new growth of 'Brilliance' is a mix of reds and orange and dramatically stands out in the garden.
Dryopteris x australis	Dixie Wood Fern	Probably our favorite fern here at Yew Dell. A much better plant than ostrich fern for this area but with the same effect. Sword like fronds stand 3' tall and make a serious impact in the shade garden. This fern is semi-evergreen but the fronds flop over flat in late fall.
Dryopteris x complexa 'Robusta'	Buckler Fern	Robust it is! This 3-4 foot tall fern is semi-evergreen and one that likes to be consistently moist. Like most all ferns amend or mulch your soil every year or so with a 1" layer of compost or leaf mould.
Dryopteris marginalis	Marginal Shield Fern	A native fern that also falls into the evergreen shade perennial category! It will stand 18-24" tall. In the wild you will find this fern growing along rock outcroppings and crevices so no wet feet for this one.
Polystichum tsus-simense	Korean Rock Fern	A smaller 18-20" fern that will stay evergreen throughout the winter. This fern has a very fine texture to it upright fronds.
Athyrium filix-femina 'Victoriae'	Victory Lady Fern	Unique and choice fern with upright arching fronds of medium green that are twisted and crested at the tips. Nice specimen in the shade garden or shady container.

Perennial Shade Grass Collection		
Common Name	Common Name	Common Name
Acorus gramineus 'Ogon'	Sweet Flag	Upright arching spikes of 12" golden foliage. Best in bright light but a little protection from the hot afternoon sun.
Carex oshimensis 'Evercream'	Evercolor® Japanese Sedge	We are continuously impressed by this Irish bred group of evergreen sedges. Excellent in sun or light shade beds or in containers, they produce 12-15" tall and wide, arching masses of glossy and colorful foliage. Evercream has a bright green central stripe with clear, creamy margins. It has performed beautifully in our evaluation garden.
Carex oshimensis 'Everillo'	Evercolor® Japanese Sedge	Super little evergreen clumper with grass-like leaves edged in dark green and brilliant gold centers. Perfect for sun to part shade borders or containers
Hakonechloa macra 'All Gold'	Japanese Forest Grass	Stunning ornamental grass with brilliant yellow/gold foliage presented in arching masses 18" tall and 3' wide. Best in light shade but surprisingly sun tolerant for a gold foliaged grass. One of our favorites