



February 2023 Online Plant Release List

February 8th at 9:00 am

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 second 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 8th at 9:00 AM, 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 2023 and look forward to seeing you in the spring!

Shade Garden Collection

If you plant only one tree in your sun garden, it will only have more and more shade each year until that tree matures, so we see the huge need for more shade plants on the market. It is our goal to fill that need as we move forward with our nursery. Below you will find a good selection to choose from on February 8th, but rest assured there are plenty more varieties that will be ready later this spring. I guess you could say the future isn't bright for our nursery but rather shady!

Botanical Name (Common Name)	Description
<i>Actaea pachypoda</i> (Doll's Eyes)	A native to the woodlands of Kentucky, this plant has clusters of small white flowers that stand 1- 2' about the foliage giving the entire plant when in flower a height of 2-3'. The berries that form in summer give this plant its common name. Bright white berries have a black spot on each one making them look like tiny porcelain eyeballs.
<i>Ajuga reptans</i> 'Blueberry Muffin' (Bugleweed)	Compact little groundcover for sun or part shade with dark bronze/green, ground hugging foliage and spring spikes of blue flowers. Vigorous and durable for container, rock garden, or as an edger
<i>Alchemilla mollis</i> 'Thriller' (Lady's Mantle)	'Thriller' is a larger growing, up to 24" tall, selection of the species. Mounds of rich green, ruffled leaves support yellow/green flowers in late spring. Nice cut flower as well as a well-behaved garden plant. Excellent addition to the shade garden.
<i>Anemone</i> '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.
<i>Aralia cordata</i> 'Sunking' (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!



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<i>Asarum arifolium</i> (Arrowhead Ginger)	This eastern Kentucky native, low growing plant is similar to the other gingers but instead of the common round leaf it has a pronounced arrowhead shape to the leaf. Evergreen, but during the winter, a nice purple hue may develop if cold enough. Small flowers appear in early spring at ground level and although not big and showy it is always fun to lift up the leaves and take a look at such unusual blooms! Another common name for his plant is Little Brown Jug. It gets this name because the flowers are brown and (you guessed it) look like little brown jugs with small openings!
<i>Bletilla x yokohama</i> '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' 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 close inspection of the flowers, you will see their beauty and know right away that the delicate petals are indeed that of an orchid!
<i>Cimicifuga racemosa</i> (Black Cohosh)	A Kentucky native that blooms in midsummer and can stand nearly 6' tall. The long 12" spikes of white flowers paired with the compound leaves of this plant can add a lot of color and texture contrast to the shadier areas of the garden.
<i>Convallaria pseudomajalis</i> (American Lily-of-the-Valley)	Say what? A Lily-of-the-Valley native to high elevations of Southern Appalachia? That is close enough for us to include it in our Kentucky Native Plant Collection. It does highlight though our concern on labeling plants to inside political lines on a map! A better description would be a plant that can be found in the high elevations of the Southern Appalachians similar to those area of Harlan and Letcher counties in far Southeastern Kentucky. It is very similar to, but not nearly as aggressive as, the Eurasian species that is the most common in the trade.
<i>Dicentra canadensis</i> (Squirrel Corn)	A common name that can be quite confusing until you dig the plant up and look at its underground structure. Even Chip and Dale might get confused by the small bright yellow corms that can be about the size of a kernel of corn. Native to Kentucky, this cool little plant will be up in the garden in early spring with very delicate, feathery leaves in a gray/green color. The clusters of white flowers stand above the short foliage and resemble hearts.



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<i>Disporopsis pernyi</i> (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 17, 2022, and I can still see green foliage under the light snow and ice we received last night.
<i>Helleborus</i> 'Candy Love' (Winter Magic™ Lenten Rose)	The breeding work of hellebores has really taken off and this is a great example. Unlike the green foliage you are used to, this series has a silverish look that makes a beautiful plant even without the loads of cream flowers that fade to a plum color and eventually green as the season progresses.
<i>Helleborus</i> 'Pine Knot Select' (Lenten Rose Hybrid)	This seed strain comes from Pine Knot Farm in Virginia that specializes in <i>Helleborus</i> . This strain will brighten the garden in winter with colors that range from white to nearly black, maroon to pale yellow, and picotees to pink. The fun thing about these is 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!
<i>Hemiboea subcapitata</i> (Glossy False Sinningia)	This plant will make you think twice about pronouncing the botanical AND common name. A plant that came to us from Gene Bush. Incredibly glossy, near succulent-like leaves stand about 8-12" and spread by rhizome forming nice clumps over time. In early fall, this plant flowers with beautiful, pink sinningia-like flowers. The coolest part about it though is just before the flower buds open, they are like small balloons and if you squeeze them just right, they will shoot water out 5-6 feet!!! That is why Jacob calls it the peeing plant.
<i>Hepatica acutiloba</i> (Sharp-Lobed Hepatica)	One of the earliest spring ephemerals to flower in Kentucky. The small delicate flowers will appear in March above the foliage that remains from last year. After flowering, the new leaves will emerge and stay green until the cold temperature of winter changes them to a nice purple hue. Commonly found on limestone outcrops. Very cool little plant for the native enthusiast and gardener who can appreciate things on the small scale in the garden.
<i>Heuchera</i> '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?



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<i>Heuchera</i> 'Kaleidoscope' (Lucid Dreams™ Heuchera)	Here is another new Heuchera, this one from Plants Nouveau. Bright yellow leaves have a maroon venation making for a stark contrast. As we say with all of the Heuchera, if you have the right, well drained, organic soil- it will thrive. If you do not, they are best put in a planter on the shaded patio.
<i>Heuchera villosa macrorrhiza</i> 'Autumn Bride' (Hairy Alum Root)	A surprisingly hard-to-find plant considering how tough and useful it is. Low mounds of hairy, bold-textured leaves keep their powder dry until well into the fall when they are topped with delicate wands of white flowers. A fantastic ground cover for dry shade. Deer, drought, cold, you name it. This is a problem solver in just about any garden.
<i>Heucherella</i> 'Sweet Tea' (Foamy Bells)	A 20" tall plant of eye popping color. Heucheras and Heucherellas 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.
<i>Hosta</i> 'Diamond Lake' (Plantain Lily)	Who doesn't like a big blue hosta in the garden? We know, we know, some of you are on team anti-hosta. For the rest of us though, this one is awesome. About 18" tall but nearly 4' across, this plant has large blue puckered leaves with a wavy margin.
<i>Hosta</i> 'Guardian Angel' (Plantain Lily)	This is a sport (mutation) found on the awesome and giant Hosta 'Blue Angel'. A blue leaf margin surrounds a soft yellow color streaking through the middle of the leaf. Like 'Blue Angel', this one will get 2' tall and 3' wide. Sorry, deer like this one too!
<i>Hosta</i> 'Rainbow's End' (Plantain Lily)	Who needs flowers . . . This wildly variegated, medium sized Hosta has brilliant streaks of deep green and bright, golden yellow with a nice gloss up to 12" tall. Holds up well all through the summer
<i>Hosta</i> 'Wheee!' (Plantain Lily)	'Whee' is the cultivar name, not the sound that the deer will make running to and from your hosta plants in the garden eating them to the ground. Obviously not for areas where deer do their thing, but in the right spot, or in planter on the porch, this short hosta is awesome! Only 12-18" tall with flower scapes reaching 24", this Hosta has extremely wavy, green foliage with a cream margin. If you haven't tried Hosta in a planter, this would be a great one to start the collection with.
<i>Hydrastis canadense</i> (Golden Seal)	A plant with very cool morphology! It only has 3 leaves. One at the base and two further up the plant that are about 6 to 8" across. A single white flower with no petals shows up in spring where one of the upper leaves meets its petiole. In late spring, the flower is replaced by a tight cluster of green berries that eventually turn red and resemble a raspberry. A large colony of these plants is an amazing sight to see!



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<i>Mitchella repens</i> (Partridge Berry)	The first time you see this plant growing in a Kentucky woodland you may think it is the incredibly aggressive exotic plant <i>Vinca minor</i> . It has similar shaped, yet smaller leaves and has the same habit of creeping along the ground. However, this native plant is wayyyyy less aggressive. In early summer, the plant produces pairs of small white flowers that are eventually replaced by small red berries that have 2 bud scars, one from each of the flowers.
<i>Oxalis crassipes</i> 'Rosea' (Wood Sorrel)	Fun little perennial for light shade in beds or containers. Low, clover-like foliage is bright green and set off beautifully by rose pink blooms. If kept moist, it will bloom all spring and summer. Leaves fold up at night and reopen in the morning.
<i>Pachysandra procumbens</i> (Allegheny Spurge)	Our native <i>Pachysandra</i> ! A great shade plant that flowers before the new foliage emerges in the spring. Not aggressive like the Japanese species. A great addition to your shade garden! During the winter, this plant will stay 'evergreen' as the green foliage of summer turns to a mottle brownish green as the season progresses and the temperatures cool.
<i>Phlox divaricata</i> 'Blue Moon' (Woodland Phlox)	Awarded the 2022 Garden Club of America's Montine McDaniel Freeman Medal. 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!
<i>Polygonatum</i> 'Blue Wings' (Solomon Seal)	A very hard to come by and beautiful plant. It stands around 18" tall with arching stems holding powder blue leaves that are heavily veined.
<i>Primula</i> 'Kerbelsun' (Prima Belarina® Spring Sun Primrose)	Screaming yellow clusters of flowers show off in late winter to early summer. Like all primulas in our areas, protect them from the hot summer sun but don't be surprised if they just go dormant during the peak of summer.
<i>Primula</i> 'Kerbelman' (Prima Belarina® Mandarin Primrose)	Another tough primrose in the Prima Belarina® series. This cultivar adds a wonderful yellowish orange to the garden in early spring and just like the others may go dormant in summer.
<i>Primula elatior</i> 'Gold Lace' (Oxlip)	A beautiful little primrose whose flower is made up of a bright yellow center and deep maroon petals edged in yellow. Protecting this plant from the hot summer sun is important. A great addition with early color in the front of the perennial garden and staying under 12" when in flower.



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<i>Primula meadia</i> (Shooting Star)	You may have learned this plant as Dodecatheon meadia. After looking at this plant closer and comparing it to others, the taxonomists have grouped it in with Primula. Anyway, no matter the name this is a cool plant! Large basal leaves emerge in late March or early April and bloom during May. The umbel of flowers stand about 12" above foliage and each flower hangs downward but the white to pink petal face straight up- giving the resemblance to a shooting star! These plants are fairly prolific if you cross the Ohio River and hike in Clifty Falls State Park in Madison, Indiana. They cling to the limestone cliffs above the trails. Our ample spring rains give these plants plenty of moisture to flourish during their spring growing season before they go dormant during the hot and dry periods of summer.
<i>Primula veris</i> 'Sunset Shades' (Cowslip)	Red to orange clusters of flowers rise to around 8-10" in early spring from a basal rosette that stays only a few inches off the ground. It dislikes the hot summer sun and is happiest in a shady, moist garden setting.
<i>Pulmonaria</i> 'Trevi Fountain' (Lungwort)	This Theodore Klein Plant Award winner is one of the best and most heat tolerant Pulmonarias on the market today. Slightly fuzzy, strap-like green leaves with silver spots are set off with royal blue spring flowers. If you want to grow Pulmonaria, this is the one to grow!
<i>Reineckea carnea</i> (Ribbon Lily)	This is an interesting new plant for us to offer that came to us by way of Gene Bush. Deep green foliage that stays evergreen during the winter. Small spikes of pink and white flowers emerge in June and this plant will be just happy as can be in the shade garden. It will slowly spread and form nice 8" tall masses.
<i>Smilacina racemosa</i> (False Solomon's Seal)	At first glance this plant can easily be confused with a Polygonatum if not in flower. Unlike Solomon's Seal whose flowers hang below the stem at leaf axils, this plant has plumes of white flowers at the end of each stalk. During late summer and into fall, the plant develops clusters of bright red berries.
<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i> var. <i>collina</i> 'Oakleaf' (Foamflower)	A very interesting selection of one of our native shade loving plants. 'Oakleaf', you guessed it, has foliage that resembles that of the tree and still puts on the showy floral display of bright white bottle brush flowers in spring.
<i>Tricyrtis formosana</i> 'Gilt Edge' (Toad Lily)	Excellent, vigorous selection of this indispensable shade garden plant. 3' tall masses of upright stems produce lanceolate green leaves edged in bright gold. In late summer/fall, each shoot produces ethereal masses of white/burgundy spotted flowers.



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<i>Trillium cuneatum</i> (Sweet Betsy)	Excellent Kentucky native for the woodland/shade garden. Broadly ovate leaves are mottled green and burgundy with a single flower at the center of each 8-10" tall stem. Flower color is typically maroon but can show shades of yellow as well. One of the easier Trilliums to grow in the garden.
<i>Trillium grandiflorum</i> (Great White Trillium)	This Trillium will stop and make you stare at it! When mature and happy, clumps of this plant can stand nearly 18" tall and be topped with huge white flowers that can be upwards of 3-3.5" across. As the flowers age, they will fade to a light pink color. An interesting thing about trilliums are the relationship that ants have with them. When the seeds are mature, they will have a small elaiosome (small growth of tissue full of fats/oils). Ants will pick up these seeds and take back to their colony where they feed on the elaiosome and leave the seed to germinate far from the mother plant!
<i>Trillium luteum</i> (Yellow Trillium)	A tall Trillium at 12-15" tall with mottled foliage. All of the same characteristics of three leaves, three petals, and three sepals like all trilliums except this one has beautiful yellow petals. I wonder if finding a four-leaf Trillium would bring you good luck like it is said of a four-leaf clover?!
<i>Trillium recurvatum</i> (Bloody Butcher)	Trilliums may just have the most bizarre common names of any group of plants out there. You have Wake Robins, Toad Shades, Wood Lilies, and with this one, Bloody Butchers! The color of this plant's three petals does give a pretty straight -forward idea of where the name comes from though. A deep red to maroon color resembles the color that you might see of a fresh cut piece of beef at your local butcher shop!
<i>Trillium sulcatum</i> (Southern Red Trillium)	Similar to <i>Trillium grandiflorum</i> with large solid green leaves but as the common name suggests, it shows off with a deep red flower. Occasionally this species will have flowers other than red though such as purple, white, yellow, and even bi-colored.



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Epimedium Collection

Don't fill up all of your deer-inundated shade garden with just Hellebores. Epimediums are just as deer proof, that's right, 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!

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<i>Epimedium</i> 'Domino' (Barrenwort)	Very vigorous selection with 12-15" masses of light green, red flecked spring foliage support airy clouds of white/burgundy flowers.
<i>Epimedium grandiflorum</i> 'Purple Pixie' (Barrenwort)	A big, 18-24" high selection with white/burgundy flowers and extremely speckled green and red spring foliage.
<i>Epimedium</i> 'Pink Elf' (Barrenwort)	Diminutive selection of this indispensable shade groundcover with pale green leaves and delightful pink spring flowers.
<i>Epimedium</i> 'Pink Panther' (Barrenwort)	Light pink flowers on this 12" high plant. The spring foliage on this one emerges nearly a bronze color!
<i>Epimedium</i> 'Spine Tinger' (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.
<i>Epimedium x perralchicum</i> 'Frohnleiten' (Barrenwort)	Beautiful 12" tall masses of green/bronze/maroon foliage sit below bright yellow flowers in this selection.
<i>Epimedium x rubrum</i> (Barrenwort)	Pink to red flowers stand above the foliage that emerges green and maroon.
<i>Epimedium x rubrum</i> '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.
<i>Epimedium x versicolor</i> '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.



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Fern Collection	
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<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i> 'Lady in Red' (Lady Fern)	Classic clumping fern to 18" tall with finely textured, medium green fronds and bright red stems. This fern will do well in a large planter on your shaded patio and overwinter in it just fine.
<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i> '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.
<i>Athyrium niponicum var. pictum</i> 'Regal Red' (Japanese Painted Fern)	All of the great characteristics of the Japanese painted fern but with a purple/violet (not red) color to the middle of the fronds. A true winner in shade gardens in our area, expect this plant to top out in the 18-24" range.
<i>Dryopteris erythrosora</i> '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.
<i>Dryopteris intermedia</i> (Intermediate Wood Fern)	A Kentucky native fern much smaller, only 2-3' tall, than the Dixie Wood Fern from the same genus. This fern is also more finely textured than many of the <i>Dryopteris</i> ferns. Semi-evergreen and loves the shade.
<i>Dryopteris marginalis</i> (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.
<i>Dryopteris tokyoensis</i> (Tokyo Wood Fern)	Excellent groundcover fern with upright fronds that emerge tinged in red, turn to deep, glossy green for summer and can remain looking good through much of the winter.
<i>Dryopteris x australis</i> (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.
<i>Thelypteris decursive-pinnata</i> (Japanese Beech Fern)	A 3' tall beauty of a fern. As with all ferns, make sure the area they are in is rich in organic matter. No heavy clay. If you want the fern garden that is the talk of the town, start composting your leaves and mulch with that every year!