



YEW DELL BOTANICAL GARDENS

2023 Spring Plant Sale

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Here we go! Another spring is upon us, and our Spring Plant Sale is in sight. The gardens are busting with color and our nursery is overflowing with plants. Below you will find most, but not all of the plants we will have out for this year's sale. It is untelling what else we might find to bring out for you all to take a look at. We hope to see you at the sale and happy spring!!!

Shade Perennials

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' at 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> 'Binblasca'	Black Scallop Bugleweed	Very shiny purple foliage with a scalloped edge hugs the ground and spreads readily amongst your perennial garden. In spring, 6" tall spikes of purple flowers appear.
<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>Ajuga reptans</i> 'Bronze Beauty'	Bugleweed	Glossy, bronze-leaf form of this vigorous growing groundcover with lavender/blue spring flower spikes. Larger than Min Crispa Red but not as tall as Catlin's Giant.
<i>Ajuga reptans</i> 'Catlin's Giant'	Bugleweed	It has giant in the name! This Ajuga is just bigger than many other ones. Larger leaves and flowers that will stand up 8" tall when it blooms in the spring. Ajuga can make wonderful groundcovers between your larger shade perennials and prevent the need for mulch.
<i>Ajuga reptans</i> 'Chocolate Chip'	Bugleweed	A very fine textured Ajuga with deep purple foliage. The leaves on this plant are about a 1/2" wide and an 1 -2" long. This variety doesn't spread as quickly as other varieties but over time will form an excellent mat of foliage to cover the ground. In spring, it pushes up blue/purple spikes of flower. A great planting of this can be found in the Pavilion Garden at Yew Dell.
<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>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>Aruncus dioicus</i>	Goat's Beard	A big beefy plant for that area of the garden that isn't quite full sun and not quite full shade. Give it some protection from the hot afternoon sun and provide adequate moisture and this plant is a show stopper. Growing to 4-6' tall it sends up plumes of white flowers in the spring. Great texture plant for the garden.
<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>Asarum canadense</i>	Wild Ginger	Native to the entire state of Kentucky, this little woodland plant stands about 3-5" tall that covers over the small flowers that are at ground level. It isn't one of those big, cool, and showy flowers you can see from across the garden but bending down each spring to take a look at them is a gardening must. We have planted these in our incredibly-difficult-to-grow-about-anything area underneath the American Beeches at Yew Dell. The first two years in this inhospitable dry area has proven to still make them happy. They have stayed green all summer and begun to create a great ground cover.
<i>Begonia grandis ssp. evansiana</i>	Hardy Begonia	One of our most asked about plants for sale during the summer and fall. Extremely hardy perennial in our area and a great addition of pink to the garden when it flowers in the fall. Grows to about 2" tall or so and needs to be protected from the hot afternoon sun. On windy days, the leaves blow back and forth and reveal a beautiful maroon underside. To propagate this plant, you can find the tiny bulbils in the leaf axils before this plant dies back in the fall. These tiny seed-looking structures are actually small, asexually produced replicas of the plant that can be harvested and scattered in a new area of the garden.
<i>Chelone obliqua</i> '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 <i>Chelone</i> 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.



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<i>Cimicifuga</i> 'Chocoholic'	Black Snakeroot	This is an awesome addition to the shade garden. A 3-4' tall plant with dark purple foliage that pushes up spikes of pink flowers that fade to white in late summer. This plant enjoys the same growing conditions as ferns, rich and organic soil with adequate moisture.
<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>Cyclamen hederifolium</i>	Persian Violet	Very cool collector's plant that's actually quite easy to grow. Summer dormant plant that puts up leathery and mottled, heart-shaped leaves in late summer/early fall with pale pink blooms about 3-4" high. Foliage looks good all winter and dies down in late spring. Best for filtered light in a well-drained soil.
<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	<i>Epimediums</i> have their place in any shade garden frequented by deer. They will even do very well in dry shade! If you want the best showing of this plant, put it shade with adequate moisture, cut back in January/February, and enjoy the beautiful flowers in April. Purple Pixie obviously has purple flowers but also has burgundy throughout the leaf all summer long.
<i>Epimedium</i> 'Pink Elf'	Barrenwort	Diminutive selection of this indispensable shade groundcover with pale green leaves and delightful pink spring flowers
<i>Epimedium wushanense</i> 'Sandy Claws'	Barrenwort	Brace yourself for this one coming up in the spring! A little over 12" high mounds of long and spiny foliage, not painful though, is a screaming maroon color with a slight yellow margin. It is truly unbelievable.
<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.



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<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>Helleborus</i> 'Bayli's Blush'	Frostkiss® Lenten Rose	Beautiful leathery green leaves with silver to yellow venation. In later winter soft pink flowers rise up to about 2'.
<i>Helleborus</i> 'California Dreaming'	Honeymoon® Lenten Rose Hybrid	Beautiful soft yellow flowers above bright, shiny green foliage. Like all <i>Helleborus</i> , the deer don't touch them and we have found that they can handle quite a lot of sun!
<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> 'Coseh 4200'	Ice N' Roses® Rose Lenten Rose	A <i>Helleborus</i> cross that has quite the impressive foliage. Deep green and leathery leaves sit below pink flowers that have more of an upwards or outwards facing direction rather than the typical <i>Helleborus</i> flowers that hang towards the ground.
<i>Helleborus</i> 'Dana' Dulcet'	Frostkiss® Lenten Rose	The outward-facing, slate-purple flowers are really nice but something about the foliage of the Frostkiss® series of <i>Helleborus</i> is the best part! Deep green and leathery leaves have yellow to silver venation that really makes a statement.
<i>Helleborus</i> 'Dark and Handsome'	Wedding Party® Lenten Rose Hybrid	A double-flowered, nearly black in color selection. If you give this plant a little more sun than you think would be acceptable, 6 hours, we think you will be really impressed!
<i>Helleborus</i> 'Dorothy's Dawn'	Frostkiss® Lenten Rose	The outward-facing, light pink flowers are really nice but something about the foliage of the Frostkiss® series of <i>Helleborus</i> is the best part! Deep green and leathery leaves have yellow to silver venation that really makes a statement.
<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>Helleborus</i> 'Pippa's Purple'	Frostkiss® Lenten Rose	The outward-facing, purple to pink flowers are really nice and are held atop deep purple stems but something about the foliage of the Frostkiss® series of <i>Helleborus</i> is the best part! Deep green and leathery leaves have yellow to silver venation that really makes a statement.



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<i>Helleborus</i> '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!
<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 americana</i> 'Dale's Strain'	Coral Bells	Excellent selection of our native <i>Heuchera</i> with low mounds of foliage in green, burgundy, and silver. Best in filtered light and well-drained soil. Long lived and deer proof.
<i>Heuchera</i> 'Blondie'	Coral Bells	This little <i>Heuchera</i> has orange to caramel foliage but only stand about 6" tall! In spring, it will send up spikes of yellow to white flowers and is perfect for that small planter you have on your shaded porch.
<i>Heuchera</i> 'Fire Alarm'	Coral Bells	This one is bright, bright, bright in the spring when the new foliage is coming out. Nearly a red color, this one is a true show stopper.
<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?
<i>Heuchera</i> 'Kaleidoscope'	Lucid Dreams™ Heuchera	Here is another new <i>Heuchera</i> , this one from Plants Nouveau. Bright yellow leaves have a maroon venation making for a stark contrast. As we say with all of the <i>Heuchera</i> , 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</i> 'Obsidian'	Coral Bells	The purple foliage of this <i>Heuchera</i> is so deep you would swear it was black. There are so many variations of this plant these days it is hard not to start a collection of them in planters in the shady areas of the garden.
<i>Heuchera</i> 'Peach Flambe'	Coral Bells	If you have ever cut open a Red Haven peach in the summer, you know where this <i>Heuchera</i> gets its name. Beautiful orange to red foliage sits below spikes of tiny white flowers in the spring.
<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.



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<i>Hosta</i> 'Albiqua Drinking Gourd'	Hosta	A really fun <i>Hosta</i> . This plant has blue/green foliage, but the leaves are turned upwards mimicking a vessel. Great texture in the <i>Hosta</i> garden that grows to about 2' tall.
<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> 'Empress Wu'	Plantain Lily	The biggest hosta out there!!! A solid 3' tall and 6-7' wide. There isn't anything extra special about the leaves. They are just a large blue/green color but who cares? The plant itself is HUGE!
<i>Hosta</i> 'First Frost'	Plantain Lily	Simply one of the most beautiful <i>Hosta</i> out there. We know how subjective that is! When this 16" <i>Hosta</i> opens up its leaves in the spring, they are a vivid blue surrounded by a soft, butter yellow margin. Incredible but if you have only sun or deer, forget about it.
<i>Hosta</i> 'Guardian Angel'	Plantain Lily	This is a sport (mutation) found on the awesome and giant <i>Hosta</i> '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 <i>Hosta</i> 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>Hyrdrastis 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!
<i>Mazus reptans</i> 'Alba'	Creeping Mazus	Creeping Mazus - The classic filler-inner plant with a twist. Mazus grows only a few inches tall and creeps along the ground, producing tiny leaves and blue/white flowers in spring. 'Alba' is, well, alba, the white form. Great for filling in around stepping stones, creeping along the edge of a mixed border or anywhere else you need a fill in. Takes a little foot traffic. Not bothered by deer.



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<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>Packera obovata</i>	Roundleaf Ragwort	A Kentucky native plant that prefers some shade but can tolerate full sun. Bright yellow flowers that stand 12-16" tall. The foliage stays low and is mat forming at only 4-6" and will make great masses of flowers over time. It can tolerate both dry areas and wet areas.
<i>Petasites japonicus</i> <i>subsp. Gigantea</i>	Butterbur	This is a big, bold, and proud grower! 3'-tall mounds of bold foliage are produced after small, green spring flowers. Happiest in light shade with its feet in water or consistently damp soil. But if given lots of moisture, it is an aggressive spreader. On medium moisture soils, it is less aggressive. If you have some space to let this one roam, it's quite stunning.
<i>Petasites japonicus</i> 'Variegatus'	Butterbur	Bold and awesome groundcover perennial for the lightly shaded garden. Big, rounded leaves grow on plants to about 4' tall and will spread quite a bit if given a wet spot. But in moderate moisture conditions, it will not spread too aggressively. Yellow blooms are produced in May and June but honestly, nobody cares because the variegated foliage is so awesome!
<i>Phlox divaricata</i> 'May Breeze'	Woodland Phlox	Stunning native shade perennial with fine textured foliage and delightful spring blooms in pale blue. A gem!
<i>Polygonatum odoratum</i> 'Variegatum'	Solomon's Seal	An essential for any shade garden . . . 18-24" arching masses of erect stems produce clean, medium green leaves edged in white. Spring blooms are small white bells that hang from each leaf axil. It has excellent clear yellow fall color. Spreads slowly but is long lived, dependable and deer resistant.
<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</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.



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<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 <i>Pulmonarias</i> 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 <i>Pulmonaria</i> , 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 <i>Polygonatum</i> 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>Spigelia marilandica</i> 'Little Redhead'	Indian Pink	A compact and heavily branched selection of our excellent native woodland wildflower. Grown in light shade or full sun it will form 12-15" tall masses of bright green foliage and screaming red flowers in early summer. Excellent cut and hummingbird plant.
<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>Waldsteinia ternata</i>	Barren Strawberry	A little shade groundcover with glossy green leaves, small yellow spring flowers and little (inedible) red fruit. We have some of this plant just past the Kitchen Garden on the left as you get ready to walk under the Beech trees. It has performed very, very well there.
<i>Zingiber mioga</i>	Hardy Ginger	Quite simply, the only tropical looking, ground-level flowering, edible shade perennial we know! 3-4'-tall masses of bold foliage emerge in spring and remain in great shape all through the summer. In fall, yellow orchid-like blooms form at the base of the plants. Wickedly cool texture plant. And both the flowers and young, spring shoots are edible. (just don't eat the mature shoots - they're poisonous!)
<i>Zingiber mioga</i> 'Variegata'	Hardy Ginger	Stunning and unusual herbaceous perennial for the lightly shaded garden. 3'-tall masses of spikey foliage streaked in white and green produce unusual yellow/pink flowers at ground level. Great to mix with hostas, ferns, and Solomon seal. Both the flowers and foliage are edible. Best in moist but not wet soil.



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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 niponicum</i> 'Godzilla'	Japanese Painted Fern	Basically a regular Japanese Painted fern but on steroids! Green, grey, and purple foliage can form up to a 3' tall mound in the shade. This would be a fun one to put in a nice planter on you shaded porch!
<i>Athyrium niponicum</i> <i>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 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>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	Sensitive Fern	This medium textured fern forms 18" tall mounds of bright green foliage. It turns bright yellow at the first hint of frost giving it the "sensitive fern" name. Deer resistant, easy to grow, and even works well in rain gardens.
<i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i>	Cinnamon Fern	An upright fern native to Kentucky that grows fertile fronds when mature. 3' green fronds surround the fertile fronds that are a cinnamon color.
<i>Osmunda regalis</i>	Royal Fern	This fern will be just happy as can be along the edge of a stream or pond. Native to a range spanning multiple continents, you may be lucky enough to find this growing in the wild right here in Kentucky. Similar to the cinnamon fern with its sterile fronds, but the pinna (leaflets) are much, much larger and gives a totally different look.
<i>Polystichum polyblepharum</i>	Tassel Fern	Stunning, glossy fronds of emerald green growing to about 2" tall and wide. Like most ferns, this one appreciates ample shade and a rich organic soil with even moisture. If you can mulch a shade garden each year with composted leaves, ferns will love you for it!
<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!



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<i>Acanthus spinosus</i>	Bear's Breeches	We love this tough and durable perennial for its deep, glossy green foliage and white veins. The Victorian purple/pink/white flower spikes in late spring are an added bonus. It will grow in full sun or part shade in any reasonable soil. Most of what's in this country under this name is a hybrid of <i>Acanthus spinosus</i> and <i>A. mollis</i> , but we really don't care. It's a great plant. Deer proof, great cut, lives forever.
<i>Allium</i> 'Millenium'	Ornamental Onion	The 2018 Perennial Plant of the Year® and it is well deserved to hold that title! Standing 18" tall in flower, it blooms its head off in midsummer and attracts a ton of pollinators that feed off of the purple flowers. A really, really, really fantastic alternative to Liriope! Unlike Liriope that gets ragged in the winter and tries to stay evergreen, 'Millenium' saves you the trouble and just dies back to the ground but will retain the dried flower heads for some added and attractive interest!
<i>Allium</i> 'Serendipity'	Ornamental Onion	This was either a sport (mutation) or seedling from <i>Allium</i> 'Millenium' and boasts the same great display in the garden. The difference is that the flowers are a little bit larger and taller and the foliage is a blue/green color rather than dark green.
<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	Lead Plant	3' tall and wide North American native plant known for drought tolerance and unique, purple/gray flowers in summer. Finely textured and compound leaves make for a great contrast in the garden. Takes full sun and dry soils.
<i>Amsonia</i> 'Starstruck'	Bluestar	*2023 Theodore Klein Plant Award Winner* This fabulous, compact growing sun perennial is prized for its sky-blue spring flowers, dense and high-quality summer foliage and glowing golden fall color. It makes a good cut flower and is not browsed by deer.
<i>Amsonia tabernaemontana</i> 'Storm Cloud'	Blue Star	There are lots of <i>Amsonias</i> out there but this one may be at or near the top of our list. 24" tall, upright sun perennial with sky-blue spring flowers and it has excellent vigor. The spring stems are blushed with a deep purple, almost black color. It is one of the earlier perennials to start growing in the spring.
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i> 'Ice Ballet'	Swamp Milkweed	Outstanding native that grows to about 4-5' tall and rather than the typical pink flowers, this one is a clear white, with an unusual cinnamon/vanilla scent. One of the very best plants for attracting and supporting not only monarchs but a long list of native butterflies. Likes sunny moist settings. Deadhead for repeat blooms. Makes a great cut flower too.



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<i>Baptisia</i> 'Solar Flare'	Prairieblues™ False Indigo	Not many sun perennials are as tough as <i>Baptisias</i> ! 'Solar Flare' boasts bright yellow spring flower spikes and will stand over 4' tall at maturity. Secondary interest comes after the flowers fade and the seed pods develop which can be used in dried flower arrangements. Good foliage all summer long.
<i>Betonica officinalis</i> 'Hummelo'	Lamb's Ear	This plant is a tough, durable, and attractive sun perennial to 24-30" tall topped with rose/purple mid-summer blooms. The highest rated selection in a Chicago Botanic Garden multi-year trial. It was also awarded the 2019 Perennial of the Year award by the Perennial Plant Association.
<i>Campanula glomerata</i> 'Church Bells'	Bellflower	A tight and compact bellflower that won't run all over the garden like some. The plant will be completely covered with stems of light blue/purple flowers in the spring and stand about 18" tall in flower. The hummingbirds will love it and the deer will leave it alone!
<i>Cerastostigma plumbaginoides</i>	Plumbago	This selection just plain gets it done, year after year. Dense mass of glossy, deep green foliage to about 8" tall spreads to form an excellent groundcover with intense blue blooms in spring and sporadically through the summer and fall. Easy to grow in any reasonable soil in sun or part shade.
<i>Chrysanthemum</i> 'Campfire Glow'	Hardy Garden Mum	Growing to about 3' tall and wide, these are among the last blooms of the season. 'Campfire Glow' offers huge crops of showy blooms of yellow/peach/red with a sweet fragrance. It is covered with dozens of different pollinators when there is little else out there blooming in the fall garden. Fabulous! If you give a garden mum a haircut around the beginning of July (about half the height) it will keep it a little more compact and only make for more flowers in the fall.
<i>Chrysanthemum</i> 'Clara Curtis'	Hardy Garden Mum	We really, really enjoy the hardy garden mums here at Yew Dell and are putting together quite the collection. 'Clara Curtis' is a single flower with light yellow petals. Like all of the hardy mums, they will be blooming in late October and November, being one of the last glimpses of color before winter.
<i>Chrysanthemum</i> 'Hillside Sheffield Pink'	Hardy Garden Mum	In October when most everything else is well on its way to becoming dormant after a long growing season of heat, rain, drought, and storms, this mum is blooming like crazy in the Pavilion Garden at Yew Dell. With few flowers left for pollinators to feed on, this plant is buzzing all day long with all sorts of insects. It loves full sun and will spread over time and form a nice mass planting in the garden. It can grow to more than 2' tall but a cutback in early July can control some height and make for more flowers in the fall.



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<i>Chrysanthemum</i> 'Mary Stoker'	Hardy Garden Mum	Excellent garden mum with mounded foliage to about 2' tall and 3' wide topped in fall with peach to yellow flowers. Fantastic late season pollinator plant and way better than those silly pot mums from the grocery store!
<i>Coreopsis auriculata</i> 'Nana'	Ear-Leaved Tickseed	This is a cute little fella. Not even reaching 1' tall, this small but mighty plant can form clumps 2' wide over time. Definitely for the front of the sun garden or in smaller spaces where it won't get lost by all of the 6' tall perennials we talked you into!
<i>Crocsmia</i> 'George Davidson'	Montbretia	Sword-like foliage stands straight up to about 2.5' and boasts spikes of yellow flowers in summer. This plant makes a great cut flower! One of the fun things about <i>Crocsmia</i> is the small corms in the soil which it grows from. They are extremely easy to divide and spread around the garden or with your friends.
<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	Rattlesnake Master	Another Kentucky native plant that can be found in tall prairie remnants. Large basal clumps of yucca-like leaves produce 4-5' tall stalks adorned with white globe flowers that are extremely attractive to pollinators. This is a plant that you will fall in love with just because of how different it looks than other plants in your garden.
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<i>Eutrochium dubium</i> 'Baby Joe'	Joe Pye Weed	You would think with a name like 'Baby Joe' this Joe Pye would be really short. That isn't the case. It tops out at around 3' tall but considering the straight species can get up to 5-6', I guess baby isn't too bad of a descriptor. It still has the amazing plumes of light purple flowers in late summer that the pollinators love.
<i>Eutrochium maculatum</i> 'Gateway'	Joe Pye Weed	The original and still hard to beat! This native perennial grows to about 6' tall with deep green foliage that is topped with dusty pink flower heads in late summer. Outstanding pollinator plant. Excellent cut flower. Deer proof. Just give it sun and stand back!
<i>Geranium</i> 'Karmina'	Hardy Geranium	This Theodore Klein Award Winner forms tight, dense masses of dark green foliage with cheerful, pale pink flowers in late spring. Growing to about 10" tall, it makes a great edger, crevice plant and is outstanding in containers (we've had one in the same container for about 10 years!) Easy to grow anywhere in full sun or part shade. Deer resistant.



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<i>Geranium macrorrhizum</i> 'Bevan's Variety'	Big Root Geranium	A big and bold geranium that makes a great ground cover in both sun or part shade. The more shade you put it in, the fewer flowers you will get but it makes up for it as a deer-resistant groundcover! 'Bevan's Variety' has large magenta flowers in early spring so try to give it a decent amount of sun to enjoy the nice color.
<i>Geranium sanguineum var. striatum</i> 'Lancastrienses'	Bloody Crane's Bill	Only growing to 6-8" tall, this <i>Geranium</i> has extremely deep-cut lobed leaves that make it a fine enough plant for any garden just for the foliage. It has an added bonus of light pink flowers that have a darker pink stripe radiating from the center. Tolerant of deer and rabbits. It will be covered in flowers in the full sun. If grown in the shade, it turns out to be a great groundcover but with only a few flowers.
<i>Geum</i> 'Mrs. J Bradshaw'	Avens	2' flower stalks grow from the 6-8" tall mound of foliage in early summer and burst into dozens of semi double, red flowers. Great for well drained areas in the full sun.
<i>Helianthus maximiliani</i>	Maximilian Sunflower	Not sure why everyone doesn't need or want one of these giants that can get 8' tall. A favorite plant of small birds that feed off of the seed heads in fall and winter. Very tall stalks covered in 3-6" bright yellow sunflowers in summer and fall. What a great option for some height in the garden.
<i>Helianthus salicifolius</i> 'Autumn Gold'	Willow Leaf Sunflower	Outstanding 2' sun perennial with super fine textured foliage and dense masses of cheerful yellow flowers that start opening in late summer and bloom through the fall. When in full flower, this plant has so many flowers it looks like a bouquet of sunflowers! Great pollinator plant for the late season. Deer resistant. Easy to grow.
<i>Hemerocallis</i> 'Blackthorne'	Daylily	Arguably one of the most collectible genus of plants in the American Midwest garden, everyone knows what a daylily is. They are tough, easily divided to share with friends, and come in about a bazillion and a half different varieties. 'Blackthorne' has a large flower up to 5" across with a deep maroon center and light yellow on the outside of the bloom. The margins of the petal are slightly ruffled, and you can expect the flowers to stand a little over 24".
<i>Hemerocallis</i> 'Raspberry Suede'	Daylily	This is an elegant one! Deep maroon petals with an even darker purple almost black coloration mixed throughout the maroon coloring. 'Raspberry Suede' is going to be a little more than 24" tall and like all other daylilies, it is tough as nails. Don't ask if it is deer resistant, you won't like the answer. The deer love to eat the buds before they flower!



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<i>Hibiscus</i> 'French Vanilla'	Hardy Hibiscus	A phenomenal color for a Hardy Hibiscus! This one is a soft butter yellow color when opening and turns to a smooth white when fully open. Extremely contrasting to the deep green foliage. A true beauty! The more consistently moist the soil, the happier this and other Hardy Hibiscus will be. In the wild, the straight species is a wetland species.
<i>Hibiscus</i> 'Holy Grail'	Hardy Hibiscus	Bright red flowers on a plant with deep, deep burgundy/green foliage. If your garden seems to be too much on the green color spectrum, this will fix it right up. Like all Hardy Hibiscus, this plant will want full sun and will reach a mature height of nearly 4'.
<i>Hylotelephium sieboldii</i>	Siebold's Stonecrop	Low, mat forming succulent with rounded, blue/gray leaves and bright pink blooms in fall. Works well in the sunny rock garden or planters.
<i>Hylotelephium sieboldii</i> 'Variegata'	October Daphne	This is an awesome cultivar of an awesome plant. Soft yellow leaf centers are surrounded by the blue/green margin to make an eye-popping variegation on these round sedum leaves. An incredible container plant for the patio that the ghosts and goblins can enjoy in full flower when they trick or treat on Halloween. Yes, a very late bloomer that is covered in clusters of tiny pink flowers. This plant can have a tendency to revert back to a solid blue/green leaf but the worst thing about that is you are left with still an amazing plant!
<i>Iris versicolor</i> 'Purple Flame'	Blue Flag Iris	When seen during the summer, this 3' tall flag iris looks like many others you have seen. It is in spring that this Mt. Cuba Center selection struts its stuff. Deep purple foliage erupts from the ground and stays with the plant until it flowers with its deep blue blooms. When the weather starts to warm up, the purple foliage will begin to fade to green. A great Iris for damp to mesic soils in full sun to light shade.
<i>Lavendula xintermedia</i> 'Niko'	Phenomenal® Lavender	Lavender in Kentucky can be like a snowman in the desert. Heavy, wet soils can make them melt. Well amended soil, along sidewalks, or in raised beds lavender can be made to work here but it can take a little extra TLC. Phenomenal® is a big one that can reach 2-3' tall and wide. One visitor to the garden recently shared success stories of keeping it in a large planter on a protected patio all year long!
<i>Leptinella squalida</i> 'Platt's Black'	Brass Buttons	Funky little container or rockery plant with segmented, zig-zag stems and green to black scale-like foliage on a plant that only grows to a couple of inches high. It produces 'brass button' looking flowers in early summer and prefers the sun but in hotter climates like the Louisville area, some protection from the late afternoon sun is ideal. It is a plant that once you see it, you have to have it! The winters in this area can be pretty brutal on this plant but it is worth the risk.



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<i>Lilium formosanum</i>	Formosa Lily	Yes, you need one of these or a few hundred scattered around the garden. Coming in at up to 6' tall, this lily will tower over most things in the garden. But being so narrow, it takes up little to no space at all. There can be up to ten 6-10" pure white flowers on each plant! They also provide great winter interest in the garden as the seed pods persist at the top of the stems all winter. And if you like to collect and save seeds, this plant will be one of your favorites just for the sheer number you can dump out of one seed pod!
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal Flower	You can't keep the hummingbirds off these flowers! Screaming red flowers on a 2-4' native plant that will do well in normal garden conditions or a wet, rain garden planting.
<i>Lycoris squamigera</i>	Naked Lady	The classic! Late winter/early spring sprays of long, strap-like upright foliage melts away by early to mid-summer when the bare, naked lady stems shoot up from the ground to offer their huge pink trumpets. Will grow just about anywhere you can get a spade in the ground!
<i>Monarda bradburiana</i>	Bee Balm	This excellent but rarely offered native monarda grows to about 2' tall and produces pale pink to lavender blooms in May along with all the other great treats of other bee balms. Great as a cut, for pollinator gardens, rain gardens and just about any mixed border. Easy to grow.
<i>Monarda didyma</i> 'Jacob Cline'	Bee Balm	Yew Dell Director of Horticulture and Facilities, Jacob Stidham, swears he doesn't grow this one for its name but rather for its 5' tall height (he likes plants he can look in the eye without kneeling on the ground!), screaming scarlet red summer flowers and excellent mildew resistance. For hummingbirds, it's excellent and one of their favorite plants. It is also frequently visited by other summer pollinators including the awesomely cool hummingbird moths.
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i> 'Claire Grace'	Bee Balm	A selection of our native bee balm standing at 4' tall that was found by Barb and Michael Bridges and named for their daughter. In the Mt. Cuba trials, this selection was more sturdy, had glossier foliage, and was more powdery mildew resistant than the straight species. A great plant for hummingbirds!
<i>Monarda</i> 'Gardenview Scarlet'	Bee Balm	Many of us have grown and know how great 'Jacob Cline' is. Bright red flowers that bloom their heads off for weeks on end during the summer. 'Gardenview Scarlet' is the same bright red color but in the Mt. Cuba trial of Monardas, it exhibited better powdery mildew resistance! For those of you who prefer shorter perennials, this only gets to 36" whereas 'Jacob Cline' grows to 48".



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<i>Nepeta</i> 'Balneplud'	Blue Prelude™ Catmint	This big, robust growing catmint will form a mound of fine textured foliage to about 3' tall and wide with spring/early summer bloom spikes in deep blue. Great pollinator plant, cut flower, and all-around sun performer. Shear back after blooming for a rebloom later in the summer.
<i>Oenothera fruticosa</i> 'Fireworks'	Sundrops	A selection of our native species that is more compact, standing 18", with green foliage that has a tint of purple/red to it. The flower buds are red and open to the same bright yellow flowers as the straight species in late spring. Evergreen rosettes of foliage add some interest in the winter.
<i>Origanum</i> 'Kent Beauty'	Ornamental Oregano	When you think of oregano, you don't usually think of an ornamental plant but some sure are. 'Kent Beauty' is one of them. It stays under 10" tall but has pink to yellow flowers that cascade down from the plant. A short-lived perennial in this area.
<i>Paeonia</i> 'Garden Treasure'	Intersectional Peony	This is one of our favorite Intersectional Peonies in the collection here at Yew Dell. Sturdy compact plants about 24" tall are covered in bright yellow flowers each spring and the foliage remains nice and clean the rest of the summer. A true winner.
<i>Paeonia</i> 'Gordon E. Simonson'	Intersectional Peony	Quite simply one of the largest flowered intersectional peonies we know of. 20" tall mounds of high-quality foliage topped in spring with giant, deep pink/rose, semi-double flowers with bright yellow centers. Intersectional peonies have the best attributes of herbaceous garden peonies and woody, tree peonies. They have an extended bloom time and excellent summer foliage. Full sun.
<i>Paeonia</i> 'Raggedy Ann'	Intersectional Peony	Sturdy stems will present these white with a chiffon-pink center, semi-double blooms in grand fashion. You'll not have to worry that you forgot to stake your peonies like you do with the old fashion herbaceous peonies! Intersectional peonies have the best attributes of herbaceous garden peonies and woody, tree peonies, have an extended bloom time and excellent summer foliage. Full sun.
<i>Paeonia</i> 'Sequestered Sunshine'	Intersectional Peony	Giant 7" wide canary yellow flowers will cover this sturdy peony. Like all intersectional peonies, this plant will die back to the ground each fall like the common herbaceous peonies but has much stronger stems that hold up the weight of the large flowers similar to a tree peony. Full sun.
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i> 'Onyx and Pearls'	Beardtongue	This is an amazing <i>Penstemon</i> . Deep purple evergreen foliage shoots up 40+ " in spring and is covered in clear white flowers. The flowers and foliage color contrast puts on an amazing show! Great sun perennial for foliage, blooms, and pollinators. Planted in mass, it makes the obvious impact in the spring but during the winter the carpet of purple foliage can really help beat the winter blues!



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<i>Phlox</i> 'Bedazzled Pink'	Creeping Phlox	Screaming pink flowers cover every inch of this ground cover in spring time. You will see creeping phlox all around town this time of the year and then it falls into obscure memory until next spring. It truly is a nice perennial that reliably comes back year after year with the same show stopping beauty. It is perfect for slopes and the tops of retaining walls.
<i>Phlox carolina</i> spp. <i>carolina</i> 'Kim'	Carolina Phlox	The light pink flowers are unmistakably a phlox but the leaves might throw you for a bit of a loop. Long, narrow leaves that taper to a point are a light green color and the plant itself stands about 2' tall and will spread to about 4' wide. In the plant trials at Mt. Cuba Center, this plant exhibited very high disease tolerance and the foliage stayed clean all season. In late May, the plant will begin to flower. 'Kim' was selected by Jan Midgley in Alabama.
<i>Phlox</i> 'Fashionably Early Crystal'	Garden Phlox	An awesome garden phlox that shows great resistance to mildew. Blooming white in early summer, it stays in flower for a very long time. This phlox will stay shorter than some of the taller garden phlox, only reaching 24-30". For the sunny border.
<i>Phlox paniculata</i> 'Backlight'	Luminary™ Garden Phlox	We are a big fan of <i>Phlox paniculata</i> 'David' but it has been near impossible to find it these days. Here is a Proven Winners replacement for 'David'. Bright white flowers and great powdery mildew resistance like 'David' but this one stays under 30" tall. The best thing about a white flower in the garden is how much they glow just before it gets dark in the garden!
<i>Phlox paniculata</i> 'David'	Tall Garden Phlox	The classic, white flowered, and mildew-resistant tall phlox for the sunny, summer garden. A fragrant, great pollinator plant, and excellent cut flower. 'David' will grow up to 3' tall and shows off the most just as the sun is starting to set in the evening. The bright white flowers will glow like a lightbulb at twilight in your garden.
<i>Phlox paniculata</i> 'Opalescens'	Luminary™ Garden Phlox	This is in the same series from Proven Winners as the 'Backlight' cultivar of garden phlox. Similar in height at around 2 to 2.5' tall but with a light pink flower and a dark pink eye in the center. These are great plants for both hummingbirds and butterflies!
<i>Pycnanthemum muticum</i>	Blunt Mountain Mint	A Kentucky native and possibly one of the best pollinator plants to add to the garden. Not nearly as aggressive as culinary mint, but close. Make sure to give this one space. Standing 1-3' tall, this plant has deep green foliage, silver bracts, and flowers all summer long. Yew Dell has some of this plant along the rain garden below the Rounsavall Pavilion.
<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>	Virginia Mountain Mint	If you hear <i>Pycnanthemum</i> , you can immediately think super pollinator plant. This Kentucky native stands 2-3' tall, loves the sun, tolerates wet feet very well, and is deer resistant. If put in a moist area, it will spread readily.



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<i>Rosularia muratdaghensis</i>	Turkish Stonecrop	Get out your succulent planters and troughs. This little dude will remind you of hen and chicks but forms a much more tight clump of plants. You'll love this little one if you like to garden with all the little 'weird' stuff in planters.
<i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i> 'Herbstonne'	Cut-leaf Coneflower	One of Jacob's favorite perennials. A tall, 6-7' plant that establishes large clumps in only a year or two. It was the number one plant for pollinators in his garden during the summer of 2020 and bloomed for well over a month straight in summer. We know it is big but you really need this plant in your garden!
<i>Rudbeckia maxima</i>	Giant Coneflower	This is one big honkin' coneflower! A basal mass of bright, blue/green foliage yields an 8-9' tall stalk with multiple yellow flowers with dark brown centers in mid-to-late summer. Makes a huge statement in the summer garden. Loves hot, sunny sites with dryish soil once established. These can be found growing in the Overlook Garden at Yew Dell.
<i>Rudbeckia subtomentosa</i>	Sweet Coneflower	Beautiful yellow flowers with brown centers spanning 3" across. Standing up to 5' tall this one really puts on a show in the garden. It is very tolerant of dry spells and deer. Best in full sun.
<i>Ruta graveolens</i>	Common Rue	These plants were grown from seed in the nursery at Yew Dell and are supposed to be the variegated form. A few of the leaves had variegation early on but they have lost all of it now, so we are selling it as such. A great pollinator plant and a host plant for Swallowtail butterflies! The light blue/green foliage adds some interesting contrast to the garden although caution should be used when handling this plant because of allergic reactions. Gardening can be treacherous sometimes!
<i>Salvia</i> 'PWIN03S'	Windwalker® Royal Red Salvia	This is a new <i>Salvia</i> for us to try that is plenty cold hardy but may struggle with our wet winters. Regardless on how long it will stay perennial in your garden, one season of the plant covered in red flowers and the hummingbirds will make it worth it. It will stand 3 to 4' tall.
<i>Sanguisorbia tenuifolia</i>	Japanese Burnet	Here is a great plant for those who enjoy floral design. Both a great flower for fresh use or dried. Tall flower stalks hold up a fuzzy red flower that hangs down. The plant has green, compound leaves and will stand 2 to 3' tall.
<i>Sedum rupestre</i> 'Angelina'	Stonecrop	A vigorous, creeping, and cold hardy succulent with foliage that is screaming gold in spring and brilliant orange in winter. Great in green roofs, planters, troughs, and the sunny border. Easily moved around the garden in the fall or spring and propagated easily by just grabbing a hand full and sharing with a friend.



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<i>Sedum takesimense</i> 'Nonsital'	Atlantis® Stonecrop	This is an introduction from Hortech out of Michigan. A low-growing Sedum to only about 4 or 6" high but it will spread to a foot wide. Wide cream margins surround a green center on a leaf that is heavily scalloped. A great addition to a rock garden, trough, or planter on the patio.
<i>Sedum ternatum</i>	Three-leaved Stonecrop	Our native sedum! In the Kentucky woodlands, you will find this plant clinging to the side of limestone cliffs, boulders, and other areas that are well-drained. Put this in a nice planter on your patio or in your garden and it will be about as low maintenance as they get. In spring it will become covered in tiny white flowers that stand up above the foliage a few inches. Protecting it from the hot afternoon sun will be beneficial.
<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>	Cup Plant	A big beast of a plant for the sun garden. Starting with a low mound of coarse foliage, this North American native sends up huge stalks up to 8-9' that each produces several bright, cheerful, small, and sunflower-like flowers in mid to late summer. Its seeds are favored by a wide range of birds in late fall and early winter and make quite a statement in the garden! The name cup plant comes from the way the base of each leaf wraps around the stem and connects with the leaf on the opposite side. Because of this connection around the stem, the two leaves hold water. In the morning, a heavy dew will run down the leaves and collect in this 'cup' which provides water for insects and small birds during the heat of the summer.
<i>Solidago rugosa</i> 'Fireworks'	Rough Goldenrod	Excellent late-summer bloomer for the bright sunny garden. Vigorous, arching sprays of foliage up to about 4' tall are topped with sparkling golden masses of flowers. Durable, long-lived, and an excellent late nectar source for pollinators. Many people mistake Goldenrods for a plant that causes their allergies to act up. This simply isn't true. Goldenrods have sticky pollen that isn't able to be carried off in the wind so go ahead and put some of these amazing late-summer plants in your garden and not worry about a runny nose!
<i>Solidago shortii</i> 'Solar Cascade'	Short's Goldenrod	Selected by our good friend Steve Foltz of the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens, this cascading goldenrod is a great summer/fall bloomer to plant above a wall or on a slope. Brilliant yellow flowers and deep green foliage. Full sun and well-drained soil. This species is listed as endangered and only occurs in a few locales in North Central KY and one area of Southern Indiana. It was first recorded as a species by Louisville botanist Dr. Charles Wilkins Short (1794-1863) in 1840 growing on Rock Island at the Falls of the Ohio. Talk about a plant with some local history! Another tidbit for the history and botany geeks in the audience is that Dr. Short rests at Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville.



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<i>Stokesia laevis</i> 'Color Wheel'	Stoke's Aster	Stoke's aster is known as a great, low mounding perennial with excellent flowering throughout the late spring and summer. 'Color Wheel' boasts flowers that open white, fade to lavender, and then finish off a dark purple. With flowers opening at different times, it provides for all the shades of blooms on the plant at the same time! It is also a semi-evergreen that can add a little winter interest to the sun garden.
<i>Symphotrichum laeve</i> 'Bluebird'	Smooth Aster	This Mt Cuba Center introduction makes an outstanding garden plant. Strong, upright growth to about 3' tall, the dark green foliage is covered with blue/lavender flowers in late summer and fall. Foliage remains good looking all summer and doesn't get hammered by disease as happens to so many asters out there. Great pollinator plant for the end of the season.
<i>Symphotrichum oblongifolium</i> 'Raydon's Favorite'	Fragrant Aster	The fragrant asters are about as tough as they come. Locally native, it can be found growing out of rocky crevices in gravel and clay. Forms a dense mound of fine textured foliage about 2' tall and 3' wide. Leaves have a minty aroma when crushed. Lavender/blue flowers cover every inch of the plant in fall. While this is a dense grower and really doesn't need pinching, one pinch back in May makes it even more dense and compact. 'Raydon's Favorite' was first sold by local plantsman Allen Bush when he had his nursery in North Carolina. The plant was shared to him by Raydon Alexander who found it growing near Lookout Mountain in Tennessee.

Perennial Grasses

Botanical Name	Common Name	Description
<i>Acorus gramineus</i> 'Ogon'	Sweet Flag	Upright arching spikes of 12" golden foliage. Best in bright light but a little protection from the hot afternoon sun. Over a few years, this plant will begin to form a clump more than 2' wide and keep nearly perfect foliage in the winter.
<i>Calamagrostis</i> 'Karl Foerster'	Feather Reed Grass	The classic architectural grass. Strong, upright to about 4-5' tall with late summer plumes of wispy flowers. Seed heads remain attractive all through the fall and winter. Full sun. People argue that it is overplanted, but it sure does do its job in the garden well!



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Perennial Vines

Botanical Name	Common Name	Description
<i>Clematis heracleifolia</i>	Bush Clematis	This is far from your typical clematis. It is non-vining and only gets to 2-3' tall and wide. It isn't a sturdy plant and could use some extra support. For a quick fix, a small upside-down tomato cage will do the trick. In late summer, small, true blue tubular flowers open up and eventually give way to the always nice poofy Clematis seed heads.
<i>Clematis hexapetala</i> 'Mongolian Snowflakes'	Bush Clematis	Here is another Clematis that doesn't fit the norm. With no ability to climb on its own, this one is best sprawl across the ground, down a wall, or be supported by a short structure. It will only reach a couple feet tall, so it doesn't have far to flop over. It can be cut back each spring and still be covered by 2" white flowers on the new spring growth. A very drought tolerant Clematis, this would be a great addition to the rock garden.
<i>Clematis</i> 'Rooguchi'	Clematis	A non-vining clematis? Yep. 2" purple flowers hang down on a plant that can grow 6-8' tall if given something to grow through like a chain link fence or other trellis like feature. It just doesn't grab on though. One of the best ways to use it is to leave it alone in a perennial border and let it crawl around where it wants to.
<i>Clematis</i> 'Stand By Me'	Bush Clematis	Another non-vining Clematis! This one will reach about 3' tall and be covered in beautiful purple to nearly blue flowers that hang down. No need to worry about how to prune this one either. It dies back to the ground each winter and comes back to bloom again the next. It will stand erect until the flower set pulls it down so a little support can be of good use. This is a cross between <i>Clematis integrifolia</i> and <i>Clematis fremontii</i> which are both non-vining as well.
<i>Decumaria barbara</i>	Wood Vamp	Also called a climbing Hydrangea vine, this Eastern U.S. native plant can easily be confused with <i>Hydrangea anomala ssp. petiolaris</i> when seen in the garden. The flowers though are fragrant and very 'fuzzy' looking because of the numerous stamens. Incredibly glossy, dark green leaves do well in both shade and sun, as a groundcover or climbing vine, and in wet or standard moisture levels in the garden. In the wild it is found growing near ravines and creeks. Yew Dell has a fine specimen located in the Sunken Rock Garden which these plants were propagated from.
<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i> 'Blanche Sandman'	Coral Honeysuckle	A Theodore Klein Plant Award Winner, this Kentucky selection of our outstanding native honeysuckle vine has excellent red flowers in summer. Great for hummingbirds. 'Blanche Sandman' was selected by Louisville's own Blanche Sandman in her small backyard nursery in St. Matthews.



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Annuals		
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<i>Alternanthera</i> 'Little Ruby'	Joseph's Coat	We are firm believers that a garden can be breathtaking and not have a single plant in flower! <i>Alternantheras</i> are a perfect example. Used only for its foliage, Joseph Coats come in a wide array of color. 'Little Ruby' is a deep purple color and will stand about a foot tall and spread a bit wider. Loves the sun.
<i>Asparagus densiflorus</i> 'Sprengeri'	Asparagus Fern	Often a "filler" plant used in containers and plantings to add texture that stays perfect all summer. Aptly named asparagus fern for the airy foliage that it has it really does contrast well with other plants. It is best protected from full sun.
<i>Begonia boliviensis</i> 'KLEBG16500'	Mistral® Pink Begonia	This is a begonia we are excited to have in the gardens this year. It is a semi-trailing variety with long drooping pink flowers. This will perform the best in containers or hanging baskets placed in morning sun and afternoon shade.
<i>Begonia</i> 'Canary Wings'	Dragon Wing Begonia	Stunning annual with scarlet red flowers and bright yellow foliage. Best protected from the hot afternoon sun. Up to 18-24" tall by fall. It is perfectly happy in a large planter but will also thrive in rich and loose garden soil if planted in the ground.
<i>Cleome</i>	Clementine™ Pink Spiderflower	This Cleome isn't like the ones you had in the garden when you were growing up. It is very compact, blooms like crazy, and doesn't reseed the next year. We will be planting most of these that we have grown in the garden this year, but some are available for purchase.
<i>Cuphea hyssopifolia</i> 'Allyson Heather'	Heather	A tough as nails annual that loves the full sun and just as happy in a container as a good bed of garden soil. The fine textured, shiny green foliage is enough to warrant its use in the garden so the small lavender flowers are a bonus. It will only reach about 12" tall and spread to 18".
<i>Euphorbia</i> 'Balbrewite'	Breathless® Euphorbia	We have a hard time not growing this plant or other annual <i>Euphorbias</i> in the garden every year. They are work horses. They fill in empty space, grow through any plant around it, but they never take over other plants! They are basically clouds of tiny white flowers that can grow up to 18" tall. Nice and compact in the sun with tons of flowers; but in the shade, they have larger leaves on a more open plant with fewer flowers.
<i>Lantana camara</i> 'Balucyell'	Landmark™ Yellow Lantana	<i>Lantana</i> are what you plant in the middle of a parking lot in the desert if you want to attract butterflies. We are growing a bunch of this variety for the gardens this year and will have some for sell too.
<i>Melinis nerviglumis</i> 'Pink Crystals'	Ruby Grass	This is a beautiful annual grass that we will be using in planters this fall around the gardens. It can get up to around 2' tall and flowers in an amazing light pink to red color!



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<i>Pennisetum setaceum</i> 'Rubrum'	Purple Fountain Grass	This is one of the more common ornamental annual grasses but still great none the less. We are growing a bunch of these to be planted around the gardens this summer. It can push 3' tall in the garden in one season and flowers in late summer with burgundy flower heads.
<i>Plectranthus scutellarioides</i> 'Balcovino'	Vino Coleus	2' and produces leaves of almost black burgundy color with a fine rim of bright green. An excellent contrast plant in containers or ground beds.
<i>Plectranthus scutellarioides</i> 'UF0646'	Redhead Coleus	A tall and bold coleus. This variety has a red color to the foliage and is stunning when planted in mass or just as nice as a specimen in a planter. Like many coleus, this one will reach up to 3' tall by the end of the growing season. They can stand full sun but are happier with some protection from the hot afternoon sun.
<i>Plectranthus scutellarioides</i> 'UF0843'	Wasabi Coleus	A bright chartreuse Coleus that can get up to 3' tall. Add in a very exaggerated serration to the leaf margin and this is one cool plant.
<i>Plectranthus scutellarioides</i> 'UF12-22-1'	Campfire Coleus	A favorite of our good friend and Louisville gardener Mary Anne Thornton, and we love it too! 3' tall masses of coppery red foliage with incredible heat tolerance and compact growth for sun or light shade.
<i>Plectranthus scutellarioides</i> 'UF15-97-9'	FlameThrower™ Salsa Roja Coleus	Growing to about 18" tall this is another Coleus that is happy in the sun or the shade. Maroon foliage and wavy, serrated leaf margins add a good dark texture to the garden.
<i>Plectranthus scutellarioides</i> 'UF17-52-25'	Copperhead Coleus	Another coleus we will be putting in the gardens this year. It will only get about 2' tall and have red leaves with a wavy and incised yellow leaf margin.
<i>Salvia guaranitica</i> 'Black and Blue'	Anise-scented sage	This might be a perennial for you- if you plant it in the right place. We just can't really tell you where that right place might be. Here at Yew Dell, we have a huge mass of it that comes back year after year, stands about 3' tall, takes the full hot sun, and is loved by hummingbirds. To be on the safe side, expect this to be an annual.
<i>Salvia leucantha</i>	Mexican Bush Sage	Stunning plant with silver foliage and bright lavender flowers in late summer and fall. They are a little slow to get started in spring but once the heat of summer ramps up, this plant explodes into a 3' tall and nearly as wide beast. It loves the full sun.
<i>Strobilanthes auriculata</i> var. <i>dyeriana</i>	Persian Shield	Incredibly cool annual with purple and silver leaves that loves the full sun. Visitors always ask about this plant when we have it in the gardens. The hotter it gets in the summer, the more it likes it.



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Herbs		
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<i>Mentha spicata</i> 'Kentucky Colonel'	Spearmint	This is THE one! If you have ever had a mint julep while at the Kentucky Derby, you had this mint. It is the only variety of mint used for the drink at Churchill Downs. It definitely grows like mint so a contained area or large planter would be best if you don't want it taking over too much garden real-estate.
<i>Origanum vulgare</i> <i>subsp. hirtum</i>	Greek Oregano	A must have in an herb garden. Unlike some perennials herbs in our area, Oregano has high probability of coming back for many years. It still wants a full sun location with well-drained soil, but when compared to Lavender and Rosemary this plant is a breeze.
<i>Salvia officinalis</i> 'Berggarten'	Common Sage	This is an edible sage that you can add to your chicken or other dishes but it really shines as an ornamental too! We will be growing a lot of this plant in the gardens at Yew Dell this year. Much larger leaves gives 'Berggarten' a place in the rock garden, patio planter, or other areas of the garden just for its beauty!
<i>Salvia rosmarinus</i> 'Arp'	Rosemary	Wouldn't it be nice to grow giant Rosemary as shrubs in the Louisville area?! Good luck. 'Arp' does tend to be a little bit more hardy here but like any rosemary, very well drained soil and full sun is required. It is our cold, wet winters coupled with our heavy soils that spells doom for this plant.
<i>Thymus</i> <i>pseudolanuginosus</i>	Woolly Thyme	Another herb the likes it hot in full sun with very well drained soil. Woolly Thymy is just really cool because of the tiny fuzzy leaves that give it both a great visual texture but also a great plant to touch! It is perfect for trough planters, rock gardens, retaining walls, or between stone pavers.

Evergreens		
Botanical Name	Common Name	Description
<i>Cryptomeria japonica</i> 'Yoshino'	Japanese Cedar	Excellent formal, conical evergreen with soft, billowy foliage. Vigorous grower that makes an excellent specimen or screen planting. 'Yoshino' is the most cold tolerant form out there and our favorite. This is a highly underrated and underplanted tree in the Louisville area.
<i>Thujaopsis dolabrata</i> 'Variegata'	Hiba Arborvitae	One of our favorite species of evergreen here at Yew Dell! Not nearly as fast growing as Thuja 'Green Giant' but you can still expect this plant to put on 6-8" of growth a year. Amazing scale-like foliage is green on the top and a white silver on the bottom. Strikingly beautiful. 'Variegata' has even more contrast to it with a white to cream variegation throughout the foliage.



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Shrubs		
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<i>Aesculus parviflora</i> 'Rogers'	Bottlebrush Buckeye	Large, suckering shrub for light shade, it will reach 10-18' tall and wide over time. Deep green foliage and early summer spikes of white are great for attracting butterflies and bumble bees. 'Rogers' is a later blooming form with flower spikes that can reach a full 3' in length! This is an excellent example of how cultivars can add both beauty and habitat to the garden. The straight species of this plant is finished up blooming by the time this one starts, so it adds a couple of extra weeks in the garden for insects to feed from its flowers. It is one of the top pollinator plants in the shade garden!
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> 'Kolmoon'	Magical® Moonlight Buttonbush	A quality garden plant native to Kentucky and much of the eastern U.S. It is known for being both incredibly drought and wet site tolerant, long lived, and free from most pest and disease problems. In early summer, the plant is covered by golf ball sized white inflorescences that are honey scented and attract scores of pollinators. Magical® Moonlight is an excellent, compact selection that matures at around 4-5' tall with quality foliage.
<i>Edgeworthia chrysantha</i>	Paper Bush	Is it a zone 6 or zone 7? We have a beautiful specimen just outside of the walled garden at Yew Dell. So, zone 6? They just don't flower reliably in zone 6. So, zone 7? Either way, even if you don't get a nice show of the extremely fragrant flowers every year, you will still get the great texture of the large leaves in the summer and the coarse branching in the winter with the awesome buds adding great winter interest. Worth the risk!
<i>Eleutherococcus sieboldianus</i> 'Variegata'	Five-Leaf Aralia	This 4-6' tall colonizing shrub is great for brightening up a dark corner of the garden. Palmately compound leaves are splashed with creamy white. Flowers are insignificant. Tough, durable but can get a little proud of itself from time to time. Shade or sun.
<i>Euonymus americanus</i>	Strawberry Bush	An interesting and unique native woodland shrub to about 5' tall that remains a bit in the background through much of the spring and summer. But as summer fades and fall comes into focus, the bright pink/red fruits make a very cool show. As the red/pink capsules split, they reveal a bright orange seed. Grows well in full sun or light shade. Great for naturalizing and makes a cool cut stem in fall. Very easy to grow.
<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i> 'Ruby Slippers'	Oakleaf Hydrangea	From the USDA breeding program in Tennessee comes this excellent compact selection of our native oakleaf hydrangea. Topping out at about 4-5' tall, its upright-held blooms start out white and quickly turn rich pink. Happiest with a little afternoon shade but will take full sun if given adequate moisture.



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Trees		
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<i>Acer 'IsliD'</i>	Ice Dragon® Japanese Maple	This weeping maple has extremely dissected leaves that emerge an orange/red color in spring, mature to a green in the summer, and then puts on a show of reds, oranges, and yellow in fall. It is one of the Jack Frost® series of maples that have shown to be more cold hardy.
<i>Acer 'IsliNW'</i>	North Wind® Japanese Maple	An upright form Japanese maple with heavily dissected leaves that emerge red in the in spring before maturing to green in the summer. Get this, this plant survived -30 degrees in a Midwest trial. If that is the case, we sure hope we never see anything cold enough here in Kentucky to kill it!
<i>Acer miyabei ssp. miaotaiense</i>	Miaotai Maple	A rare maple from China that can reach 60' at maturity. These plants have been grown in 3 liter Root Maker containers that promote a vigorous root system but prevents the roots from circling inside the container.
<i>Acer palmatum</i> 'Bloodgood'	Japanese Maple	We know what you're thinking. 'Bloodgood' isn't anything rare or unusual so why is Yew Dell taking up space in the nursery with it. We are always in search of the next coolest and best thing for our garden but sometimes the saying, "If it isn't broken don't fix it" holds true with plants too. During the early spring, the three 'Bloodgood' in our arboretum are some of the most stunning plants on the property. Screaming scarlet colored new growth persists for weeks and then turns into a deep burgundy color that holds until leaf drop in November. It matures at about 25' by 25' as the ones in the arboretum have. Just an absolute dynamite plant.
<i>Acer tegmentosum</i> 'Joe Witt'	Snakebark Maple	An outstanding striped maple for the lightly shaded garden. Upright oval to about 25' tall over time, it has fairly bold textured, light green leaves that turn bright yellow in fall. Bark, particularly on branches under about 5" in diameter, is striped with white, green and gray. Protecting this from the hot afternoon sun is key. During dry spells some supplemental water would benefit this plant. A little extra work than some but the bark is worth it!
<i>Acer truncatum</i>	Shantung Maple	This is a Theodore Klein Award Winner and favorite of Steve Foltz, Director of Horticulture at the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden. An adaptable tree with bright leaf color in spring and fall, it grows just 20 to 25' tall, with a similar spread, making it suitable for smaller spaces and front yards hemmed by power lines. This Asian maple's foliage emerges with a reddish cast before shifting to deep green for summer and then fiery shades for the fall. It tolerates heat and drought and grows in full sun to part shade. These trees have been grown in 3 liter Root Maker containers that promote a vigorous root system and prevent circling roots while they are in the container.



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<i>Aralia spinosa</i>	Devil's Walking Stick	Most people are going to question why in the world you would put this in your garden but don't mind them. They will be jealous when they see the giant flower clusters in summer that are loved by pollinators that are followed by giant clusters of tiny black fruit. Boasting the largest leaves of any tree in North America, the bi-pinnately compound leaves are covered in tiny leaflets that provide excellent texture. It will colonize over the years and reach heights up 15' or more so planting it on the outskirts of the garden or in the back of large perennial border will be important. It also has thorns up and down the trunk which give it another common name, Hercules's club.
<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> 'MY Select Strain'	Wisconsin Red™ Hornbeam	A selection of our Kentucky native tree by Michael Yanny. It will grow to be about 20' tall and nearly as wide but Michael selected it for the fall color. Screaming orange, red, and yellows develop at the end of the season. The Eastern Tiger Swallowtail, Striped Hairstreak, and Red-spotted purple butterflies use the Hornbeam as a host plant. These plants for sale are around 3' tall. They would make an incredible hedge for anyone willing to take the time to keep them clipped a couple times each year.
<i>Carpinus</i> 'Shelby'	Skylark™ Hornbeam	This is a cross between our native hornbeam, <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> and the European species <i>C. betulus</i> . Only growing to 30-40' tall, it stays rather columnar and may only get to 15' or so wide. The plants for sale are only around 3' tall and have been grown in Root Maker pots to eliminate roots girdling and to help promote a more fibrous root system.
<i>Cornus controversa</i>	Giant Dogwood	This is a very fun and unusual dogwood. Growing to 30-40' tall and wide, it has a similar growth habit as our native flowering dogwood but the flowers are totally different. First of all, the new flowers start growing and look just like broccoli! As they mature and begin to flower, the whole tree is covered in white cymes (clusters of tiny flowers) that give the look that the tree is covered in snow. A very under-utilized tree that we would like to see used more in gardens! These are 3-4' trees for sale but with their fast growth, they could easily be 6-7' in a couple of growing seasons.
<i>Cotinus obovatus</i>	American Smoketree	It's a tree! It's a bush! It's not Superman though, just a super plant. This is the native species of what people commonly call either a smoketree or smokebush. Seeing that it can reach heights of 20-30', it falls into the category of small tree. Green foliage is covered in clouds of 'smoke' looking light pink flowers in the spring. The tree puts on arguably an even better show in the fall when the foliage turns to yellows, reds, and oranges. These trees have been grown in 3 Liter Root Maker pots and are 3-4' tall.



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<i>Eucommia ulmoides</i>	Hardy Rubber Tree	If you are looking for a tree that can get large, this is one worth taking a look at. At Yew Dell, there is a large specimen along the edge of the Arboretum just past the Tobacco Barn and Gift Shop. It can mature at more than 60' tall and possibly up to 50' across. Waxy, deep green leaves are trouble-free and persist on the tree late into the fall before they fade to a light green and then drop off.
<i>Exochorda serratifolia</i> 'Snow White'	Pearl Bush	Here is a large shrub or a small tree if you keep it pruned up. Large white flowers cover the 10-12' tall plant in spring. This is one that should be dropped in the middle of your large sun perennial border!
<i>Heptacodium miconioides</i>	Seven-son Flower	This tough as nails, large shrub/small tree forms a mass of green in summer with stringy, exfoliating bark. In late summer and early fall, it is covered with lightly fragrant white blooms and, if the season cooperates, bright red sepals that persist for several weeks. Excellent bee plant for full sun or part shade.
<i>Juniperus</i> 'JN Select Blue'	Star Power™ Juniper	*2023 Theodore Klein Plant Award Winner* This is one of the fastest growing, upright junipers for the landscape. Star-like, blue green needles provide a fine texture while blue cones add a touch of colorful interest. Durable, deer proof and easy to grow.
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> 'Slender Silhouette'	Sweetgum	One tough tree, tolerating anything from wet to dry soils. This selection adds a tight, columnar shape up to 60' that makes quite a statement in the landscape. Dark burgundy and yellow fall color. Full sun.
<i>Parrotia persica</i> 'Lamp Lighter'	Persian Ironwood	The tough as nails <i>Parrotia</i> but with a variegated leaf. Green leaves with wide white margins can be sporadic and inconsistent but it is a <i>Parrotia</i> nonetheless and right at home in any sun garden. In the fall, the white margin of the leaf doesn't change but the inner green leaf changes to a pink color.
<i>Stewartia pseudocamellia</i>	Japanese Stewartia	One of the most attractive small flowering trees at just about any point of the calendar. Forms an upright, oval shape up to about 25' tall with fresh, bright green spring foliage, summer camellia-like blooms, and stunning red/burgundy fall foliage color. And when winter comes, it shows off stunningly beautiful camo-like exfoliating bark. Takes some TLC in the garden - even moisture and a bit of organic matter. Stunning!