

March 2024 Online Plant Release List March 6

Bring on the sun! Here is an estimated list of what will be available at our Sun Perennial Plant Release on March 6. These plants have grown in our nursery and are tucked in for the winter. Buy now, 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 in April 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 2024 and look forward to seeing you in the spring! Our next release in the Online Plant market will be our *NEW* heirloom tomatoes on March 13! Don't forget to come visit us on Opening Day this year, Saturday, March 30. We will have plants for sale including hellebores, spring ephemerals, early-blooming perennials, and select trees and shrubs. See you soon!

Sun Garden Selection		
Botanical Name	Common Name	Description
Achillea millefolium 'Balvinviolet'	Yarrow	A very, very bright flowered Yarrow. Only about a foot tall in the garden, this little plant has soft, fern-like foliage that hugs the ground. After flowering, give it a cut back to easily promote a flush of new flowers. This is a tough plant and can stand up to the hot dry periods in our Kentucky summers.
<i>Agastache</i> 'Blue Fortune'	Anise Hyssop	This tall but compact member of the mint family is covered in bottlebrush spikes of light purple/blue flowers from midsummer into fall. This gives your garden months of colors and a steady source of food for the insects that visit the flowers. Not only will the insects enjoy it, but you can crush a leaf as you walk by and get a refreshing aroma of licorice!
Allium '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.
Allium 'Medusa'	Ornamental Onion	This ornamental onion has snaky, twisty leaves that will remind you of the Medusa's snake hair. This variety forms a low mound of greygreen, narrow foliage with leaves that twist slightly at the end. The nodding flower clusters offer a charming appeal for the rock or herb garden.
Allium 'Millenium'	Ornamental Onion	The 2018 Perennial Plant of the Year® and it is well deserved to hold that title! With a taller-than-average stature compared to most Allium, it blooms its head off in midsummer and attracts a ton of pollinators that feed off of the purple flowers. 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!
Allium 'Windy City'	Ornamental Onion	This species has dark green, grass-like foliage with rounded tips that emerge in the spring. By mid-summer, green-purple stems are topped with an explosion of firework-shaped balls of violet purple flowers. The flowers fade after a solid month of blooming but remain standing as attractive seed heads all winter long. The blooms are attractive to pollinators and the foliage is seldom bothered by mammals.



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Amorpha canescens	Lead Plant	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. It appreciates a lot sun and dry soils.
Amorpha nana	Fragrant False Indigo	This native pollinator plant has fine textured green leaves sit below spike of purple flowers. It is a host plant of our native Silver Spotted Skipper Butterfly and is drought tolerant.
Asclepias tuberosa	Butterfly Weed	A favorite native for sunny sites. Loose masses of green foliage play second-fiddle to the late summer sprays of vivid orange flowers. Attracts monarch butterflies and loads of other pollinators as well. Good cut flower. Deer proof. Loves hot, sunny, and dry conditions. Those cool looking red and black bugs that cover this plant in late summer are Milkweed Bugs. They don't really harm the plant but they will suck the juices out of the seed making them useless. If you are trying to save the seed, keep them away.
Asparagus densiflorus '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 complete sun exposure.
Aster tataricus 'Jindai'	Tatarian Aster	This species is a late blooming aster that blooms in September and still looks fresh by first frost. The purple rays and yellow central disk are very attractive to butterflies. This plant will readily spread by rhizomes in ideal conditions, turning what was a single purchase into a solid colony in your garden over time.
Baptisia 'Plum Rosy'	False Indigo	This baptisia has flowers that open a purple/pink color and fade to nearly white with age. As new flowers open, the plant will have both pink and white flowers on it, giving extra character! Baptisia are long-lived plants that can tolerate poorer soils. A "plant it and forget about it" kind of plant!
Baptisia 'Twilite'		When in flower, this plant stands to an impressive height in a beautiful smoky purple colar with a splash of yellow on each petal. A perfect anchor in the sunny perennial garden.
Betonica officinalis 'Hummelo'	Lamb's Ear	This plant is a tough, durable, and attractive sun perennial 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.



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Buddleia 'Pink Cascade'	Butterfly Bush	A medium-sized plant with HUGE flower panicles that hang on the plant. A very light and airy look gives this plant great textural properties and, like all butterfly bushes, our winged friends flock to it! Some of you may be thinking, "Isn't butterfly bush invasive?!?!" We have not seen any instance in this area where this is the case. If anything, it would fall into the short-lived perennial category. Now, if you take a look in some of the western states, it is a huge problem! Areas along the east coast are also having trouble. Here in the Louisville area, our roller coaster climate gives it too much trouble. If any of you see it being a problem in the area, please let us know. We are always happy to learn and adjust as needed!	
Bulbine frutescens 'Avera Sunset Yellow'	Stalked Bulbine	In 2022, we put this in a planter on the patio of the Red Pepper Deli in Crestwood. One 5" pot of this plant completely filled and overflowed a 10" planter and then overwintered fantastically in the glasshouse at Yew Dell.	
Calamagrostis 'Karl Foerster'	Feather Reed Grass	The classic architectural grass. Strong and upright with late summer plumes of wispy flowers. Seed heads remain attractive all through the fall and winter. People argue that it is overplanted but it sure does do its job in the garden well!	
Carex oshimensis 'Evercream'	Evercolor® Japanese Sedge	We are continuously impressed by this Irish-bred group of evergreen sedges. Excellent in sun or light shade beds or in containers, they become quite uniform in height and width with arching masses of glossy and colorful foliage. 'Evercream' has a bright green central stripe with clear, creamy margins. It has performed beautifully in our evaluation garden.	
Carex oshimensis 'Everillo'	Evercolor® Japanese Sedge	Super little evergreen clumper with grass-like leaves edged in dark green and brilliant gold centers. Perfect for sun to part shade borders or containers. We like this plant so much, we planted thousands of them along our parking lot.	
Celastrus scandens	American Bittersweet	This is a big vine best suited for large structures, stone fences, or trees. It will perform the best in full sun. This is the Kentucky native vine that produces beautiful bright orange and red clusters of fruit in the fall. It is a dioecious so male and female plants are needed for fruit. Sex of these plants unknown.	
Chrysanthemum 'Campfire Glow'	Hardy Garden Mum	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, it will keep it a little more compact and only make for more flowers in the fall.	



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Chrysanthemum '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.	
Chrysanthemum 'Mary Stoker'	Hardy Garden Mum	Excellent garden mum with mounded foliage 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!	
Chrysanthemum 'Raspberry Sorbet'	Hardy Garden Mum	This hardy garden mum offers showy blooms of bright and cheerful pink/purple with incredible fragrance. It is covered with dozens of different pollinators when there is little else out there blooming in the fall garden. Fabulous! Like all of the hardy garden mums, this plant is a reliable perennial year after year and will be one of the last plants flowering in your garden in the fall.	
Chrysanthemum 'Springhouse Red'	Hardy Garden Mum	This is a plant that was passed along to us by our friend Richard Weber of Springhouse Gardens in Nicholasville, KY. Richard loves the hardy garden mums and has been keeping his eye out on seedlings that come up in his gardens and selects them for different colors. 'Springhouse Red' is one of these and has fire engine red petals surrounding a yellow center.	
Clematis 'Rooguchi'	Clematis	A non-vining clematis? Yep. 2" purple flowers hang down on a plant that can grow exceedingly 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.	
Clematis '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.	
Clematis heracleifolia	Bush Clematis	This is far from your typical clematis. It is non-vining and stays at a moderate size. 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.	
Clematis hexapetela '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 respectable white flowers on the new spring growth. A very drought tolerant Clematis, this would be a great addition to the rock garden.	



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Clematis 'Manju'	Bush Clematis	This clematis cultivar provides flowers with subtle tones of lime-green in the center that fades to pure, creamy white petals. Deadhead fading flowers for a second bloom period.	
Clematis 'Taiga'	Large-Flowered Clematis	This cultivar has bicolor blooms, primarily a solid purple with petal tips of cream. This Clematis was bred for a compact form and abundance of flowers.	
Coreopsis auriculata 'Nana'	Ear-Leaved Tickseed	This is a cute little fella. Not even reaching a foot tall, this small but mighty plant can form organized and attractive bunches over time. Definitely for the front of the sun garden or in smaller spaces where it won't get lost amongst all the taller perennials.	
Coreopsis tripteris 'Gold Standard'	Tall Coreopsis	One of our favorite late-season composites. A North American native that starts to show its bright yellow blooms in late May or early June and doesn't stop until some time in fall. Drought tolerant, deer proof, good cut, and pollinator plant, this one does it all. Loves full sun and dry-ish soil.	
Crocosmia 'George Davidson'	Montbretia	Sword-like foliage stands straight up boasting spikes of yellow flowers in summer. This plant makes a great cut flower! One of the fun things about Crocosmia 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.	
Delosperma 'PJS02S'	Granita® Orange Ice Plant	A plant that doesn't want wet feet at all. Native to South Africa, it prefers to be in very well-drained rock gardens, troughs, or planters in the full sun. Granita® Orange has bright orange flowers.	
Deutzia gracilis 'Nikko'	Slender Deutzia	We could easily call this plant a tall groundcover as it generally grows wider than it is tall. This plant is covered in white flowers in spring. It tolerates pretty poor soil in the full sun. Tough little plant.	
Echinacea paradoxa	Yellow Coneflower	A tall and purely yellow coneflower! The foliage on this plant is also a little more narrow than that of <i>Echinacea purpurea</i> . It is the genetics of this plant though that allowed for the breeding of coneflowers in the red and yellow color spectrum.	
Echinacea purpurea	Purple Coneflower	Tried and true! This is the straight species Kentucky native that can be found in Yew Dell's Pollinator Meadow. A favorite among pollinators and gardeners alike.	
Eryngium 'Big Blue'	Sea Holly	This plant boasts thistle-like electric blue flowers that blanket spiny foliage. Flowers dry beautifully adding texture to bouquets, borders, or containers. Great for cut flowers too. Blooms hold their color while lateral flowers develop.	
Eryngium yuccifolium	Rattlesnake Master	Another Kentucky native plant that can be found in tall prairie remnants. Large basal clumps of yucca-like leaves produce eventually share the spotlight with protruding 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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Eupatorium perfoliatum	Boneset	Amazing native plant that loves the rain garden. A consistently tough and hardy perennial covered in clusters of white flower in late summer and early fall that resemble a Joe Pye Weed.	
Eutrochium fistulosum	Hollow Joe Pye Weed	A big one! If happy and in a good site, this plant can reach an incredible height! If you have room for a big perennial in the garden that is native and loved by pollinators, this is a hard one to pass up. If you don't have a few perennials in your garden that you have to look up at to see in flower, you are missing out!	
Eutrochium maculatum 'Gateway'	Joe Pye Weed	The original and still hard to beat! This native perennial with deep green foliage topped with dusty pink flower heads in late summer. Outstanding pollinator plant. Excellent cut flower. Deer proof. Just give it sun and stand back!	
Geranium 'Karmina'	Hardy Geranium	This Theodore Klein Award Winner forms tight, dense masses of dark green foliage with cheerful, pale pink flowers in late spring. It makes a great edge or crevice plant and is outstanding in containers (we've had one in the same container for about 10 years!). Deer resistant.	
Geranium macrorrhizum 'Bevan's Variety'	Big Root Geranium	A big and bold geranium that makes a great groundcover 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 in 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.	
Gladiolus dalenii 'Boone'	Hardy Gladiolus	No need to dig these up in the fall to have them for next year. They are truly hardy in this area and have an exceptional yellow/orange/butterscotch color to the flower. This one multiplies pretty quickly and you will have a nice clump in no time!	
Helianthus maximilianii	Maximilian Sunflower	Not sure why everyone doesn't need or want one of these stunning giants of the garden. A favorite plant of small birds that feed off of the seed heads in fall and winter. Very tall stalks covered in large, bright yellow sunflowers in summer and fall. What a great option for some height in the garden.	
<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.	
Hylotelephium sieboldii '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!	



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Hylotelephium spectabile 'Autumn Fire'	Stonecrop	This cultivar has ornamental appeal throughout the year. In spring, rounded, fleshy green leaves emerge, followed by light pink flower buds during the summer. As summer wanes, the flowers open to red and are quite attractive to butterflies and bees. In the winter season, browned seed heads are also eye-catching.
Hypericum calycinum 'Brigadoon'	St. John's Wort	Ooh la la. One of the most interesting St. John's Wort out there. We have this short-spreading plant in the garden near the entrance to the Sunken Garden in the full sun. Screaming yellow foliage comprises the plants moderate stature. Make sure to check this plant out next time you visit Yew Dell.
Iris 'Ming Treasure'	Iris	A 4' tall Iris! Do you really need any more of a description? This newer selection is just coming into the market and will make quite a splash. It is a cross between several species of iris and only one of them is known for sure and that is <i>Iris ampliflora</i> . The flowers are a standard purple color but the height of the foliage really is the winning feature of this one. It will be best to have this plant in the morning sun and afternoon shade.
Iris ensata 'Variegata'	Japanese Iris	Silvery-green foliage and deeply saturated purple flowers give this iris some great pairing potential in the garden. White variegation blends well with the already striking foliage and persists throughout the year.
<i>Iris versicolor</i> 'Purple Flame'	Blue Flag Iris	This iris has outstanding ornamental features with its striking eggplant-purple new foliage that emerges from the ground in early spring. Going into summer, the bold purple leaves start to fade to a green that's more typical of iris species. In late spring to early summer, dark stems produce dark purple flowers that attract hummingbirds and butterflies.
Leptinella squalida '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.
Liatris microcephala	Appalachian Blazing Star	This awesome little native <i>liatris</i> is far shorter than most of its fellow Blazing Stars. It loves the sun, and is very drought tolerant. As you travel southeast into the Cumberland Plateau region of Kentucky, you can find this plant growing in the wild. Like other <i>liatris</i> , this crazy thing blooms first at the top of its bloom spike and then down unlike most plants with bloom spike who bloom from the bottom up!



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Lilium formosanum	Formosa Lily	Yes, you need one of these or a few hundred scattered around the garden. 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 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!	
Lycoris squamigera	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</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 one is about a foot shorter than 'Jacob Cline'	
<i>Monarda</i> 'Purple Rooster'	Beebalm	This beebalm has the darkest, truest purple flowers of any cultivar. With about a month of full blooms and excellent powdery mildew resistance, this selection is spectacular beebalm to add to full-sun pollinator areas.	
Monarda bradburiana	Bee Balm	This excellent but rarely offered native <i>monarda</i> runs a little shorter than most other bee balm species. It 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.	
Monarda didyma '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 impressive stature (he likes plants he can look in the eye!), 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.	
Monarda punctata	Spotted Beebalm	This beebalm bears aromatic leaves on purplish stems. In summer, plants are topped by showy rounded clusters of creamy purplespotted tubular flowers. Leaf-like pink, lavender, or cream-colored bracts form beneath each flower cluster. The stacked combination of colored bracts and speckled flowers is unique and showy. Pollinators flock to the blooms in sunny prairie-like settings or in gardens with sandy well drained soils.	



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Nepeta 'Balneplud'	Blue Prelude™ Catmint	This big, robust growing catmint will form a mound of fine textured foliage 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.
Nepeta 'Early Bird'	Catmint	Not only does this variety provide some of the earliest blooms of any Catmint, but the grey-green aromatic foliage and violet blooms offer a sensory buffet. Its compact habit and small size make this a great groundcover or border planting.
<i>Oenothera fruticosa</i> 'Fireworks'	Sundrops	A selection of our native species that is more compact 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.
Paeonia 'Garden Treasure'	Intersectional Peony	This is one of our favorite intersectional peonies in the collection here at Yew Dell. Sturdy compact plants are covered in bright yellow flowers each spring and the foliage remains nice and clean the rest of the summer. A true winner.
Paeonia 'Gordon E. Simonson'	Intersectional Peony	Quite simply one of the largest flowered intersectional peonies we know of. 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.
<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 ones! Intersectional peonies have the best attributes of herbaceous garden peonies and woody, tree peonies, have an extended bloom time and excellent summer foliage.
Paeonia 'Sequestered Sunshine'	Intersectional Peony	Distinguished, exceptionally large 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.
Penstemon digitalis 'Onyx and Pearls'	Beardtongue	This is an amazing <i>penstemon</i> . Deep purple evergreen foliage shoots up 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!
<i>Perovskia</i> atriplicifolia 'Sage Advice'	Russian Sage	The flowers of this Russian sage are some of the darkest purple of any cultivar out there. This one is closer in size to the straight species but with the darker flowers. Just as tough and drought tolerant as all Russian sages.



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Phlox '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. For the sunny border.
Phlox carolina spp. carolina '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. 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.
Phlox paniculata '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' is showiest as the sun is starting to set in the evening. The bright white flowers will glow like a lightbulb at twilight in your garden.
Phlox paniculata 'Jeana'	Garden Phlox	Ahhh, another plant with a great back story. 'Jeana' was discovered by Jeana Prewitt outside of Nashville, TN. It grows into an attractive mound that eventually reaches fairly uniform height and width. In the Mt. Cuba Center trials, it was remarkably disease and mildew resistant. The clusters of small pink/lavender flowers had the highest number of butterflies visiting out of all of the other panicle phlox in the trials!
Pycnanthemum muticum	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. 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.
Pycnanthemum virginianum	Virginia Mountain Mint	If you hear <i>Pycnanthemum</i> , you can immediately think super pollinator plant. This Kentucky native stands tall, loves the sun, tolerates wet feet very well, and is deer resistant. If put in a moist area, it will spread readily.
Ratibida columnifera 'Red Midget'	Prairie Coneflower	Fun, unique flowers of deep reddish-brown, orange, and yellow dance above mounds of fine green foliage from June until frost. This dwarf variety of a native prairie plant is very tolerant of drought and remains a manageable size.
Reineckea carnea	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 well-behaved masses.



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Rubus calycinoides	Creeping Raspberry	Do you have one of those terrible areas where construction or other disturbance have left an eye sore of a hill or bank in the sun? Give this a try. Growing only a few inches tall, it will spread out and form a dense mat. Where the stems touch, it will root to the ground aiding in erosion control. In early summer, you will have the added benefit of petite white flowers followed by orange fruit. Wildlife may find the berries desirable but we would recommend sticking with the plump juicy raspberries you have in the edible garden for the table. Deer resistant!
Rudbeckia 'American Gold Rush'	Black Eyed Susan	One of the better Black Eyed Susans on the market today. It explodes in mid-summer with huge masses of classic Black Eyed Susan flowers in. Good cut flower and pollinator plant for sweltering settings.
Rudbeckia laciniata 'Herbstonne'	Cut-leaf Coneflower	This is a stunning, statuesque coneflower. In July through September, erect flower stalks are topped with drooping yellow rays with a green central disk. An absolute magnet for insects that depend on flowers for nectar and pollen. A must have for any perennial garden!
Ruellia humilis	Prairie Petunia	A native plant to the Eastern US that looks very similar to those petunia baskets you see around Mother's Day but with none of the hassle. Staying under 2' tall, this plant can make a clump a few feet wide at maturity and tolerate dry soils but will be just happy in moist soils.
Salvia 'Back to the Fuschia'	Color Spires® Perennial Salvia	This new selection of <i>Salvia</i> will become completely covered in spikes of flowers in late spring and early summer. Cut this plant back after flowering to promote a second flush of flowers for the pollinators that love this plant. Flux capacitor not included.
Sanguisorbia tenuifolia	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 winered flower that hangs down and contrast with the green, compound leaves.
Schizachyrium scoparium 'Standing Ovation'	Little Bluestem	This cultivar of an exemplary native grass is tolerant of a wide spectrum of soil types and conditions. Extremely drought tolerant once it has established a solid root system, this species forms a well-behaved clump with attractive green leaf blades and a touch of blue at the base. In the fall, the leaves convert to a bronze-orange, giving this grass multi-season interest.
Sempervivum 'Arctic White'	Hens and Chicks	This Hens and Chicks cultivar is remarkably unique. Frosty white cobweb-like stings of fine hairs envelop the entirety of the plant. Over time this variety creates a conglomerate mass of rosettes that create a compact and flashy appearance. Regardless of whether it is planted in a garden bed or container, make sure to use well-draining, preferably rocky soil. Full sun is necessary to achieve maximum webbing and bright white coloration. Flower stalks with pink blooms appear in the summer.



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Sempervivum tectorum 'Red Heart'	Hens and Chicks	A compact rosette of medium-green succulent leaves grows pink to red from the center and during the winter is primarily a rich red. The Hens and Chicks, like many succulents, prefer a gritty, well-draining mix and are well suited to rock gardens or gravel-filled containers that have a drainage hole. These cute plants start with a single rosette but will send out new ones to create an attractive, somewhat overlapping mass of foliage. Grow this plant in full sun for best form and color, and do not worry about overwintering because Sempervivums are incredibly frost tolerant. Pink, star-shaped flowers appear in the summer.	
Silphium perfoliatum	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 towering 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.	
Sisyrinchium angustifolium 'Lucerne'	Blue-eyed Grass	The attractive upright rosettes of narrow, iris-like foliage of this plant burst with bright blue flowers. The plant is primarily native to the Eastern U.S with a compact habit though it has the ability to spread via rhizomes and/or self-sowing.	
Solidago rugosa 'Fireworks'	Rough Goldenrod	Excellent late-summer bloomer for the bright sunny garden. Vigorous, arching sprays of foliage 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 do not worry about a runny nose!	
Solidago shortii '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 few locales in North Central KY and one area of Southern IN. It was first recorded as a species by Louisville botanist Dr. Charles Wilkins Short in 1840 growing on Rock Island at the Falls of the Ohio. Talk about a plant with some local history!	



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Symphyotrichum laeve 'Bluebird'	Smooth Aster	This Mt Cuba Center introduction makes an outstanding garden plant. With strong, upright growth 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.
Veronica 'Wizard of Ahhs'	Magic Show® Spike Speedwell	A bright blue/purple flowering selection in the Magic Show® series that blooms all summer and into fall. In the trial gardens at Yew Dell, this plant still had some flowers available for pollinators well into November!