

NEW PLANT SELECTIONS FOR 2022



ANNUALS

Year of the Verbena

Overview and History

Verbena are known for withstanding the pressure of hot, dry conditions. Luckily for all of us, there are many new hybrids that have been bred just for this job!

Verbena is a member of the Verbenaceae family, which is comprised of 800 species in 32 genera, many of them native to the Americas and Asia. This family is characterized by clumps or spikes of flowers on heat-loving herbs, shrubs, trees, or vines. There are many varied types and habits, including upright and tall, as well as mounded and trailing. Some verbena make great ground covers as well.

Verbena Home Gardening Tips

While verbena seed is available, many of the newer varieties that have the desirable traits are vegetatively propagated and can be found as young plants at your local garden retailer in the spring.

Verbena looks their best when their soil is kept moist, but not wet as they do not like soggy feet. If the growing medium dries down too much it can cause flushing. Flushing is commonly known as cycling out of color where the plant loses blooms but remains green and leafy.

Verbena plants should be placed in sunny locations, aiming for 6+ hours of direct light. Most species perform well in the ground or landscape. They can also be displayed in hanging baskets and patio containers. For the compact-growing verbena, those work best in pots and do not have the root vigor for garden bed applications. For prolonged flowering, deadhead verbena by cutting or pulling off spent flower heads.

Powdery Mildew (PM) is an unfortunate occurrence on some verbena.

The best practice is to look for newer varieties that have a built-in resistance. If PM does appear (it will present as white patches of fluffy fungus on leaves or stem) treat with a neem spray or your favorite fungicide. Catching PM early is the best solution, as this disease can spread quickly, and its fungus blocks sunlight to the plant's nutrition system, making the plant unable to produce food, which will ultimately cause the plant to perish.

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Did you know?



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Verbena is a native to both Asia and the Americas.



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Did you know?

Verbena's full heads of small blooms are a favorite of butterflies.

Verbena tip:



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Deadheading spent blooms on trailing varieties encourages more flowers throughout the season.



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Did you know?

Symbolically, verbena represents healing, creativity and happiness.

Proven Winners 2022 Annual of the Year - Graceful Grasses® Prince Tut™ Dwarf Egyptian Papyrus



- ▶ Garden Height: 18 - 30 Inches
- ▶ Spread: 24 - 36 Inches
- ▶ Habit: Upright
- ▶ Light Requirement: Part Sun to Sun
- ▶ Maintenance Category: Easy
- ▶ Use in larger containers alone and as a thriller in large combinations. Great in the landscape, where it is best with consistent moisture.
- ▶ Cyperus Papyrus is not hardy enough to survive winters with freezing temperatures and it is not a candidate to overwinter inside. It is a very fast grower and will quickly grow to impressive size when replanted in the spring.
- ▶ The plant can be planted in pots, along the waters edge of a pond, or even in a pond. The crown of the plant should never be covered in water and in fact both of these varieties can thrive in water as shallow as a few inches. The purpose is to keep the bulk of the soil or root mass wet.
- ▶ The root ball can be submerged but it isn't necessary. If the plant is put into a pot, I would suggest plugging the hole or holes in the bottom of the pot to keep as much water as possible in the pot.
- ▶ Prince Tut will also do well when planted in normal garden beds. It is best to keep the soil moist, but once established Prince Tut has can be surprisingly tolerant of dry conditions.
- ▶ Prince Tut is an evergreen or neutral grass. Where temperatures get colder than 35 degrees F, the plants should be treated as annuals. Once the grass turns brown it can either be removed immediately or removed in the spring. It should not be expected to live through the winter and begin growing again in the spring.





Argyranthemum 'Lollies Berry Gummy' Daisy

- ▶ Naturally compact mounded habit
- ▶ Uniform series of bright colors
- ▶ Early blooming
- ▶ Well branched
- ▶ Abundance of flowers

Begonia 'I'Conia Peachy Keen'

► Show stopping large double blossoms! With it's rich color saturated blossoms, excellent branching, and beautiful contrasting dark foliage it marks the start the beginning of totally new Begonias. The semi upright plant reaches 10"-14" in height and mounds to 12" and is filled with large, vibrant, prodigious double blooms that sit above the foliage for growing standout baskets, containers and even landscape beds. This low maintenance, self-cleaning plant performs best in part sun but is adaptable to shade and sun and takes the heat and humidity. In the South it will perform best if grown with afternoon shade. As with other begonias, plant in well drained soil and allow soil to dry down slightly between watering.

- Best Sun Exposure: Shade to Part Sun
- Height: 10-14"
- Spread: 12"
- Habit: Mounding/Cascading
- Filler: For baskets, boxes, beds and containers



Begonia 'Jurassic' Series Rex Begonia



▶Rex Begonias are admired for their fabulous foliage. The cultivar offers a wide range of colors, textures, and shape. Its leaves can vary in form - from hearts, to seashell swirls, to ivy-like forms, and more. Marked by dramatic colors - often a mix of green, pink or burgundy - the Rex Begonia can also include metallic shades of grayish silver. Always breathtaking to behold! Native to tropical regions, as houseplants, Rex Begonias are good-natured - they are as easy to care for as they are easy on the eyes.

▶Sunlight: Moderate to bright indirect light.

▶Water weekly allowing the top inch of soil to dry out between waterings.

▶Humidity: Will tolerate dry air but prefer high humidity. Avoid misting, which can lead to problems with powdery mildew.

▶Temperature: Average home temperature of 65°F-75°F. If you're comfortable, the Rex Begonia is comfortable.

▶Size: A well cared for Rex Begonia produce leaves up to 6" long

▶Common Problems:

- SYMPTOM: Leaf crinkling, loss, and rot
- CAUSE: Overwatered
- SYMPTOM: Leaves overly soft
- CAUSE: Under watered
- SYMPTOM: Fluffy blobs in crooks of leaves
- CAUSE: Mealy bugs; remove with alcohol-soaked cotton swabs.
- SYMPTOM: White powdery patches on leaves
- CAUSE: Powdery mildew; remove affected leaves and increase air circulation around plant.

Bidens 'White Spicy Electric'



► Large flowers have a perfect circle eye of electric yellow with white tips. Perfect for combination planters and window boxes.

Calendula 'Costa' Series

► This new variety excels in uniformity and flower size compared to existing varieties. Dwarf and basal branching, Costa is an ideal companion plant alongside Viola and Pansy because of its earliness.



Calibrachoa 'Bumble Bee' Series

- ▶ One-of-a-kind colors and strong vigor for full-bodied mixed containers. Flowers stay open even under the lowest light conditions. Strong adaptability: specially selected to stand up to harsh conditions.





Calibrachoa
'Calitastic
Bourdeaux
Star'

Calibrachoa
'Bloomtastic
Serenity'





Coleus 'Marrakesh'

► Impeccable habit and unusually shaped leaves make this another distinctive choice for a multi-season foliage annual. This coleus is self-branching and never in need of a pinch. 'Marrakesh' is exotic and stays neat all season long. Amber, copper, lime, and dark crimson complement so many colors in a container or garden. Saffron, paprika, and a myriad of old world spices whirl together on this most unique plant. Bold enough to stand alone, but plays well with others. Our original plant only had one short flower spike in a full year!

Dahlia 'Megaboom Berry Blast'

► MegaBoom Berry Blast is the first launch to a new series of dahlias from Dümmen Orange. MegaBoom varieties are characterized by their huge flowers, similar to the best-selling XXL lineup, but on shorter peduncles where the flowers are held just above the foliage, making them an ideal component for combination containers or front of the border plants.





Dahlia 'Dreamy Eyes'

► Can dreams come true? Yes, they can! These Dreamy® Dahlias are flowering machines. They keep on flowering in your garden. The vivid colored flowers give a great contrast against the burgundy-bronze foliage. They are care-free because they are self-cleaning. This Dreamy® Eyes has apricot-colored flowers with an orange center and is a dream for every garden.

Dahlia 'Hypnotica Icarus'

► This heat tolerant variety, produces stunning yellow and red double blooms rising above dark green foliage; a perfect way to add visual interest to any garden, border, container or fresh cut flower arrangement; deadhead to encourage new blooms





Fuchsia 'Fuchsita Red White'

- ▶ The compact bushy habit is the perfect backdrop to the mass of attractive red and white blooms, flowering nonstop from summer onwards and attracting bees to your garden.
- ▶ Height: 12 to 24-inches
- ▶ Spread: 12 to 18-inches

Gazania

‘Gazoo Mix’

- ▶ Open-pollinated alternative to hybrid Gazanias. Distinctive extra-large flowers on vigorous plants are ideal for large, showy pots. An assortment of unique, clear-color flowers, plus traditional rings.
- ▶ A high performing, landscape cultivar of Gazania, with beautifully large bright flowers.
- ▶ Gazania plants are generally very easy to grow, handle dry and neglected conditions such as roundabouts, nature-strips, public spaces or rural gardens very well and continue to flower uniformly, without the need for any maintenance.
- ▶ Whilst Gazania plants produce the most spectacularly vivid flowers in the garden (or equally well in pots), the flowers close-up during overcast or nighttime conditions.





Helianthus 'Suncredible Saturn'

- ▶ Good looks AND personality.
- ▶ This everblooming sunflower is built on a well branched bush-like habit that is perfect for the back of the bed, as an annual screen or along a fence. The blooms are about 4" across and do not need to be deadheaded to continue blooming, but can be groomed for tidiness, and also makes a great cut flower. This plant blooms several weeks longer than similar sunflowers due to its semi-indeterminate to determinate habit. Great for pollinators and will pump blooms all season and well into the fall for a great seasonal pop of color.
- ▶ Continuous Bloom or Rebloomer
- ▶ Disease Resistant
- ▶ Long Blooming
- ▶ Fall Interest
- ▶ Heat Tolerant
- ▶ Deadheading Not Necessary
- ▶ Drought Tolerant

Jamesbrittenia 'Safari Dawn' South African Phlox

- ▶ I have a degree in FINE ARTS.
- ▶ This revolutionary new series of Jamesbrittenia will blow you away. This heat tolerant South African native has seemingly been on the cusp of greatness for years, but has never quite broken through with the right combination of plant performance and beauty. We have finally cracked the code. Summer performance in both landscapes and containers is great. The bicolor blooms are sure to stand out in your garden.
- ▶ Continuous Bloom or Rebloomer
- ▶ Long Blooming
- ▶ Heat Tolerant
- ▶ Deadheading Not Necessary





Lantana 'Havana Harvest Moon'

- ▶ Clusters of tiny tubular golden-orange flowers that hummingbirds and butterflies love
- ▶ Heat and drought tolerant
- ▶ Low maintenance plant that is good in drier soils
- ▶ Height: 12-24"
- ▶ Spread: 12-24"
- ▶ Light Condition: Full Sun

Mandevilla 'Sunbeam'

- ▶ SUN PARASOL® ORIGINAL Sunbeam
- ▶ Mandevilla hybrid
- ▶ Revolutionary Genetics!
- ▶ The original Sun Parasols have the widest color range, including the first stable dark red and crimson, shades of pink, white, and now the first yellow! Plants have a bushy habit and are suitable for patio containers, hanging baskets, balconies, and bedding. You can train the vines to a trellis or support, too!
- ▶ Height: 12 to 24-inches



Mangave

► Mangave is a relatively new phenomenon, an intergeneric cross of *Manfreda* x *Agave*. These rare hybrids combine the best of both worlds: the better growth rate and the interesting patterns of *Manfreda*, and the habit and refinement of *Agave*. We are very excited (shall we say mad?) about our new hybrids from Walters Gardens hybridizing.

► Growers will appreciate the fast growth rate of Mangave-these hybrids finish more quickly than *Agave*, thanks to their *Manfreda* parentage. Look to the future for more interesting and unique looks to join the collection!



Mimulus 'Mai Tai Red'

- ▶ A summer/fall plant rather than for spring, this easy-to-grow variety features an upright habit.
- ▶ Strong and easy to grow
- ▶ Good branching
- ▶ Strong red color that will continue flowering all summer long





Marigold 'Endurance Yellow'

- ▶ The perfect cross for early blooms up through frost! Quick to bloom highly compact plants that you expect from French marigolds with the large double carnation flowers resembling African types.
- ▶ Triploid Marigolds are a cross between French (*T. patula*) and African types (*T. erecta*), giving certain advantages. Tolerance to heat and rainy conditions and the benefit of longer lasting blooms due to no seed set make Triploid Marigolds a garden favorite!

Marigold 'Super Hero Orange Flame'

- ▶ The Super Hero series of Marigolds will produce a brilliant show of colorful blooms on compact, mounded plants.
- ▶ Super Hero is a lovely compact French marigold with unreal uniformity and stable colors. Stunning 2" blooms make any garden fit for a Super Hero.



2022 Year of the Peperomia

Peperomia are having their much-deserved time in the sun, though they have been sold as houseplants since the 1930s.

For decades, there were only a handful of varieties to choose from, but with their new popularity and ease of growth, many additional varieties have come to market. The many types of peperomia can range from bushy to trailing, upright, or cascading, and from fleshy succulent plants to those less so.

► Many peperomia survive in nature as epiphytes or lithophytes, meaning they grow on other living and non-living things. Because they grow mostly in the understory in the tropics, they don't need bright light, making them perfect houseplants. Peperomia never want to be in full sun, though the plants with thick fleshy leaves will need more light than the thinner leaved, less succulent varieties so keep this in mind when setting your plant in your home.

► Peperomia are a diverse group of plants in the pepper family, Piperaceae, but not the edible pepper family that gives us green and hot peppers. The peperomia come from the pepper family that provides us the pepper spice that gives our food flavor. It would seem then that peperomia might be edible, but they are not for human or pet consumption.

► Peperomia Care Tips

- The care of peperomias depends on the species or cultivar you choose to grow. All of them are a bit succulent, either in their stems or leaves. The truly succulent types, such as *P. incana* and *P. obtusifolia* need to be treated as such. Wait until the potting medium is almost completely dry before watering again.
- The less succulent types including *P. argyreia*, *P. caperata*, and *P. polybotrya*, tread a fine line of wanting to dry out but also not wanting to be kept too wet. Check your plant frequently, using your finger to test the moisture, and water when the medium is dry a couple of inches down into the container.
- A peperomia that is too wet will send you the message loud and clear by dropping its leaves because its stems have become mushy at the base. If yellow leaves appear that may be an indicator that you have kept it too moist. You may be able to save it by allowing it to dry out if you notice the yellow leaves soon enough.
- Clay pots will work better for the species of the Peperomia as they allow water to escape through the porous pot sides. Some of these Central and South American natives grow as epiphytes which indicates they don't have extensive root systems.
- Keep them in a snug pot in a fast-draining potting medium for best results. After purchasing a commercial potting medium, add a good amount of perlite and/or orchid bark to the mix. This will allow the water to drain quickly but it will retain enough moisture for the plant to thrive.
- Peperomia in general don't need a high light situation, including the more succulent varieties. However, if you have a variegated form, the variegation will stay brighter in a higher light situation.
- If you watch the watering routine closely, keep your plant warm (above 50° F), and give it a medium to bright light, you should have a healthy, thriving peperomia in your plant collection.

Did you know?

Peperomia are naturally found in tropical and subtropical areas of the world.



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Did you know?

Peperomia grown indoors are fairly small plants, never more than 12-18" tall.



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Peperomia Tip:

Peperomia do best in tighter spaces, rather than in too large of a container, so repotting is usually not necessary.



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Peperomia Tip:

Allow the top 50% of the soil to dry out between watering for best results.



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Petunia 'Bee's Knees'

► Bee's Knees is filled with lush blooms and puts on a high-impact show all season long with very little attention. It brings the most intense yellow petunia to the market, along with the best performance! This variety holds its yellow color better than any other yellow petunia.





Petunia ‘Crazytunia Black & White,
Pink Flamingo & Firecracker’



Petunia
'Hells Ember Red, Glow & Heat'



Double
Petunia
'Vogue Lemon
Berry'



Double
Petunia
'Midnight
Gold'



Petunia 'Rhythm & Blues'



Petunia 'Shortcake Blueberry'





Petunia 'Jazzberry'



SURFINIA HEAVENLY CABERNET



Like a fine wine, Surfinia Heavenly Cabernet will bring elegance to containers, hanging baskets and landscapes. And the habit is just right – trailing enough but controlled. Consider creating a wine garden vignette at retail.

Petunia ‘Surfinia XXL Taffy Pink’

Surfinia XXL Is Big On Blooms

XXL TAFFY PINK is a new direction in Surfinia petunia breeding. Plants have a tighter, more upright habit, but produce large flowers – grandiflora-sized blooms spanning 4-5 inches. This is in contrast to the classic trailing or more vigorous Surfinia Sumo petunias recommended for landscapes. XXL Taffy Pink is also earlier to flower and daylength neutral, blooming as soon as week 8 in the South. The bright pink color just pops! Surfinia XXL Taffy Pink is the start of a new sub-series that’s big on potential.



Petunia
'Surfinia
Purple
Heart'





Petunia 'Tritunia Star & Vein Mixes'



4-pack Petunias!

Salvia 'Hummingbird Falls'



'Hummingbird Falls' is an absolute breeding breakthrough for *Salvia guarantica* hybrids. This new introduction is the first trailing variety of its kind, producing cascades of pulsating blue flowers emerging from glistening black calyces and stems. As the name would suggest, 'Hummingbird Falls' is a natural magnet for hummingbirds.

'Hummingbird Falls' is impervious to heat and humidity. It does prefer warmer temperatures.

'Hummingbird Falls' is a vigorous, so we recommend using it in gallon containers or in large hanging baskets for a truly dramatic display. In the landscape, plant 'Hummingbird Falls' where it can naturally cascade over walls, or let it spread as a natural groundcover where it will be covered in a profusion of dazzling blue blooms throughout the summer.



Salvia 'Sirius Blue'

► These stunning blue flower spikes will welcome hummingbirds, honeybees, and butterflies to your garden. This selection produces an extra heavy crop of blooms! Native perennial from Mexico to Texas, Sirius Blue is drought tolerant and will thrive in rocky soil. This compact plant will only reach 12-16 inches in height, making it a great choice for the border.



Verbena 'Beats Purple + White'

- ▶ 2022 AAS Ornamental Winner
- ▶ Verbena Beats is an incredible new series of verbena that is an incredible plant that performs all summer long. The AAS Judges raved about how early to flower Purple+White was, making it a pollinator magnet all season long. The unique purple and white bicolor blooms maintain a nice, attention-getting pattern and thrives even during severe heat stress. A bonus is how Verbena Beats Purple+White is resistant to powdery mildew making it easier to grow and maintain for gardeners of all levels of experience.

New Mixes

Love Bird, Love Potion, Out of the Blue, Purple Lace, Sparkle Blue, Wisteria Lane, Midnight Moon



New Foliage & Succulents



VEGETABLES





2022 Edible of the Year: Salad Greens

Curiously, salad got its start not as a dietary staple, but as an aphrodisiac! We know this because leafy relations to modern romaine are depicted in ancient paintings as sustaining Min, the Egyptian god of fertility. Fast-forward a few thousand years and the fertility connection was still paramount in paintings by Leonardo da Vinci, including the Leda, which depicts a child holding a bouquet of lamb's lettuce (today's mâché) next to the goddess of fertility.

By this point in the 1500s, raw, leafy vegetables covered in oily, salted dressing were well established in the Roman diet as “herba salta”, literally, “salted herbs,” or the not-so-distant cousins of tasty greens that define the healthful salads, appetizers, and mains we enjoy today.

Basic Types and Variety Names:

The Asteraceae family is the source of some of the best-known salad greens:

- Lettuce is a mild-flavored leafy annual that is available in many types, textures, colors, and shapes.
- Chicories like endive and radicchio are perennial herbaceous plants that punctuate savory dishes with a bitter flavor profile.
- Dandelion greens, the mortal foe of spring lawns, are surprisingly diverse culinary additions, offering unique flavor and health benefits.

The Amaranthaceae family includes another popular green:

- Spinach is a leafy annual that's native to central and western Asia. In the US and around the world it's harvested at many stages, from baby leaf to full-size leaves.

Bring on the Brassicaceae family for superior flavor and cold hardiness:

- Arugula, also called “rocket”, is a spicy-flavored leafy annual with a strong following among greens lovers.
- Kale is a nutrient-rich green, leafy, cruciferous vegetable.
- Mustard Greens offer a zesty and colorful dimension to salad mixes.

For added flavor and visual appeal, think beyond the aisle of standard greens:

- Asian Greens offer a wide array of shoots, leaves, and choys that bring a unique look, flavor, and dimension to salads.
- Chard, better known as Swiss Chard and recognized for health benefits, is a green leafy vegetable with large leaf stalks typically prepared separately from stems.
- Herbs, from basil to cilantro to watercress to dill and more, fresh herbs can always take your salads and often entire meals to the next level.
- “Tops” are the tender greens of beet and turnip.

Did you know?



#yearofthesaladgreens

The lettuces we eat today actually started out as a weed in the Mediterranean region.



Did you know?



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Lettuce is a member of the sunflower family!



Did you know?



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Salad comes from the Latin word “herba salta” or “salted herbs.”



Did you know?



#yearofthesaladgreens

Ancient Greeks and Romans thought eating lettuce helped you to have a good night's sleep.



Did you know?



#yearofthesaladgreens

Leonardo da Vinci was the first artist to depict salad in his paintings (Leda, 1504)



► 10 Tips for Growing Salad Greens

- Plan for successions, instead of one big planting.
- Whole lettuce heads can be successfully stored longer than individual cut leaves.
- In colder regions, row cover protection can help achieve an earlier first harvest in the spring and a later final harvest in the fall.
- Pelleted or coated seed can improve the ease of planting and ensure less thinning.
- Hardier greens like kale, mustard and spinach offer cold season/overwinter opportunities for the dedicated home gardener.
- Once leaves reach maturity, harvest right away to encourage new growth and another harvest in just a few weeks.
- Store seed in the fridge in an airtight container to extend longevity.
- Pair bitter greens with a sweet dressing and your favorite soft cheese for a gourmet flavor combination.
- Try choosing a theme and then let your creativity fly to create a new and interesting salad mix every time.
- Sturdier greens like romaine, kale, and chicory hold up well when mixed with grains, nuts, and thick dressings.

‘Simply Salad Summer Picnic Mix’

► Summer Picnic Mix is a heat-tolerant blend of five red and green lettuces, combined in easy-to-sow multi-seed pellets. The resulting 12 in. mound of succulent leaves can be harvested multiple times over the summer season.





Pea 'Snak Hero'

- ▶ 2020 AAS Edible - Vegetable Winner
- ▶ Slender 4" long pods have the straight and elongated appearance of a succulent green bean but the surprising taste and texture of a snap pea. Snak Hero is so super-sweet and delicious it would be no surprise if they never make it to the kitchen! Stringless, edible pods are perfect for healthy, garden-fresh snacking, stir-frying, or freezing for later. 18-24" vines can be grown with or without support and are perfect for patio containers or hanging baskets. Frequent harvesting can easily bump up production for a long, substantial harvest window. Peas are a great early-season crop as they can be planted when soil temperatures are above 45 degrees F.

Pepper

‘Peppi Red’

► These small, pointed fruits ripen from green to red or golden yellow with incredible sweetness and rich flavor. The fruit are often seedless and are great for snacking fresh off the plant. To grow seedless fruit, isolate from non-seedless peppers. If not isolated, they will still produce larger, great-tasting fruit with just a few seeds.

► The Peppi pepper collection will grow seedless fruit under the right conditions! Grow plants in isolation from other, non-seedless peppers to produce seedless fruit that makes chopping quick and easy for recipes.

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► Best grown in-ground with support of stakes or a cage.





Pepper 'Muscato'

►75 days. The plant produces heavy yields of 5" long by 4" wide orange sweet bell peppers. Peppers have very thick walls and turn from green to orange when mature. The plant has green stems, green leaves, and white flowers. One of the best orange bell pepper for stuffing! Used in salads and gourmet dishes.

Strawberry 'White Carolina' Pineberries

► You'll have to see this out-of-this-world fruit to believe it! Commonly called a "pineberry" (combining the words "pineapple" and "strawberry"), 'White Carolina' is really a hybrid between two species of strawberries, which results in a pale pink to white color of fruit. People who have tried this hybrid think that it tastes like pineapple. Pineberries are gaining in popularity!

► Plant one everbearing variety for every five 'White Carolina' plants. This will help with the pollination of flowers on the 'White Carolina' plants and should result in a better landscape performance.



Swiss Chard 'Silverado'

- ▶ A taste test favorite, its beautiful appearance and very high resistance to bolting make it a great home garden variety.
- ▶ Silverado is a slow bolting green chard with broad white stems that support heavily savoyed, glossy dark green flavorful leaves.
- ▶ Plant height approximately 14-16 inches.
- ▶ Maturity 60 - 65 days.





Tomato 'Banana Legs'

►75-80 days. As you would likely guess, Banana Legs is an unusual Tomato: a must-grow just because of its appearance, to say nothing of its taste. Shaped like a small, bright yellow banana, it is about 4" long and 1½" in diameter with pale green stripes that mature to light orange. A rare, prolific paste-type Tomato, its fruit drapes from lacy, determinant vines in clusters. Its mild-flavored flesh is a bit crunchy, yet meaty, with only a few seeds. Banana Legs is great sliced in salads where you can show off its striking color and enjoy its great taste.

2022 Herb of the Year: Viola

Since 1995, the International Herb Society selects one herb to recognize as the Herb of the Year. Candidates must stand out in two of three categories: culinary, medicinal, and decorative. The 2022 herb, Viola, ranks at the top in all three. The genus Viola includes violets, viola, heartsease, Johnny Jump Up, and pansy.

Centuries before violas appeared as garden plants, they were valued for medicinal properties. Dioscorides's *De materia medica* of the 1st century A.D. noted violets had a "cooling" effect on inflammation of the stomach and the eyes. The 16th century English physician, John Gerard, described more than a dozen medicines made from leaves or flowers including violets. Cherokee used common wood violets to treat colds and headaches. Even today herbalists rely on violets to treat coughs, colds, and mucus, skin problems like eczema and psoriasis, urinary tract infections, and arthritis and rheumatism— all inflammatory conditions.

The use of flowers in the kitchen has a long history. Recipes from the early days of the Roman Empire mention violets. Violets are cited in English salad recipes from the 17th century, and by the Victorian era, violets were being candied and preserved. Queen Victoria and her mother made violet tea and violet syrup.

Contemporary kitchen garden designer Rosalind Creasy grows cool-season violas, pansies, and Johnny Jump Ups in her California garden. Viola petals have a lettuce-like taste. She uses them to decorate desserts and punch bowls, as garnishes, in salads, soups, and candied. Sweet violas, *Viola odorata*, have a strong sweet floral taste and are best for crystalizing or using plain in desserts, salads, or in tea sandwiches. Sweet violas have been used in perfumes for over 1,500 years.

The delicately fragrant flowers of Viola and Johnny Jump Up are edible and make delightful garnishes.

- Make sure you have correctly identified the flower you are about to eat.
- Grow your own from seed or cuttings.
- Harvest flowers at their peak for best flavor.
- Flowers add pizzazz, color, interest, and new tastes to your table.



Whether used for medicine, food, fragrance, or decoration, celebrate violets in your garden, kitchen, and apothecary as the 2022 Herb of the Year.



Basil 'Red Rubin Improved'

- ▶ With unusual leaves, this All-America Selections Award-winning basil is perfect for salad and garnishes.
- ▶ This great herb basil has a stronger flavor than sweet basil and reddish-purple leaves, creating a unique look in salads. An All-America Selections Winner, Red Rubin performs well in the garden and in patio containers with the perfect combination of ornamental appeal and intense, spicy flavor. Best of all, it's easy to grow and easy to use. To dry, wait until the flowers begin to open, then cut clusters off and hang them upside down, turning periodically, until dry.
- ▶ Spacing: 6-8in (15-20cm)
- ▶ Height: 18-24in (45-60cm)
- ▶ Exposure: Full Sun - 6+ hours direct sun

27th Annual Herb Fest

Saturday, June 18th



This is a free, fun event that celebrates all things herbs and other gardening topics. There will be talks, demos, sales and much more! We will be partnering with Nicolet College to promote this exciting event!

This year will feature guest speaker Jane Hawley Stevens of Four Elements Organic Herbals. Jane began specializing in herbs in 1981 after earning her Horticulture degree from U.W. Madison. Opportunities in herb garden design evolved into using herbs in cooking and home remedies. In 1987 she began Four Elements Organic Herbals, continuing to grow herbs used for wellbeing. Grown and harvested on her 130-acre farm in the Baraboo Bluff of Wisconsin, products are handmade by dedicated local women and sold throughout the country.

A pioneer in organic farming and the natural product industry, Jane has taken her love and reverence for nature to inspire others through her effective products and teaching at organic herb, garden and professional events. Her desire is to connect people consciously to that which sustains them.

Her art and science of herbal wellness has expanded to create Four Elements Herbals product line that sells across the country.

Perennials



Early Bird Perennial Plant Sale

- ▶ MONDAY, APRIL 18TH THROUGH SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH
- ▶ 10% OFF ALL PERENNIALS
- ▶ Pay and take that day. No held orders.
- ▶ In stock items only. In-store retail sales only.
- ▶ Curbside pickup will be available for those that need it with a \$30 minimum and a 15% service charge (\$50 max) starting on April 18th. Prepayment required. Plants must be picked up within a week of ordering or by May 1st.



2022 Year of the Phlox



Phlox is a wide-ranging North American native perennial and a common fixture in woodland, prairie, and meadow landscapes.

Phlox are an easy-to-find wildflower stretching from Florida and Quebec to Alaska. One of the classic American perennials, this was one of the earliest North American natives to enter cultivation. With vibrant flower colors and blooms lasting many weeks, it is easy to understand what caught the eye of so many gardeners through the years.

Although there is great variation within the genus, a tubular flower with five petals is common in all types. Flower color varies between white, pink, magenta, purple, and blue across the genus, with some species showing notable orange or red coloration. A species are popular with pollinators.

How to Grow Phlox in the Garden

1. The first thing to consider when putting a Phlox in your garden is the soil. All do well in sandy loam soil that has good drainage. Clay can be the kiss of death for Phlox as they struggle to root in heavy soils.
2. Consistent watering is helpful for plants trying to get established. Creeping varieties have low water requirements once settled in, only needing supplemental water when the days are at their hottest and longest in summer. Tall Garden types thrive with consistent watering. Adequate moisture will also help to prolong flowering and encourage rebloom.
3. It is best not to overhead water your phlox plants. Overhead watering will increase the amount of moisture on the foliage, increase the humidity around the plants, and increase the presence of mildew affecting the plant. Mildew manifests as a white fuzz on the surface of the leaf that is both unsightly and will negatively affect the long-term health of the plant. Try to avoid wet foliage and water in the morning. It is best to water with a hose at the base of the plant or with drip irrigation. Drip irrigation helps to keep the soil wet and the foliage dry.
4. Summer blooming plants can be encouraged to rebloom with consistent watering, adequate nutrients, and some deadheading.
5. Full sun is the best growing environment for Phlox. With too much shade, Creeping varieties do not grow as dense and can melt away over time. Tall Garden types are more tolerant of light shade and do well in it, but when situated in full sun they tend to bloom more, have sturdier habits, and experience less powdery mildew.

10 Gardening Tips

- Dividing the phlox every 3-5 years will help to reinvigorate the plant and improve garden performance.
- With Tall Garden Phlox and other summer-blooming types, keep plants well-spaced to reduce issues with mildew.
- Avoid overhead watering unless the plants will have a chance to dry out. An excess of moisture will increase the likelihood of powdery mildew.
- Sandy loam is the preferred soil for all species, as it provides the good drainage these plants need to thrive.
- More sun means more garden performance, both with increased floral production and sturdier, healthier habits.
- Tall Garden plants thrive in rich soils and can be fertilized every other month if nutrition is a concern.
- Deadheading Tall Garden plants will prolong the bloom time and prevent self-seeding.
- Trim and clean up any dead foliage on your Creeping Phlox in early summer, just after they have finished blooming.
- Fall is the best time to divide and replant Phlox.
- Some species of Creeping Phlox are evergreen. On these plants, winter dieback should be cleaned up in spring, or early summer after they have finished blooming.

Phlox Selections



Tall Garden Phlox



Luminary Series



Famous Series



Flame Series



Opening Act Series



Fashionably Early Series



Creeping Phlox



Native Phlox pilosa



Native Phlox divaricata

2022 Proven Winners Perennial of the Year: Dianthus 'Paint the Town Magenta' Pinks

Members of the Paint the Town Series are prized for their bright colors and increased heat tolerance. Flowers appear in early summer, and a quick shearing after flowering will encourage them to rebloom in early fall. This is the perfect size to edge the front of the sunny border and use in combination containers.

'Paint the Town Magenta' is one of the earliest Dianthus to bloom, producing $\frac{3}{4}$ -1" wide, single vibrant magenta pink flowers and incredibly serrated petals. Flowers completely cover the plant when it's in peak. Its glaucous blue foliage set it apart from other Dianthus of its type.

In the carnation family, Dianthus cultivars deliver gorgeous single, semi-double, and fully double flowers. Singles tend to deliver more flowers while doubles are significantly larger, sometimes more than twice the size. Singles also tend to grow quicker and can appear like a carpet in the landscape at maturity.

Height: 6-8 Inches

Spread: 12-14 Inches

Hardiness Zones: 4-9

Sunlight: Full Sun to Part Shade



2022 Perennial Plant of the Year: Little Bluestem Grass *Schizachyrium scoparium*

▶ Little bluestem is a tough and dependable clumping grass that blends well with other perennials. Native to a broad swath of North America, it was one of the dominant grasses of the vast tallgrass prairies. Cultivars have been selected for shorter plants, enhanced leaf colors and stronger stems.

▶ It was once the dominant prairie grass in Wisconsin and covered most of the plain states. As such, it is ideally adapted to our harsh Midwestern growing conditions. It is supremely cold tolerant and thrives in dry, low-fertility soil. As a matter of fact, moist soil or those rich in nutrients may cause this plant to lose its distinctive straight-and-narrow upright form.

▶ Little Bluestem takes its name from the blue color cast on its foliage. Selections have been made over time and there are now a number of cultivars available that display consistent intense blue leaf color. When the temperature drops in autumn the color changes to a rich coppery red-bronze, often with purple overtones. This color will last throughout the winter.

▶ Little Bluestem is notable for its very erect, vertical, upright growth habit. However, the straight species (*Schizachyrium scoparium*) can be prone to “flopping” when grown in rich soil. Newer cultivars have been selected that are resistant to this behavior. For most of the season, the basal foliage grows not much taller than 18”-24” but late in the season the flowering stems will emerge and can grow as tall as 48”, depending on the cultivar. When seeds are produced, the seed heads have a wispy appearance that gives the effect of illumination when backlit. These seeds are also utilized as a food source by native songbirds.

▶ Little Bluestem is especially striking when planted en masse. It also combines beautifully with summer or fall-flowering perennials such as Echinacea, Rudbeckia, Asters, Vernonia ‘Iron Butterfly’, and Sedums. Its blue foliage color makes it well suited to pairing with a backdrop of dark-colored foliage such as that of purple leaf Ninebark, Smokebush, or Weigela.



Height: 24”-48”, varies by cultivar

Spread: 18”-24”

Hardiness Zones: 3-9

Sunlight: Full Sun

Varieties Carried At Hanson’s Garden Village:

‘Blue Heaven’

‘Carousel’

‘Shining Star’

‘Twilight Zone’

And of course, the native variety!



Aconitum 'Bicolor' & napellus 'Album' Monkshood

► Content in full sun or full shade, upright Aconitum x cammarum 'Bicolor' brings splendid late-season color to the garden with masses of hooded blossoms in shades of violet blue and white. The plant's form tends to be denser in full sun and airier but no less attractive in shade.

► Hardiness Zone: 3-7

► Exposure: Sun to Part Shade

► Blooms In: July-August

► Mature Height: 48"

► The beautifully unique blooms of this white monkshood are a welcome sight in any garden; grows well in shady areas; prefers fertile, well-drained soils. Common White Monkshood features bold spikes of white hooded flowers rising above the foliage from early summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive deeply cut ferny leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

► Hardiness Zone: 2-7

► Exposure: Part Shade to Full Shade

► Mature Height: 4 feet



Alcea 'Las Vegas Mix', 'Indian Spring Mix' and 'Chater's Double Mix' Hollyhocks

► Las Vegas Mix: Single saucer-shaped 3-4" blossoms glow like the colorful lights of Vegas. First year flowering with assorted colors of reds, pinks, white, yellow or coppery butterscotch will turn heads with their stunning performance. Plant several to enjoy all the colors. Fig-leaved foliage decorates the sturdy flower stems from top to bottom. Illuminate the back of the border with this stunning variety. A hardy Siberian species, Hollyhock Las Vegas tends to be less susceptible to rust than older varieties.

► Indian Springs Mix: The semi-tall stalks of Indian Spring Hollyhock are filled with single and semi-double blooms in shades of pink. Prolifically blooming, Indian Spring Mix is known to bloom in its first year, which is unusual for Hollyhocks.

► Chater's Double Mix: Double 4-6 in. wide flowers. Chater's Double Mix includes an extremely wide range of hollyhock colors. Chater's Double Mix hollyhocks begin to bloom in early to mid summer, produce impressive 5-7 ft. tall flower spikes. Cut stalks back hard after bloom, plants will flower again in late summer and fall. Provide rich soil and regular water for best performance. Chater's Double Mix hollyhocks are biennials or short-lived perennials which are winter hardy to zone 3.



Amsonia 'String Theory' Blue Star

► People have loved 'Storm Cloud' and we are now pleased to offer a complementing threadleaf Amsonia to the Proven Winners program. 'String Theory' can be described as a compact version of the industry standard Amsonia hubrichtii. The compact habit is covered with light periwinkle blue flowers in late spring, flowering later than 'Storm Cloud'. While other Amsonia can often display chlorotic leaves, 'String Theory' displays healthy dark green leaves throughout the summer. We have observed the same brilliant golden orange fall color as you would expect from A. hubrichtii.

► This easy care, heat and humidity tolerant, deer resistant perennial is an excellent choice for gardeners looking for low maintenance or native perennials.

► **Height:** 18-22 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun to Part Shade





Asclepias 'Soulmate' Milkweed

▶ 'Soulmate' Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*) lights up the mid-to-late summer garden with clusters of pink petals surrounding a white heart. This native star attracts and nourishes hummingbirds, butterflies, bees, and pollinators of many shapes and sizes - especially Monarch butterflies. With a sweet vanilla scent, it's deer and rabbit resistant. This easy-care plant brings as much pleasure to the gardener as it does to the pollinators in sunny borders and meadows with average-to-moist soil.

- ▶ **Height:** 236-42 Inches
- ▶ **Hardiness Zones:** 3-9
- ▶ **Sunlight:** Full to Part Sun

Aster 'Grape Crush'

► Bringing refinement to fall blooming Asters, 'Grape Crush' produces a large, very round mound with densely packed flowers. We have observed no lodging in our trials, a phenomenal achievement for fall blooming Asters. Very rich, dark purple flowers are produced above dark green foliage in early fall to midfall. A perfect finale to the growing season!

► Asters are native to North America and are generally very easy to grow.

► **Height:** 26-30 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 3-8

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun





Astilbe 'Fireworks Pink'

- ▶ Arching sprays of dense coral-pink flowers, compact growing habit. Spikes of graceful plumes, mostly upright but on some types arching. Flowers are effective in dried arrangements. Prefers a rich and moist soil in a shady location.
- ▶ **Height:** 12 Inches
- ▶ **Hardiness Zones:** 3-8
- ▶ **Sunlight:** Part Shade to Full Shade

Astilbe 'Moccachino'

▶ Spikes of graceful plumes, mostly erect but on some types arching. Flowers are effective in dried arrangements. Prefers a rich and moist soil in a shady location. Feathery creamy-white arching flowers. Burgundy deeply divided foliage.

▶ **Height:** 20 Inches

▶ **Hardiness Zones:** 3-8

▶ **Sunlight:** Part Shade to Full Shade





Astilbe 'Purple Rain'

▶ Purple Rain Chinese Astilbe has masses of beautiful plumes of fuchsia flowers with purple overtones and lavender streaks at the ends of the stems from mid to late summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its ferny compound leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

▶ **Height:** 18-21 Inches

▶ **Hardiness Zones:** 3-8

▶ **Sunlight:** Part Shade to Full Shade

Astrantia 'Florence' Masterwort

► Masterwort is highly regarded by floral designers for the unique umbels of starry flowers, a bit like a refined Queen-Anne's-Lace in effect, but not at all weedy in habit. This upright selection has soft lavender-pink pincushion flowers surrounded by bracts of the same tone. It blooms for weeks on end. An excellent filler plant for a moist area in sun or part shade. Also nice in mixed containers or tubs. Flowers may be cut fresh or dried for winter arrangements. Remove faded flowers to encourage more buds, also to prevent plants from self seeding all over.

► **Height:** 18-30 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 3-9

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun to Part Shade





Baptisia 'Burgundy Blast' & 'Honey Roasted'

▶ **Burgundy Blast:** A color break for False Indigo! The shade of purple is redder than the typical purple Baptisia. Dark wine purple flowers are produced over very dark blue-green foliage. When it is in bloom, it is a stunning display of color. Use in place of a shrub in the landscape.

▶ **Honey Roasted:** An attractive native perennial that's bound to be a permanent fixture in your garden. Long 10" spikes of dark mahogany flowers have bright yellow keels, producing a wonderful bicolor effect. The bushy habit is jam-packed with flowers when it is in bloom early in the growing season. Flowers lighten to yellow as the flowers mature.

▶ Baptisia is easy to grow and will thrive with little maintenance. There are many potential applications in the landscape including meadow plantings, as a backdrop in borders, or as a specimen. Plants are very long-lived once established.

▶ **Height:** 3-3.5' Tall

▶ **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9

▶ **Sunlight:** Full Sun to Part Shade



Bergenia 'Dragonfly Sakura' Pigsqueak

► Sakura means cherry blossom in Japanese and the rosy-pink clusters of semi-double blooms in spring are as welcome as the treasured blossoming cherry trees. The thick waxy green foliage, each leaf measuring 8", transforms to deep plum tones in winter.

► Rub the leathery leaves between two fingers after a summer rain to discover why this lovely plant would have such an unusual common name, Pig Squeak. Kids of all ages love trying this! Stunning in mass.

► **Height:** 10"

► **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun to Part Shade





Cimicifuga 'Black Negligee' Bugbane

- ▶ Deeply cut, serrated foliage emerges emerald green, then matures to a brilliant dark purple. Long, slender, pink-tinted, creamy white, fragrant flower spikes tower above the foliage in the fall. A standout in the shaded border, woodland or cottage garden. An herbaceous perennial.
- ▶ **Height:** 48"
- ▶ **Hardiness Zones:** 5-9* (Will be testing hardiness for our zone)
- ▶ **Sunlight:** Part to Full Shade

New Clematis Selections



'Parisienne'



'Tekla'



'Will Goodwin'



'Zara'



'Rain Dance'

Coreopsis 'Sun Kiss' & 'Rosea'



► **Sun Kiss:** This new Tickseed from PanAmerican Seed is phenomenal due to its huge, nearly 3" wide, golden yellow flowers with burgundy red centers. According to the breeder, this is the brightest yellow flower with a large blotch available as a seed strain. This beautiful, heat-tolerant plant will finish quickly to form a well-branched and floriferous habit.

► **Height:** 12-14"

► **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun

► **Coreopsis rosea:** A fine textured mounding perennial with many slender upright stems. The stems are clothed in pairs of bright green thread-like leaves. In summer plants bear multitudes of small yellow-centered pink daisies. Plants prefer a sunny site with consistently moist but well drained soil. In an appropriate setting this rhizomatous perennial will mature into a 1' tall beefy clump.

► **Height:** 12"

► **Hardiness Zones:** 3-8

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun

► **Coreopsis** is easy to grow, making it a good choice for beginners. One plant will provide you with long-lasting cut flower bouquets all summer long.





Echinacea 'Butterfly Yellow Rainbow Marcella'

▶ A rainbow of colors radiates from the blossoms of this compact, long-blooming Coneflower. A sibling to 'Rainbow Marcella,' this beauty boasts sunny yellow ray petals suffused with bright pink and surrounding a chestnut-red cone. These flowers are delightful in the late summer and autumn garden, and a gift for pollinators and winged friends.

▶ **Height:** 15-18 Inches

▶ **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9

▶ **Sunlight:** Full Sun

Echinacea 'Sunny Days Lemon & Ruby'

► SUNNY DAYS™ Lemon & Ruby are an exceptionally heavy flowering variety that will blow you away with the sheer number of flowers they produce over the flowering season. Medium, upright plants are smothered in sunny yellow or ruby colored double flowers. The deep, emerald green foliage goes clear to the ground and make this plant really stand out in a crowded Echinacea field. Fragrant and attracts pollinators too.

► **Height:** 22 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun



Echinacea 'Sunseekers Rainbow'

► Can't decide what color of Coneflower you should grow? Then you need SunSeekers Rainbow Coneflower, Echinacea, it features unique flowers with many different colors on one plant! SunSeekers Rainbow Coneflower's blossoms open in light yellow then transform to hues of pink, blush, coral, lavender, salmon and more. Absolutely incredible when its many different colors are displayed at once. Flowers are born on strong stems over large green mounds of foliage. These unique flowers look gorgeous in the garden and in mixed bouquets.

► A member of the outstanding SunSeekers series of Coneflowers. They stand out from others with their unique forms and colors. Their vibrant colors stay rich and don't fade. SunSeeker Coneflowers have exceptional vigor, masses of flowers, and dense habit with short stems and dark green, narrow leaves.

► **Height:** 18-24 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun





Geranium 'Intense'

► When coming up with a name for this Cranesbill, Geranium, Intense was the only name that could be selected. Intense Cranesbill's flowers are so brilliant pink, they almost hurt your eyes. And so many of them! An exuberant bloomer, its flashy blossoms cover the foliage for a considerable long time. This showy plant makes an ideal choice to replace annuals. No reason to plant every year now that you can plant just once with the very long lived Intense. Another outstanding attribute: Its mat forming evergreen foliage keeps out all weeds. Its fragrant foliage matures to an attractive mound. In fall and winter, the beautiful deeply dissected leaves show tints of red.

► Use Intense Geranium in cottage, perennial and pollinator gardens. It works fantastic as a wow focal or draw-dropping specimen. Intense Geranium makes an ideal evergreen groundcover. Although it can be grown in full sun, Intense benefits from protection from the hot afternoon sun. Morning sun with afternoon shade, or filtered light is ideal. Not to be confused with annual Geraniums, these Geraniums come back year after year.

► **Height:** 10 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun-Part Shade



Geum 'Sunkissed Lime' & 'Tempo Rose'

► Bright electric lime foliage and cheery, brilliant orange flowers cover this sweet gold mound. Geums add an early touch of color to the late spring garden. 'Sunkissed Lime' does double duty with a generous amount of flowers and showy, sun-tolerant foliage. Flower stems stay short.

► USDA Hardiness Zone(s): 4-8

► Size (HT/W/FL HT): 9" / 16" / 12"

► Exposure: Part Shade, Full Sun

► A new favorite! This early bloomer produces a plethora of dark, rose-pink flowers on short, dark stems. This easy to grow plant has a long bloom time allowing pollinators to enjoy this gem for months.

► USDA Hardiness Zone(s): 4-9

► Size (HT/W/FL HT): 8" / 12" / 21"

► Exposure: Full Sun





Helianthus 'Autumn Gold' Sunflower

► This perennial is hardy and drought tolerance once established. An excellent companion to fall garden mums, this maintenance-free perennial is covered in bright golden yellow flowers from September to November, or a hard frost. Compact form grows 24-26" tall and wide.

► Blooming from September to a hard frost, *Helianthus salicifolius* 'Autumn Gold' is a wonderful addition to the perennial garden. The narrow, dark green willow-like leaves form into a tight mound giving a tidy shrub-like appearance from spring through summer before it erupts into color in the fall.

► **Height:** 24-26 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 5-10* (Will be testing hardiness this year)

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun



Helleborus 'Black Tie Affair' Lenten Rose

- ▶ The WEDDING PARTY® series showcases double flowered selections, available in numerous, beautiful color shades.
- ▶ 'Black Tie Affair' has 3", double black flowers with a lighter center.
- ▶ Hellebores are the harbingers of spring, blooming for six weeks or more beginning in late winter. They are often flowering during the Christian season of Lent, from which they get their common name, Lenten Rose. This is the perfect plant for naturalizing in moist, woodland areas where its extensive root system will spread as far as it is allowed.
- ▶ Very deer resistant!
- ▶ **Height:** 18-24 Inches
- ▶ **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9
- ▶ **Sunlight:** Part Shade to Full Shade



New Daylily Selections

- ▶ Night Embers
- ▶ Raspberry Eclipse
- ▶ Star of the North
- ▶ Vanilla Fluff



Heucherella 'Pumpkin Spice' Foamy Bells

► Get a sweet taste of fall in spring with 'Pumpkin Spice'! Bronze red leaves emerge in late spring and hold its color well into early summer. Each 4" lobed leaf has deep mahogany centers that follow the veins of the leaf. Dark red stems hold cream flowers that appear in early summer. For best foliage color and performance, plant in an area with filtered sun or afternoon shade.

► 'Pumpkin Spice' is a *H. villosa* hybrid which means that it is naturally more heat and humidity tolerant and also has greater vigor than Heucherellas without such parentage. It forms a very dense mound of interesting foliage that is evergreen in most climates.

► Heucherella is a hybrid genus produced from a cross between Heuchera and Tiarella. From Heuchera they gain the many different foliage colors and textures, while Tiarella add deeper leaf lobes and serration, as well as their signature central leaf blotching. Heucherella are sterile hybrids, and so typically have longer bloom seasons than either of their parents.

► **Height:** 8-10 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun to Full Shade

Hosta 'Island Breeze'

► This cultivar's bold, substantial foliage brightens the garden. The thick, rounded leaves emerge bright gold with a medium green margin in the spring. As summer progresses, the gold will fade to a softer yellow if the plant receives more sun; if the plant is in deeper shade, the yellow will turn soft lime green.

► 'Island Breeze' is a small hosta, growing to 12 inches tall and 18 inches wide. The leaves are thick and resistant to damage from pests. It arose as a sport (genetic mutation) of the cultivar 'Paradise Island', which itself occurred as a variegated offspring of the vivid yellow 'Fire Island'. 'Island Breeze' builds on the bold look of 'Paradise Island', offering brighter color, wider leaf margins and thicker leaves. Like the other 'Island' varieties, 'Island Breeze' bears red petioles (leaf stems), adding to the color show. Provide it with part sun or full shade and regular moisture. USDA Zones 3-9.





Proven Winners® Hosta of the Year

Hosta 'Diamond Lake'



► Here's a hosta you'll love watching mature through the years. Its heart-shaped, powder blue leaves take on incredible personality as their edges become rippled and their texture becomes thick and corrugated with age. This is bound to become one of the most distinctive perennials in your shade garden.

► Large, striking foliage plant for shade gardens

► Heart-shaped leaves with distinctly rippled edges and thick texture

► Powder blue color glows in the evening light

► Grows beautifully in containers and landscapes

► Light lavender flowers appear in early summer

► 17" tall x 45" spread

► Perennial in USDA Zones 3-9

► Shade gardening can be just as thrilling as gardening in the sun if you pick the right plants. 'Diamond Lake' is one of those hostas that you're sure to fall in love with once you give it a try. We find it absolutely enchanting as it lights up in the early evening light, much like white flowers tend to do in moon gardens. Planting it in full shade to dappled sun helps it retain the blue waxy coating on its leaves which gives it that ethereal glow.

► A large, stately shape and heart-shaped, distinctly rippled leaves ensure this hosta won't fade into the background of your landscape. Try using it as a focal point surrounded by low growing Double Up® begonias or pair it with 'Crested Surf' painted ferns for superb textural contrast.

► Hostas are perennials that you'll come to appreciate more with each passing year as they build their character. The leaves of 'Diamond Lake' thicken up and become more intensely rippled and corrugated as they age. The clump becomes fuller as more eyes develop at the base and within a few years, it's ready to be divided. Try growing it in the dappled shade of tall trees or in the shadow of your home's eaves.

► Height: 17"

Hosta 'Amazone'

► Medium size variety. Dark green margins flame inward to bold white centers. Lavender flowers bloom in summer. More sun resistant than other white centered varieties.

► **Height:** 20 Inches



Hosta 'Dancing With Dragons'

► This beautiful blue hosta positively dances when you look at it. Heart-shaped leaves have margins that are heavily rippled and give the hosta an overall wavy appearance. As an added bonus, 'Dancing with Dragons' holds its beautiful blue color throughout the season. Near white flowers top the habit in late summer.

► **Height:** 18 Inches





Hosta 'Enchiladas'

- ▶ Sport of 'Avocado' with a larger area of gold in the center of the leaf.
- ▶ Glossy yellow leaves with a dark green margin.
- ▶ Leaves are thick and slightly wavy.
- ▶ Give this hosta some bright light where you can get the best color contrast.
- ▶ One of those fragrant hostas that still looks great at the end of August.
- ▶ Add this hosta to the 'Guacamole' family of hostas.
- ▶ Fragrant white flowers in late summer.

Hosta 'First Blush'

▶ Hosta guru Bob Solberg has been determined to develop a hosta with red in the leaf and he succeeded with this hosta.

▶ Hosta 'First Blush' not only has green leaves with red petioles that extend into the leaf blade but also a thin red margin around the leaf.

▶ The most exciting thing about 'First Blush' is that in spring the leaf between the veins will start to "blush" red from the tip of the leaf down toward the base.

▶ Bob says the leaves remain red in NC until temperatures surpass 92 degrees, usually into June. The color should persist longer in Northern gardens.

▶ Pale purple flowers in late summer.





Hosta 'Funny Mouse'

- ▶ Another member of the mouse family that is sure to excite the "mouse" enthusiasts.
- ▶ Reverse coloration of 'Snow Mouse' that boasts blue-green leaves with a white margin.
- ▶ The margin will change to a cream or even light green later in the season.
- ▶ Lavender flowers in summer.

Hosta 'Hope Springs Eternal'

► All gardening is an exercise in optimism, and 'Hope Springs Eternal' is appropriate name for a hosta that will bring joy year after year. Heart-shaped, blue horizontal leaves have a crisp creamy white margin and form a formal habit. Its most notable feature are the incredible ruffling on the leaves that undulate all the way to the pointed tips. Near white flowers in midsummer.

► Hostas are exceedingly popular perennials in today's gardens due to their versatility in the landscape. Their subtle colors, tall flower scapes, and broad, coarse leaves fill a niche in garden designs that few other plants can achieve. Their large leaves provide excellent coverage for dying bulb foliage. Hostas also grow well in city environments where the air may be polluted by car exhaust, etc.

Hosta 'Miss America'

► A majestic, variegated large hosta that will capture the hearts of any gardener who showcases it in their garden. Medium green, heart-shaped leaves have white centers and light green intermediate streaking between the center and margin. The contrast between the margin and the center is dramatic and refined. Near white, tubular flowers have a lavender pattern in the center of the petals are borne on thick, upright, tall stems. The flowers were notably the most attractive we've seen on a hosta.



Hosta 'Orion's Belt'

- ▶ One of the gems from Dick and Jane Ward that everyone should have.
- ▶ Leaves emerge blue-green in spring with a creamy yellow margin.
- ▶ As the season progresses the leaves become more green and the margins turns white.
- ▶ As the margin fades there are some leaves with a white margin and others with yellow creating a unique color combo.
- ▶ There are also occasional light green streaks where the center and margin meet.
- ▶ Mature leaves are rounded with lots of undulations and some cupping.
- ▶ Pale lavender flowers in early summer.



Hosta 'Pandora's Box'

- ▶ A pocket-sized hosta for the collector
- ▶ 2" long leaves have blue-green margins, white centers, and green streaking between the blue and white areas
- ▶ Lavender, bell-shaped flowers appear on 10-12" scapes in early summer
- ▶ A sport of 'Baby Bunting'
- ▶ Exceptionally suited for a trough in the shade





Hosta 'Party Streamers'

► This is definitely a hosta to celebrate! 'Party Streamers' has a habit that lives up to its name-long, narrow, wiggly yellow leaves form a mounding habit. Its rapid growth rate means you won't have to wait long to see it come to maturity. Deep purple flowers contrast beautifully with the foliage when they bloom in mid to late summer.

Hosta 'Tears in Heaven'

► A beautifully cascading blue hosta whose movement is reminiscent of waterfall. 'Tears in Heaven' has an upright habit that's unique from other blue hosta. Ruffled, wedge-shaped leaves have an intense blue color that remains late into the season. Pale lavender flowers with darker lavender pattern on center of petals.

► Height: 15 Inches



Hosta 'Twin Cities'

▶ A reverse sport of 'St. Paul' and a tetraploid form of 'Paul's Glory'. Thick, blue-green leaves have wide, 2" chartreuse margins that mature to gold and produce an upright, spreading clump. Light lavender flowers are produced in early to midsummer.





Hosta 'Twisted Spearmint'

- ▶ Sport of H. 'Kiwi Spearmint' with extremely twisted leaves.
- ▶ Twisted curly white centers surrounded by distinctly different shades of green stripes of varying widths.
- ▶ Pale lavender flowers in summer.

Hosta 'Warwick Comet'

- ▶ Very unique hosta with beautiful contrasting leaves.
- ▶ Leaves emerge blue-green with a nice gold center.
- ▶ In summer the leaves are dark green and the center becomes near white.
- ▶ There will be lighter green streaks where the margin and leaf center overlap.
- ▶ Extremely cupped and corrugated dark green leaves with a nice gold center.
- ▶ Leaves look like round spoons just waiting to collect the rain.
- ▶ Hosta 'Warwick Comet' is a slow grower but needs to be in every hosta collection.
- ▶ Find that special little nook to show it off and enjoy!
- ▶ Near white flowers mid-summer.



Iberis 'White Out'

► An improved selection that brings more uniform flowering with dense branching that keeps this popular plant full from edge to center all season long. Masses of pure white flowers from early to late spring. Lovely when planted in mass for dramatic landscape effect.

► Height: 6"

► Full Sun to Part Sun

► Zones: 3-9



German Iris

- ▶ Honey Glazed
- ▶ Natchez Trace
- ▶ Oui Madame
- ▶ Raptor Red
- ▶ Sharp Dressed Man
- ▶ Wine & Roses



Japanese Iris

- ▶ Dinner Plate Ice Cream
- ▶ Greywoods Catrina





Siberian Iris

- ▶ Concord Crush
- ▶ Kaboom



Lewisia 'Elise Ultraviolet'

- ▶ First year flowering perennial
- ▶ Long flowering season
- ▶ Use as indoor and outdoor plant
- ▶ Perfect for beds, borders, containers and rock gardens
- ▶ Heat and drought tolerant
- ▶ **Height:** 6 Inches
- ▶ **Hardiness Zones:** 3-8
- ▶ **Sunlight:** Full Sun





Ligularia 'Pandora' Ragwort

- ▶ A dense, compact clump of beautiful, broad, glossy, deep purple foliage that boldly showcases its showy, large, yellow-orange, daisy-like flowers that emerge in summer. Excellent contrast for beds and borders, particularly paired with lime-colored foliage plants.
- ▶ Height: 12-16 Inches
- ▶ Hardiness Zones: 3-9
- ▶ Sunlight: Full to Part Shade



Lily

- ▶ Sundew - Oriental
- ▶ Apricot Fudge - Asiatic
- ▶ Big Smile - Oriental
- ▶ Claude Shrine (Martagon Lily, Turk's Cap Lily)

Lupine 'Westcountry Manhattan Lights'

► Tall and proud, like its namesake city, this colorful Lupine boasts a decidedly cosmopolitan flair. Manhattan Lights, part of the touted Westcountry series, features boldly colored florets punctuated in rows by a much softer hue. Upon the stately flower spikes, this unique pattern gives the impression of a high-rise at night in the famed New York skyline. Plant in groups so that you and your guests may marvel at its urbane display from late spring to early summer. Plus, pollinators are highly attracted to these naturalizing blooms that reappear readily year after year.

► **Height:** 24-36 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 5-8*

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun to Part Shade





Monarda 'Bee-Mine Red' Bee Balm

- ▶ Excellent early-flowering, medium-height series.
- ▶ High disease resistance to mildew.
- ▶ Deer and rabbit resistant.
- ▶ Height: 15-18"
- ▶ Bloom Time: Mid-Summer
- ▶ Full Sun to Part Shade
- ▶ Zones: 4-9



Monarda 'Sugar Buzz Lilac Lollipop' & 'Pink Frosting' Bee Balm

▶ The members of the SUGAR BUZZ® Series from the Walters Gardens hybridizing program are perfectly suited to the middle of the flower border at 16-24" tall. All members in this series are similar in size, bloom time, and vigor, making it easy for growers to offer the entire series. In midsummer, they form a solid dome of color with their 2-2½" flowers on strong, well-branched stems. The dark green foliage forms an upright clump with enough vigor to quickly fill out containers nicely but are not aggressive in the garden. As with all Monardas from the Walters Gardens hybridizing program, these display above average resistance to powdery mildew.

▶ In midsummer, 'Lilac Lollipop' forms a solid dome of lavender lilac, 2-2½" flowers on strong, well-branched stems. The dark green foliage forms an upright clump that will fill out containers nicely but won't run all over the garden. It displays above average resistance to powdery mildew. 19" tall

▶ Pastel pink flowers form a carpet of blossoms that completely cover the foliage. 14-16" tall

▶ Bloom Time: Mid-Summer

▶ Full Sun to Part Shade

▶ Zones: 4-9



Nepeta 'Whispurr Blue' Catmint

▶ Robust and vigorous, Whispurr™ Blue is tightly packed with wonderfully minty scented foliage along stems that are topped with purple buds that open to big plumes of lilac flowers in mid to late spring. Perfect for massing in a garden, this selection will also add even more color with its magnetic attraction to butterflies and other native insects. Long blooming through the summer, it even thrives in a container on your deck!

- ▶ **Height:** 24-28 Inches
- ▶ **Spread:** 18-22 Inches
- ▶ **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9
- ▶ **Sunlight:** Full Sun



New Peony Selections



'Bouquet Perfect'



'Candy Stripe'



'Highlight'



'Lady Orchid'



'Nippon Beauty'



'Riches & Fame'



The Fawn



Itoh 'Singing in the Rain'

Papaver 'Champagne Bubbles Mix' Iceland Poppy

► A lovely dwarf variety that showcases a mix of fragrant orange, red, white and yellow blooms on short stems May through July. A colorful addition along sunny walkways, in containers, and dappled throughout mixed beds. Superb cut flowers. Easy to grow.

► **Height:** 10-12 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 2-7

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun





Papaver 'Spring Fever' Iceland Poppy

► Deeply cut, medium green, hairy foliage forms a basal mound in early spring. In April, flower spikes rise above the foliage bearing a fat bud that opens to 2-3" diameter yellow or orange flowers with striking yellow stamened centers. This striking bloom continues from April into summer on an easy-care plant that is as comfortable being grouped toward the front of a garden as it is being mixed in a container with other perennials.

► **Height:** 10-12 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 3-8

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun

Phlox 'Cherry Cream'

► As decadent as it sounds! Opening from blushed pink buds, each fragrant creamy-white floret dotted with a rose eye, clusters together to form huge blooms. Flowers abundantly from mid-summer to early fall with plenty to enjoy in your garden AND in your favorite vase. A treat for both eyes and nose.

► Garden Phlox add a punch of color and heady fragrance to any summer border. Phlox Cherry Cream will bloom from mid-summer to frost. When most plants are on their summer siesta; Garden Phlox, known as the 'backbone' of the perennial border, provide a range of welcome color. Top-notch mildew resistance. **Height:** 30-36 Inches

► **Spread:** 22-26 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun



Phlox 'Famous' Series

▶ Phlox Famous is a series which is selected on plant habit and flower size. They come in a range of colors which match in plant habit and flower time. Plants are medium high and branch very well.

▶ We carry Magenta, Coral and Pink Dark Eye

▶ Height: 18 Inches

▶ Hardiness Zones: 4-8

▶ Sunlight: Full Sun





Primula 'Belarina' Series Primrose

- ▶ BELARINA® primroses are refined beauties that completely embody the joy and hope that spring offers. Their sizable double blossoms in a rainbow of colors bloom profusely throughout the spring season atop the compact, bright green foliage. Sterile flowers result in plants that are particularly long blooming.
- ▶ Though they are perfectly hardy in the landscape, be sure to plant a few in combination containers and windowsill pots where you can view their gorgeous flowers up close.
- ▶ **Height:** 5-8 Inches
- ▶ **Hardiness Zones:** 4-8
- ▶ **Sunlight:** Part Shade to Full Shade



Pulmonaria 'Moonshine' Lungwort

► Our flashiest Pulmonaria with great garden vigor, compact growth habit, and mildew-resistance. Shimmering silver-white leaves are rounded with a thin edge of darkest green. Heat and humidity tolerance make it a good choice for the South. One of the favorites of the entire TERRA NOVA® breeding team! Small, pale, blue-white flowers.

- Height: 15 Inches
- Spread: 20 Inches
- Hardiness Zones: 4-9
- Sunlight: Part Shade to Full Shade

Rudbeckia 'Blackjack Gold' Black Eyed Susan

► Blackjack Gold Black-Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia triloba*) is a German-bred cultivar of the ever-popular Black-Eyed Susan is that is both reliably perennial and longer blooming than the unimproved species. It adds cheerful yellow flowers to the late summer garden. Perfect for providing masses of color on garden center benches, in prairie plantings and home gardens late in the season. More perennial and longer blooming than the species, bearing small but plentiful, gold daisies with a dark cone on sturdy, well-branched stems.

- Height: 36-40 Inches
- Hardiness Zones: 3-8
- Sunlight: Full Sun



A photograph of the Salvia 'Swiftly Rose' plant, showing several upright spikes of small, deep rose-pink flowers rising from a dense, mounding green foliage. The background is a soft-focus green.

Salvia 'Swiftly Rose'

- ▶ Densely packed spikes of deep rose-pink flowers are held well above extra-compact, mounding green foliage.
- ▶ Grow in average, well-drained soil. Fertilize sparingly in spring. Remove spent flower spikes.
- ▶ Height: 8-12 Inches
- ▶ Hardiness Zones: 3-9
- ▶ Sunlight: Full Sun

Sedum 'Dark Magic', 'Night Light', & 'Spellbound'

▶ **Dark Magic:** It has to be dark magic to give so many great characteristics in one plant - amazing huge inflorescences, a short and very upright habit, glossy purple black leaves, dark pink flowers, and multiple crowns. In addition, 'Dark Magic' has been remarkably disease free and long-lived.

▶ **Height:** 12 in.

▶ **Hardiness Zone:** 4-9

▶ **Full Sun**

▶ **Night Light:** A beautifully contrasting Sedum that will set your late summer landscape aglow! 'Night Light' produces deep olive green leaves on dark purple stems that hold clusters of light yellow flowers. Mature flowers have blush tones. Unlike other Sedum that lodge during flowering season, 'Night Light' has stocky stems and holds its dome-like shape late in the season.

▶ **Height:** 22-26 in.

▶ **Hardiness Zone:** 3-9

▶ **Full Sun**

▶ **Spellbound:** You'll be mesmerized by the impeccable habit of this tall Sedum! We have been keeping a close eye on the habit for a number of years and it has passed the test with durability, strong stems, and flowering performance. Soft pink buds open to cream flowers, which bubble over a domed habit of gray-green leaves. A great choice for late summer/early fall interest.

▶ **Height:** 18-20 in.

▶ **Hardiness Zone:** 3-9

▶ **Full Sun**



Sedum 'Back in Black' & 'Coraljade'



▶ Back in Black: New to the ROCK 'N GROW® collection comes an upright Sedum with near black leaves. Enjoy the dark leaf foliage throughout the summer, and when late summer rolls around, flowers with deep garnet red centers and cream petals will appear. Great for adding a dark color to the middle of the border!

▶ Height: 20-24"

▶ Zone 3-9

▶ Full Sun

▶ Coraljade: This new member of the ROCK 'N GROW® collection is a perfect counterpart to 'Lemonjade'. It has the same rich green foliage as the former, but instead of yellow flowers, the citron green buds bloom soft coral pink. A beautiful mix of green and coral when both buds and flowers are present. It holds its beautiful dome of flowers well even when other Stonecrop lodge.

▶ Height: 16-18"

▶ Zone 3-9

▶ Full Sun





Sempervivum 'Pacific Blue Ice' Hens & Chicks

- ▶ Aply named, this selection is icy blue-green in color, becoming flushed with rose towards the center especially in cooler weather. This elegant yet very hardy perennial has a unique cupped form and makes rounded rosettes.
- ▶ Sempervivum is comprised of one large rosette called the "hen" which sprouts many smaller rosettes around it called "chicks". As the plants age, the "hen" may die out and be replaced by the "chicks". Plants can be divided easily at any time by pulling up some of the "chicks" and replanting them elsewhere.
- ▶ This plant is particularly effective when planted in the cracks and crevices of stone walls or walkways. It is also very attractive in containers.
- ▶ Height: 4 Inches
- ▶ Hardiness Zones: 3-8
- ▶ Sunlight: Full Sun

Sisyrinchium 'Moody Blues' Blue-eyed Grass

▶ A North American native, vigorous and easy to grow, *Sisyrinchium* 'Moody Blues' grows naturally along riverbanks and in moist meadows and open woodlands. It flowers the first year and is known for having the largest flowers of the *Sisyrinchium* genus. The bright blue-violet, yellow-eyed flowers of *Sisyrinchium* 'Moody Blues' sit atop grassy, iris-like, green foliage and provide pollinators and beneficial insects with necessary nutrients.

▶ Plant *Sisyrinchium* 'Moody Blues' in full sun, singly or in groups, in mixed beds, containers, rock gardens, and borders.

▶ Height: 6" tall

▶ Zones: 4 - 9

▶ Full Sun to Part Shade





Andropogon 'Holy Smoke' Big Bluestem Grass

- ▶ From Brent Horvath at Intrinsic, amazing silver foliage with smoky purple and red highlights nearly all season long from May to October, very upright stems.
- ▶ Attractive grass changes color throughout the season
- ▶ Tall & narrow form for dramatic impact
- ▶ An easy, low-maintenance plant
- ▶ A superb grass for beds, borders, and cottage gardens. It makes a great focal point with its deep green to burgundy foliage in the spring. It really begins to show off earlier than other ornamental grasses, and the foliage color deepens to almost purple and pink as the season progresses.
- ▶ **Height:** 4-6 Feet
- ▶ **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9
- ▶ **Sunlight:** Full Sun

'Carex Evergold' Variegated Japanese Sedge

► One of the most popular variegated sedges, this selection has creamy yellow leaves with dark green edges. They cascade softly to the ground in a fountain-like manner. Unlike many other sedges, this one prefers dry to average soil moisture. This versatile sedge is beautiful as a spiller in containers, rock gardens, and landscapes.

► **Height:** 1 Foot

► **Hardiness Zones:** 4(5)-9

► **Sunlight:** Part Shade



The background features abstract, overlapping geometric shapes in various shades of green, ranging from light lime to dark forest green. These shapes are primarily located on the left and right sides of the page, framing the central white area.

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2022 Year of the Lilac

► Lilacs are among the most carefree spring-flowering, multi-stemmed, deciduous shrubs (or small trees), well-loved for their toughness, reliability, and fragrance.

► Carl Linnaeus first described the lilac genus, *Syringa*, in 1753. The name is derived from the ancient Greek word *syrix*, meaning pipe or tube. The stems of the common lilac have a spongy pith that can be removed, leaving hollow tubes that were used to make pan-pipes.

► *Syringa vulgaris*, the common (vulgaris) lilac, originated in southeastern Europe; other species came from Western Asia. The French imported lilacs and developed many new varieties that made their way to North America.

► Lilac blooms go far beyond every imaginable shade of lilac/purple from very pale to very dark. Look for lilacs in hues of red, pink, blue, yellow, cream and white—even picotee (white-edged, deep purple ‘Sensation’). The color may change from bud to bloom as the flowers mature. Individual flowers can be single or double.

► Lilac Planting Tips

- Most lilacs do well in Hardiness Zones 3 to 7—climates that provide a chill period in winter.
- Lilacs grow best in full sun, so avoid planting them where they will be shaded for more than a few hours.
- Lilacs need good drainage and fertile soil. Soil should retain sufficient moisture to nourish the root system yet drain freely when rainfall is abundant.
- Lilacs love fertile, slightly alkaline soil. If your soil is very acidic, add garden lime in the fall.
- Choose a planting space that will allow for future growth. Read the plant label for the height and spread of the mature plant.

► Lilac Growing Tips

- Water your lilacs regularly for the first couple of years—at least 1 inch of water a week.
- Apply granular organic fertilizer early each spring at the base of the plant. Water it in well. Buds are set the previous year, so the fertilizer feeds this year’s leaves and next year’s blooms.
- Annual pruning is not necessary, but cutting off spent flower heads within a month after bloom helps the plant set more flowers for next year.
- Cut back off root suckers as they appear to keep the common lilac from spreading into a colony.
- Rejuvenate an overgrown plant or one that blooms sparsely by cutting one-third of the oldest branches back to 12 to 15 inches from the ground. Do over a three-year period to refresh the plant without sacrificing blooms.
- Anytime: Prune out any dead or broken branches from storm or winter damage.



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Lilacs originated in Eastern Europe and Asia and were brought to America in the 17th century.



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Did you know?

Lilacs can grow for 100+ years, often outliving the homes they were planted around.



Did you know?

Lilacs belong to the same family as the olive (Oleaceae).



Spirea 'Double Play Doozie'

▶ 2022 PROVEN WINNERS FLOWERING SHRUB OF THE YEAR

▶ Searching for a hardy plant that is colorful from spring through fall? This is it! This truly is a doozie of a spirea that starts off with red spring foliage and then blooms non-stop with deep pink-red flowers from late spring until frost. Deer walk right on by, but pollinating bees and the occasional hummingbird are raving fans.

▶ This spirea is better than great - it's a doozie! Spirea is an old landscape staple, so what could one do that could possibly earn it superlatives? Well, seedless and non-invasive would be a start; non-stop blooming would be even better. And these are exactly what makes Double Play Doozie spirea the most beautiful, innovative, ground-breaking spirea to ever grace a landscape. Like all of the Double Play® spirea series, the show begins in early spring, when the foliage emerges in blazing brilliant color - in this case, deep red. By late spring, the flowers begin to emerge, a bright, glowing purple-red that truly sings in the landscape. And as summer comes on, the show doesn't stop: it just keeps flowering, and flowering, and flowering. Because it produces no seeds, it puts all of its energy into flowering! It does it all with the same good looks, drought tolerance, and deer resistance that you expect from spirea, too. Top reasons to grow Double Play Doozie® spirea: - Non-invasive! Sets no seed so won't spread into the wild. - Blooms non-stop - all the energy it would spend developing seed goes into blooming instead. - Deer resistant and very hardy.

▶ Height: 24-36"

▶ Spread: 24-36"

▶ Exposure: Full Sun to Part Sun

▶ Zone: 3-8





Hydrangea 'Limelight Prime'

► The next generation of 'Limelight' is here! Introducing Limelight Prime® hydrangea. In a very short time, Limelight hydrangea became one of the most popular plants ever - but that doesn't mean that there wasn't room for improvement. So we've spent years developing this new selection that does everything better than the original, from bud to bloom and beyond. Here's how Limelight Prime hydrangea is different:

- blooms much earlier, creating a longer display. This is especially valuable in colder climates, where 'Limelight' might not bloom until late August.
- bolder, brighter color. As the green blooms age, they develop pink and red tones that are far more vivid and showy than conventional panicle hydrangeas.
- stronger stems. Though strong stems is a crucially important factor in the panicle hydrangeas we select for Proven Winners ColorChoice Shrubs, you can count on Limelight Prime to hold its big blooms up all summer long.
- useful smaller size. Limelight Prime reaches a very garden- and landscape-friendly 4-6' tall and 4-5' wide.

► What's the same? You can count on Limelight Prime hydrangea to produce dozens of big, beautiful, mophead blooms every year, even in cold climates. It also makes a fantastic cut flower, both fresh and dried. And it's still one of the easiest to grow, most rewarding hydrangeas you can plant.

► Height: 48-72"

► Spread: 48-60"

► Exposure: Full Sun to Part Sun

► Zone: 3-8

Hydrangea 'Little Quickfire'

▶ 2022 PROVEN WINNERS HYDRANGEA OF THE YEAR

▶ If you love the reliability of panicle hydrangeas but wished they bloomed earlier, your wish is granted! Aptly named, Little Quick Fire is quick to send out its lacy white blooms in early summer, a month before most of its kind. That means you'll have more time to enjoy its transition to deep pink before frost, plus its compact size helps it tuck neatly into landscapes.

▶ Dwarf form of the popular Quick Fire® hydrangea! Like Quick Fire, it is early blooming, flowering about a month before other hydrangeas. White flowers transform to pink-red as summer progresses. This dwarf plant fits easily into any landscape, including container gardens. Add it to your existing hydrangea garden to extend the blooming season.

▶ Why grow Little Quick Fire panicle hydrangea?

- ▶ Months of color
- ▶ Compact size
- ▶ Easy care regimen
- ▶ Exposure: full sun to part sun
- ▶ Hardiness zone: 3-8



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Hydrangea 'Incrediball'

▶ 2022 PROVEN WINNERS LANDSCAPE SHRUB OF THE YEAR

▶ One of the most iconic shrubs in our entire lineup, this extraordinary hydrangea blooms reliably every year in midsummer with enormous, white flowers that age to jade green. You'll find one of its best traits is its sturdy stems that stand up to summer rains far better than older selections. Make some room—you're going to want more than one!

▶ Super-sized flowers! Incrediball hydrangea will make you say WOW - it's an improved version of the garden classic 'Annabelle' hydrangea, but with strong, sturdy stems that don't flop over and extra-large blooms to boot. White flowers begin to appear in mid-summer and open to enormous snowballs, nearly the size of basketballs! They then age to a lush jade green, which persists through frost. It's a super easy, super reliable shrub that grows in chilly USDA zone 3 all the way up to USDA zone 8/9. Plant Incrediball hydrangea in your landscape and find out for yourself just how big, beautiful, and rewarding it can be.

Hydrangea 'Little Hottie'

▶ AVAILABLE IN SUMMER

▶ An exciting new compact panicle hydrangea introduction, Little Hottie™ has very full flower heads with florets that emerge green and turn sparkling white. This well-branched, compact panicle hydrangea is covered in large blooms from the bottom to the top of the plant and holds tight flower clusters out on strong stems. Bred in Georgia for heat tolerance, Little Hottie® performs equally well in the north; flowers don't get heat-stressed or turn brown in excessive heat. With natural basal branching, this new introduction doesn't need much pruning in production or the landscape to grow into a well-shaped plant with strong stems. Fall color is soft pink.

▶ Hardiness Zone: 3-8

▶ Height: 3-5 ft

▶ Spread: 3-5 ft





Aronia 'Ground Hug' Chokeberry

► The easiest way to a lush carpet of green. Ground Hug® Aronia is a super tough native shrub that naturally grows as a dense groundcover. This unique habit makes it the ideal plant for transforming difficult areas into beautiful, low maintenance plantings. Spring brings a flurry of dainty white flowers nestled among the glossy green foliage; come fall, dark purple berries develop, along with outstanding red foliage. Like our other Aronias, Ground Hug is super durable, growing well even in challenging soil and conditions - it's up to your toughest landscape challenges!

► Top reasons to grow Ground Hug Aronia:

- Naturally grows as dense groundcover, keeping down weeds, stabilizing soil, and beautifying difficult areas.
- White flowers in spring plus vivid fall color.
- Tolerant of most any soil conditions.

► Garden Height: 8 - 14 Inches

► Spacing: 36 Inches

► Zone: 3-9

Weigela 'Sonic Bloom Red'

- ▶ The lipstick-red flowers of Sonic Bloom® Red weigela are remarkable enough to make this a choice selection, but a burst of flowers in May followed by waves of rebloom until frost make it positively extraordinary.
- ▶ Reblooms without deadheading.
- ▶ Attracts hummingbirds.
- ▶ Continuous Bloom or Rebloomer
- ▶ Long Blooming
- ▶ Garden Height: 48 - 60 Inches
- ▶ Spacing: 60 - 72 Inches
- ▶ Zone: 4 - 8

