



YEW DELL BOTANICAL GARDENS

Spring 2022 Online Sun Perennial Sale March 2nd at 9:00 am

Ding, Ding, Ding. It's time for Yew Dell's round 2 Plant Market release! Next up in our trio of online releases is **sun perennials**, with a few perennial grasses and vines for good measure

As you scan the list, look for our **super pollinators**. Any plant that isn't pollinated by the wind (Oaks, Hickories, Grasses, etc.) is most likely pollinated by an insect or animal of some sort. And among those all-important pollinator plants there are some that cater to a gigantic number of pollinator species. We call those our super pollinator plants. These are those plants that seem to be shaking with activity when in bloom because of the tremendous number of insects working the flowers.

Another addition this go-around is the category, **Kentucky native plants**. We don't have enough room here to go into the many values of planting Kentucky natives in your garden but we have added the category to help you find them amidst the long list of plants in our market. Just click on the **Kentucky Native tab** in the plant market to see the available list of both shade perennials (released in February) and sun perennials.

Enjoy the plants and descriptions. We will see you soon on Opening Day, Saturday, March 26th!

Sun Perennial Collection		
Plant Name	KY Native?	Description
Achillea millefolium 'Balvinviolet' (New Vintage™ Violet Yarrow)	Yes	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.
Agastache 'Blue Fortune' (Anise Hyssop)		This 2-3-foot-tall plant 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 you can crush a leaf as you walk by and get a refreshing aroma of licorice!
Agastache rugosa 'Golden Jubilee' (Giant Hyssop)		A beautiful chartreuse foliage is adorned with light purple/blue flowers that pollinators and hummingbirds love. This plant will top out just under 2 feet tall and will benefit from some shade in the afternoon.
Ajania pacifica 'Silver and Gold' (Silver and Gold Chrysanthemum)		Forming a dense mass of deep green foliage edged with a thin silver line, this plant produces large crops of bright yellow flowers in fall on a plant that grows about 1' tall and about 2' wide. It isn't long lived perennial but adds a nice bit of unique foliage in summer and a splash of flower power in fall. Several years ago we had this plant for sale at the gift shop at Yew Dell in the fall. It was one of the last things in the garden flowering and the amount of pollinator activity on it even while sitting on the tables was unbelievable. Full sun to light shade
Amsonia tabernaemontana 'Storm Cloud' (Blue Star)	Yes	There are lots of Amsonias out there but this one may be at or near the top of our list. 24" tall, upright sun perennial with sky blue spring flowers and excellent vigor. The spring stems are blushed with a deep purple, almost black color. It is one of the earlier perennials to start growing in the spring too.



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Amsonia tabernaemontana var. salicifolia (Threadleaf Bluestar)	Yes	We LOVE this selection. It forms extremely vigorous masses of fine textured foliage up to about 4' tall and wide that are topped by sky blue flowers in spring. Good spring pollinator plant, deer resistant and makes a good cut flower too. Best in full sun on well drained soils. Similar to A. hubrichtii but more robust in growth. For a great example of this in the garden check it out next to the Mary Rounsavall Pavilion the next time you visit Yew Dell during the growing season.
Asclepias verticillata (Whorled Milkweed)	Yes	Another plant to add into the garden to watch the Monarch caterpillars feed and grow until they develop into a chrysalis. This milkweed will reach a couple of feet tall but has very thin leaves that adds a different texture to the garden. Very drought tolerant and a cool plant to add into an area of your yard or garden that you are letting 're-wild'.
Aster tataricus 'Jindai' (Tatarian Aster)		Interested in awesome foliage and great flowers in October? Oh yes. This 3-5' perennial starts showing off with its lavender flowers in September and will continue until frost. One of the best Asters for pollinators. We have added several groups of these into the Overlook Garden at Yew Dell.
Baptisia 'Blueberry Sundae' (Decadence® False Indigo)	Yes	A stunning hybrid Baptisia to about 3' tall, covered in spring with blue bloom spikes with yellow highlights. Like all Baptisia this will be a long lived sun perennial that will provide years if not decades of enjoyment! One of the fun things about this plant is that when not cut back in the fall the entire plant will eventually break loose and tumble across the garden in. You'll be staring out your window wishing for spring on a cold, blustery day in February and go, "there goes the Baptisia!"
Baptisia 'Solar Flare' (Prairieblues™ False Indigo)	Yes	Not many sun perennials are as tough as Baptisias! Solar Flare boasts bright yellow spring flower spikes and will stand over 4 feet tall at maturity. Secondary interest comes after the flowers fade and the seed pods develop which can be used in dried flower arrangements. Good foliage all summer long.
Baptisia 'Twilite' (Prairieblues™ False Indigo)	Yes	A huge Baptisia! When in flower this plant stands an impressive 5 feet tall and has beautiful smoky purple spring flowers with a small bit 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 to 24-30" tall topped with rose/purple mid-summer blooms. The highest rated selection in a Chicago Botanic Garden multi-year trial. It was also awarded the 2019 Perennial of the Year award by the Perennial Plant Association.



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Buddleia 'Pink Cascade' (Butterfly Bush)		A medium sized plant up to about 5 feet tall but with HUGE flower panicles that hang on the plant and can reach up to 10 inches long. A very light and airy look give this plant great textural properties and like all butterfly bush 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! It is on the list of banned plants in Oregon. Areas along the east coast are also having trouble with it escaping and having too much success in wild areas. 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!
Campanula glomerata 'Church Bells' (Bellflower)		A tight and compact bellflower that won't run all over the garden like some. The plant will be completely covered with stems of light blue/purple flowers in the spring and stand about 18" tall in flower. The hummingbirds will love it and the deer will leave it alone!
Chrysanthemum 'Brandywine Sunset' (Hardy Garden Mum)		This garden mum offers showy blooms of soft pink/peach with yellow centers and incredible fragrance. It is covered with dozens of different pollinators when there is little else out there blooming in the fall garden. The excellent thing about gardening with perennials is the ever changing colors throughout the growing season and garden mums fill the niche of being one of the last to show off each year!
Chrysanthemum 'Campfire Glow' (Hardy Garden Mum)		Growing to about 3' tall and wide, these are among the last blooms of the season. 'Campfire Glow' offers huge crops of showy blooms of yellow/peach/red with a sweet fragrance. It is covered with dozens of different pollinators when there is little else out there blooming in the fall garden. Fabulous! If you give a garden mum a haircut around the beginning of July (about have the height) it will keep it a little more compact and only make for more flowers in the fall.
Chrysanthemum 'Hillside Sheffield Pink' (Hardy Garden Mum)		In October when most everything else is well on its way to becoming dormant after a long growing season of heat, rain, drought, and storms this mum is blooming like crazy in the Pavilion Garden at Yew Dell. With few flowers left for pollinators to feed on this plant is buzzing all day long with all sorts of insects. It loves full sun and will spread over time and form a nice mass planting in the garden. It can grow to over 2 feet tall but a cut back in early July can control some height and make for more flowers in the fall.



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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.
Clinopodium nepeta ssp. glandulosa 'White Cloud' (Lesser Calamint)		This little, fine textured plant with gray/green, minty scented foliage and white flowers from spring to frost. Excellent for the dry garden, front of the border or pretty much anywhere else you have sun and well-drained soil. Nonstop pollinator action!!! Very similar to Clinopodium nepeta ssp. nepeta except this is a more floriferous plant.
Clinopodium nepeta subsp. nepeta (Calamint)		Perennial Plant of the Year [®] for 2021. Fantastic, incredibly drought tolerant sun perennial to about 1-1.5' tall with fine, gray/green minty scented foliage and dainty pale purple, almost white flowers summer to fall. It is pretty incredible how long this little plant blooms for!
Coreopsis 'Lady Bird' (Tickseed)	Yes	A new thread-leaf form from Terra Nova that is their reddest form yet. A compact plant that will do great in the front of the border and only reach about a foot tall. These tickseeds do great with a post flower shear to promote a second flowering in the year.
Coreopsis tripteris 'Gold Standard' (Tall Coreopsis)	Yes	One of our favorite late season composites. A North American native that will grow to 6-8' tall and 4-6' wide that starts to show its bright yellow blooms in late May or early June and doesn't stop until sometime in fall. Drought tolerant, deer proof, good cut and pollinator plant, this one does it all. Loves full sun and dry-ish soil. Actually, too much irrigation can lead to it flopping. A Mt. Cuba introduction.
Cynara cardunculus var. flavescens (Cardoon)		A screaming purple flower standing above some of the boldest color and texture you can get on a garden plant. Yew Dell has had Cardoons in the kitchen garden for years and they are a visitor favorite. 2-3' long silver leaves give way to the flowers that can stand 6 feet tall. Here is your guarantee. When this plant is in flower you are guaranteed to see a bumblebee on the flower anytime you take a look at it. Promise. Unless the bumblebee isn't there then you just need to wait a minute or two until one shows up!



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Delosperma 'P001S' (Fire Spinner™ Ice Plant)		Cold hardy, semi-succulent creeper with vivid red to red/orange blooms in spring. Great for the rock gardens or planters in full, screaming sun. A couple of years ago Yew Dell planted some of these in the green roof of our glasshouse. They have done incredibly well and the green roof is only has a fine rock grit that they grow in.
Echinacea purpurea 'Kim's Knee High' (Purple Coneflower)	Yes	A dwarf selection of our native coneflower. Kim Hawks from Niche Gardens in North Carolina selected this cultivar for its unusual stature. Only reaching 2 feet tall this plant will take the same hot, dry conditions as other Echinacea purpurea but is more at home in a manicured setting than the common tall selections.
Eryngium yuccifolium (Rattlesnake Master)	Yes	Another Kentucky native plant that can be found in tall prairie remnants. Large basal clumps of yucca like leaves produce 4-5' tall stalks adorned with white globe flowers that are extremely attractive to pollinators. This is a plant that you will fall in love with just because of how different it looks than other plants in your garden.
Eupatorium altissimum 'Prairie Jewel' (Mist Flower)	Yes	An uncommon native for the meadow, pollinator or sun garden, this 4-6' tall, upright perennial offers a great shot of bright white flower punch in late summer and fall. An excellent late season pollinator plant and cut flower and a tough, durable plant for a sunny site. This selection can produce some very nice yellow variegation at times.
Eupatorium coelestinum (Hardy Ageratum)	Yes	The flowers look identical to those small ageratums you see on garden center tables in the spring but this plant is a perennial and native to Kentucky. You will find it growing to about 1-2 feet tall in open fields and blooming in late summer and fall. In a happy garden setting this plant will form nice masses and be a welcome sight in the late season.
Eupatorium fortunei 'Pink Frost' (Joe Pye Weed)		This 3-4' tall sun plant offers creamy yellow edge variegation around gray green centers and grows to about 3' tall. It produces late summer/fall masses of medium pink flowers that are excellent for late season pollinators. Fun sun on well drained soils. It holds its variegation very well and sizes up in the garden to form nice clumps even in the 2nd year.
Eupatorium hyssopifolium (Hyssop-leaf Thoroughwort)		It is common names like this one that give us hope that more people might take up using botanical Latin! A better common name would be Clouds of Fall. Masses of white flowers cover this plant in August and September and are a great resource for all of your pollinator friends in the garden. It is a Kentucky native plant and can withstand extremely inhospitable weather and garden conditions. 2-4' tall and a welcome sight in the garden at the end of a long, hot summer



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Eutrochium fistulosum (Hollow Joe Pye Weed)	Yes	A big one! If happy and in a good site this plant can push 10' tall! 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!
Geranium sanguineum var. striatum 'Lancastrienses' (Bloody Crane's Bill)		Only growing to 6-8" tall this Geranium has extremely deep cut lobed leaves that make it a fine enough plant for any garden just for the foliage. It has an added bonus of light pink flowers that have a darker pink stripe radiating from the center. Tolerant of deer and rabbits. It will be covered in flowers in the full sun but if grown in the shade it turns out to be a great groundcover but with only a few flowers.
Helianthus salicifolius 'Autumn Gold' (Willow Leaf Sunflower)		Outstanding 2' sun perennial with super fine textured foliage and dense masses of cheerful yellow flowers that start opening in late summer and bloom though the fall. When in full flower this plant has so many flowers it looks like a bouquet of sunflowers! Great pollinator plant for the late season. Deer resistant. Easy to grow.
Helianthus salicifolius 'Low Down' (Willow Leaf Sunflower)		How low can you go? Simply stunning in bloom! 'Low Down' forms a slowly spreading mass of fine textured foliage to about 10" tall topped in late summer/fall with brilliant yellow flowers. Great late season attractor for many pollinators and provides a winter seed source for birds.
Heliopsis helianthoides 'Summer Sun' (False Sunflower)	Yes	Outstanding 2-3' sun perennial that produces masses of clear yellow, double flowers in late summer and fall. Great pollinator plant, cut flower and tremendously adaptable to dry sites. Theodore Klein Plant Award Winner.
Hemerocallis 'Blackthorne' (Daylily)		Arguably one of the most collectible genus of plants in the American Midwest garden, everyone knows what a daylily is. They are tough, easily divided to share with friends, and come in about a bazillion and a half different varieties. 'Blackthorne' has a large flower up to 5" across with a deep maroon center and light yellow on the outside of the bloom. The margins of the petal are slightly ruffled and you can expect the flowers to stand a little over 24".
Hemerocallis 'Marque Moon' (Daylily)		Everybody wants the white daylily . . . and this is almost it . . . Creamy white, highly reflexed and ruffled flowers with yellow rims grace this 24" sun perennial. A delightful addition to the sun garden.
Hemerocallis 'Raspberry Suede' (Daylily)		This is an elegant one! Deep maroon petals with an even darker purple almost black coloration mixed throughout the maroon coloring. 'Raspberry Suede' is going to be a little over 24" tall and like all other daylilies it is tough as nails. Don't ask if it is deer resistant, you won't like the answer. The deer love to eat the buds before they flower!!!



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Hylotelephium 'Blue Pearl' (Sunsparkler® Sedum)		Can you believe they pulled a bunch of the plants in the genus Sedum out and gave them a crazy name like Hylotelephium!?!?! Anyway, this is a cool introduction from Chris Hansen. No offense Chris, but we are going to say more of a dusty purple pearl. Regardless a fantastic foliage color on a plant that only gets up to a little over a foot tall and spreads 1-2' across. Another great late season pollinator plant.
Hylotelephium 'Bundle of Joy' (Stonecrop)		This is a very cool looking plant. All summer this plant will be a 12"-tall, rounded ball of tiny succulent leaves. In late summer or early fall it will erupt with pure white flowers that completely cover the plant giving it the look of a giant snowball in the garden.
Hylotelephium 'Dream Dazzler' (Sunsparkler® Sedum)		A visual stunner in the sunny rock garden, planter, or bed edge. Deep purple leaves edged with bright pink to about 8" tall with small white flowers. This is a perfect plant to brighten up a specimen planter on a sunny patio.
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!
Indigofera heterantha (Himalayan Indigo)		Fantastic summer blooming shrub! Growing up to about 4' tall and wide with fine, gray/green foliage, this one starts blooming (on new wood) in late May and continues right up until fall with rose/pink blooms. Deer proof. Disease resistant. Tolerant of full sun to part shade. Can be grown as a cut back shrub as well. One of our favorites!
Inula magnifica (Giant Inula)		Jacob is at it again in the nursery. You show him a big perennial and he is going to like it. Maturing at 6 feet tall and nearly as wide this is a perfect plant to put in the back of the border. Or, like Jacob would do, even in the front of the border! You just have to put your 7 and 8 feet tall plants behind it! Large, bold leaves have equally large and bold yellow flowers that can be nearly 6" across. Attractive to pollinators and also a plant that can be placed in marginal or boggy areas of the garden.
Iris ensata 'Variegata' (Japanese Water Iris)		Excellent Iris for moist conditions and even at pond's edge. 24" tall, sword-like foliage with bold cream streaks offers up bright blue/purple blooms in late spring through midsummer. Good cut flower. Loves the sun.



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Iris sibirica 'Butter and Sugar' (Siberian Iris)		The large flower parts of an iris are called either a standard or a fall. The standards are the true petals and are the ones that face upward in the center of the bloom. The falls are actually sepals and are the large petal like parts that hang down. Now that you know this we can tell you that 'Butter and Sugar' have bright white standards and soft yellow falls! Like other Siberian Iris this plant will be a little over 2 feet tall with narrow sword like foliage. Great in full sun and happy in consistent moisture and even up to the ponds edge.
Iris versicolor 'Purple Flame' (Blue Flag Iris)		When seen during the summer this 3' tall flag iris looks like many others you have seen. It is in spring that this Mt. Cuba Center selection struts its stuff. Deep purple foliage erupts from the ground and stays with the plant until it flowers with its deep blue blooms. When the weather starts to warm up the purple foliage will begin to fade to green. A great Iris for damp to mesic soils in full sun to light shade.
Liatris microcephala (Appalachian Blazing Star)	Yes	This awesome little native Liatris will only reach 2' tall, 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 Liatris 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!
Lilium formosanum (Formosa Lily)		Yes, you need one of these or a few hundred scattered around the garden. Coming in at up to 6' tall this lily will tower over most things in the garden but being so narrow it takes up little to no space at all. There can be up to ten 6-10" pure white flowers on each plant! They also provide great winter interest in the garden as the seed pods persist at the top of the stems all winter. And if you like to collect and save seeds this plant will be one of your favorites just for the sheer number you can dump out of one seed pod!
Lobelia cardinalis (Cardinal Flower)	Yes	You can't keep the hummingbirds off of these flowers! Screaming red flowers on a 2-4' native plant that will do well in normal garden conditions or a wet, rain garden planting.
Lobelia cardinalis 'Black Truffle' (Cardinal Flower)	Yes	The most favorite of the hummingbird. This marginal plant is just as happy in the sun garden as it is in the wet rain garden. 'Black Truffle' still has the amazing red flowers but the foliage is a deep dark burgundy. It contrasts very well with the red flowers.
Lobelia siphilitica (Great Blue Lobelia)	Yes	Not as well-known as its red-flowered cousin, this native grows to about 2' tall with summer blooms of sky blue to pale lavender. Incredible pollinator plant. Great for meadow plantings, pollinator gardens and just about any sunny border.



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Lycoris squamigera (Naked Lady)		The classic! Spring sprays of long, strap-like upright foliage melts away by early to midsummer 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!
Monarda didyma 'Jacob Cline' (Bee Balm)	Yes	Yew Dell nursery manager, Jacob Stidham, swears he doesn't grow this one for its name but rather for its 5' tall height (he likes plants he can look in the eye without kneeling on the ground!), screaming scarlet red summer flowers and excellent mildew resistance. It's an excellent plant for hummingbirds and a host of other summer pollinators including the awesomely cool hummingbird moths.
Nepeta 'Balneplud' (Blue Prelude™ Catmint)		This big, robust growing catmint will form a mound of fine textured foliage to about 3' tall and wide with spring-early summer bloom spikes in deep blue. Great pollinator plant, cut flower and all around sun performer. Shear back after blooming for possible re-bloom later in the summer.
Nepeta faassenii 'Purrsian Blue' (Catmint)		This cultivar of catmint is short and only about 15 inches tall. Bright, gray/green foliage and lavender/blue flower spikes in late spring. Same ability to attract pollinators and the deer tend to leave it alone. We are trialing several catmints in our new trial gardens at Yew Dell. Make sure to check them out this spring and summer!
Nepeta kubanica 'Bokratune' (Catmint)		This catmint is different than most you are used to seeing. Unlike 'Walker's Low' and all of the other catmints with cultivar names that refer to anything and everything feline this one is a bolder textured plant in both architecture and bloom. Thicker upright stems hold large green leaves. The flowers are also much larger than what you are used to seeing in catmints but still have the same soft blue/purple color to them. Plant one in your garden and stump your garden friends when they guess it is a Veronica instead of a Nepeta!
Oenothera fruticosa 'Fireworks' (Sundrops)	Yes	A selection of our native species that is more compact, standing 18", with green foliage that has a tint of purple/red to it. The flower buds are red and open to the same bright yellow flowers as the straight species in late spring. Evergreen rosettes of foliage add some interest in the winter.
Paeonia 'Canary Brilliants' (Intersectional Peony)		This intersectional peony provides many different colors as it flowers in the spring as light, buttery yellow flowers fade into apricots and pinks. intersectional peonies have the best attributes of herbaceous garden peonies and woody, tree peonies, have an extended bloom time and excellent summer foliage. Full sun and any reasonable soil.



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Paeonia 'Gordon E. Simonson' (Intersectional Peony)		Quite simply one of the largest flowered intersectional peonies we know of. 20" tall mounds of high quality foliage topped in spring with giant, deep pink/rose, semi-double flowers with bright yellow centers. Intersectional peonies have the best attributes of herbaceous garden peonies and woody, tree peonies, have an extended bloom time and excellent summer foliage. Full sun and any reasonable soil.
Paeonia 'Raggedy Ann' (Intersectional Peony)		Look. At. That. Flower. Sturdy stems will present these chiffon-pink, semi-double blooms in grand fashion. You'll not have to worry that you forgot to stake your peonies like you do with the old fashion herbaceous peonies! Intersectional peonies have the best attributes of herbaceous garden peonies and woody, tree peonies, have an extended bloom time and excellent summer foliage. Full sun and any reasonable soil.
Paeonia 'Yankee Doodle Dandy' (Intersectional Peony)		. . . stuck a feather in his hat and called it macaroni. The song may have been used by the British to poke fun at American colonists but no one can poke fun at the elegance of this peony. Strong stemmed and covered in light pink to purple flowers. intersectional peonies have the best attributes of herbaceous garden peonies and woody, tree peonies, have an extended bloom time and excellent summer foliage. Full sun and any reasonable soil.
Penstemon digitalis 'Blackbeard' (Beardtongue)	Yes	Known for their early summer flowers, Penstemons are often times overlooked for their evergreen foliage! Planted in mass, these plants add a tremendous amount of interest to the winter landscape. Add a layer of snow to the ground and the foliage stands out even more so! 'Blackbeard' will grow up to about 30" in late spring and be covered in pink flowers in early to midsummer. Great sun perennial for foliage, bloom and pollinators. A Theodore Klein Plant Award Winner!
Penstemon digitalis 'Midnight Masquerade' (Beardtongue)	Yes	Another great Penstemon with dark evergreen foliage that provides amazing winter interest. This plant grows up to nearly 40 inches tall in late spring and will be covered in bright lavender flowers in mid to early summer.
Penstemon digitalis 'Onyx and Pearls' (Beardtongue)	Yes	This is an amazing Penstemon. Deep purple evergreen foliage shoots up 40+ inches in spring and is covered in clear white flowers. The flowers and foliage color contrasts puts on an amazing show! Great sun perennial for foliage, blooms, and pollinators. Planted in mass it makes the obvious impact in the spring but during the winter the carpet of purple foliage can really help beat the winter blues!



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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 and the plant itself stands about 2 feet tall and will spread to about 4 feet wide. In the plant trials at Mt. Cuba Center this plant exhibited very high disease tolerance and the foliage stayed clean all season. In late May the plant will begin to flower and at peak will be completely covered. 'Kim' was selected by Jan Midgley down in Alabama.
Phlox paniculata 'Jeana' (Garden Phlox)	Yes	Ahhh, another plant with a great back story. 'Jeana' was discovered by Jeana Prewitt outside of Nashville, TN. Standing about 5 feet tall it will form masses nearly as wide. 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 visit out of all of the other panicle phlox in the trials!
Phlox stolonifera 'Blue Ridge' (Creeping Phlox)	Yes	An excellent selection of a North American native woodland phlox. Forms a loose mat of semi-evergreen foliage about 4" tall that bears loads of loosely set, light blue/lavender blooms in spring. Does best on a moist but well drained soil in filtered light.
Phlox stolonifera 'Sherwood Purple' (Creeping Phlox)	Yes	The deepest purple bloom of all the Phlox stolonifera selections we offer. This North American native woodland creeper grows to 4" or so tall and creeps along the ground to form semi-evergreen mats of foliage. In spring, plants are covered with billowy masses of deep purple flowers.
Pycnanthemum muticum (Blunt Mountain Mint)	Yes	A Kentucky native and possibly one of the best pollinator plants to add to the garden. Not nearly as aggressive as culinary mint, but still make sure to give this one space. Standing 1-3' tall this plant has deep green foliage, silver bracts, and flowers all summer long. Yew Dell has some of this plant along the rain garden below the Rounsavall Pavilion.
Ratibida pinnata (Grey Headed Coneflower)	Yes	A Kentucky native and one of the most prevalent plants in Yew Dell's Pollinator Meadow and one of the earliest bursts of color. This plant starts blooming in late June and really puts on a show and turns the meadow yellow.
Rubus calycinoides (Creeping Raspberry)		Do you have one of those terrible areas where construction or other disturbance has 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 1" 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!



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Plant Name	KY Native?	Description
Rudbeckia American 'Gold Rush' (Black Eyed Susan)	Yes	One of the better black eyed susans on the market today. Growing up to 24-30" tall, it explodes in midsummer with huge masses of classic Black Eyed Susan flowers in midsummer. Good cut flower and pollinator plant for full sun.
Rudbeckia laciniata 'Herbstonne' (Cut-leaf Coneflower)	Yes	One of Jacob's favorite perennials. A tall, 6-7 feet plant that establishes large clumps in only a year or two. It was the number one plant for pollinators in his garden during the summer of 2020 and bloomed for well over a month straight in summer. We know it is big but you really need this plant in your garden!
Rudbeckia maxima (Giant Coneflower)	Yes	This is one big honkin' coneflower! A basal mass of bright, blue/green foliage yields an 8-9' tall stalk with multiple yellow flowers with dark brown centers in mid to late summer. Makes a huge statement in the summer garden. Loves hot, sunny sites with dryish soil once established. These can be found growing in the Overlook Garden at Yew Dell.
Ruta graveolens (Common Rue)		These plants were grown from seed in the nursery at Yew Dell and are supposed to be the variegated form. A few of the leaves had variegation early on but they have lost all of it now so we are selling it as such. A great pollinator plant and a host plant for Swallowtail butterflies! The light blue/green foliage adds some interesting contrast to the garden although caution should be used when handling this plant because of allergic reactions. Gardening can be treacherous sometimes!
Sedum erythrostictum 'Frosty Morn' (Stonecrop)		A very cool sedum that forms mounds of succulent foliage to about 15" tall and 20" wide that has gray/green centers and creamy margins. Late summer brings masses of pink flowers for a long fall bloom. Excellent sun plant, drought tolerant, deer resistant and a super late season pollinator plant.
Sedum rupestre 'Angelina' (Stonecrop)		A vigorous, creeping, and cold hardy succulent foliage that is screaming gold in spring and brilliant orange in winter. Great in green roofs, planters, troughs and the sunny border. Easily moved around the garden in the fall or spring and propagated easily by just grabbing a hand full and sharing with a friend.
Sedum sexangulare (Tasteless Stonecrop)		Low growing and super fine textured cold hardy succulent for troughs, rock gardens or planters. Best in full sun and well-drained soil. Never too sure about the "tasteless" thing . . . Never actually tried it!
Sedum takesimense 'Nonsitnal' (Atlantis® Stonecrop)		This is a new introduction from Hortech out of Michigan. A low growing Sedum to only about 4 or 6 inches high but it will spread to a foot wide. Wide cream margins surround a green center on a leaf that is heavily scalloped. A great addition to a rock garden, trough, or planter on the patio.



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Senna hebecarpa (Wild Senna)	Yes	This large, shrub-like sun perennial grows up to 5' tall and wide with fine, gray/green foliage topped by bright yellow flowers in summer. It is a great pollinator plant, attracting native bees and a long list of butterflies. Black seed pods in fall make great additions to floral arrangements. This is a tough and durable native for the sun garden
Silphium perfoliatum (Cup Plant)	Yes	A big beast of a plant for the sun garden. Starting with a low mound of coarse foliage, this North American native sends up huge stalks up to 8-9' that each produce several bright, cheerful, small sunflower-like flowers in mid to late summer. Its seeds are favored by a wide range of birds in late fall and early winter. Makes 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.
Solidago grammifolia (Grass Leaved Goldenrod)	Yes	This is a fantastic but rarely cultivated native goldenrod. 2-3' tall masses of grass like foliage bear late summer and fall crops of clear yellow blooms. It is perfectly happy in dry/gravelly soils and clay as well. It is drought tolerant, easy to grow and one of the best late season pollinator plants we offer. Long lived but susceptible to deer browse.
Solidago odora (Sweet Goldenrod)	Yes	One of the 31 native goldenrods to Kentucky! When crushed the leaves and stems give off an anise aroma which gave rise to the name. This one grows 2-4' tall and shows off in late summer and early fall with the signature yellow color to its flowers. It is worth mentioning that many people think goldenrod gives them allergies in the fall but this just simply isn't true. The pollen of these plants is sticky which prevents it from blowing in the air and up your nose like ragweed which is a huge allergen.
Solidago shortii 'Solar Cascade' (Short's Goldenrod)	Yes	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 Indiana. It was first recorded as a species by Louisville botanist Dr. Charles Wilkins Short (1794-1863) in 1840 growing on Rock Island at the Falls of the Ohio. Talk about a plant with some local history! Another tidbit for the history and botany geeks in the audience is that Dr. Short rests at Cave Hill Cemetery here in Louisville.
Stokesia laevis 'Color Wheel' (Stoke's Aster)		Stoke's aster is known as a great, low mounding perennial with excellent flowering throughout the late spring and summer. 'Color Wheel' boasts flowers that open white, fade to lavender, and then finish off a dark purple. With flowers opening at different times it provides for all the shades of blooms on the plant at the same time! It is also a semi evergreen that can add a little winter interest to the sun garden.



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Symphotrichum ericoides 'Snowflurry' (Heath Aster)		This is a cool North American native plant! Shade, sun, dry soil, rocky soil, clay soil, it doesn't matter. A tough plant that will attract loads of pollinators. 'Snowflurry' stays low to the ground, not reaching more than 12", and will be covered in white flowers giving the look of mounds of fresh snow in early fall.
Symphotrichum oblongifolium 'October Skies' (Fragrant Aster)	Yes	Compared to 'Raydon's Favorite' this selection is a bit shorter and more blue. It provides just as much late season activity in the garden. Tough as nails and can take some pretty horrible garden conditions like drought, poor soil, and heat. This selection was discovered at the Scott Arboretum just outside of Philadelphia.
Symphotrichum oblongifolium 'Raydon's Favorite' (Fragrant Aster)	Yes	The fragrant asters are about as tough as they come. Locally native, it can be found growing out of rocky crevices in gravel and clay. Forms a dense mound of fine textured foliage about 2' tall and 3' wide. Leaves have a minty aroma when crushed. Lavender/blue flowers cover every inch of the plant in fall. While this is a dense grower and really doesn't need pinching, one pinch back in May makes it even more dense and compact. 'Raydon's Favorite' was first sold by local plantsman Allen Bush when he had his nursery in North Carolina. The plant was shared to him by Raydon Alexander who found it growing near Lookout Mountain in Tennessee.
Trifolium repens 'Dragon's Blood' (Ornamental Clover)		This plant is too cool not have in a planter even though it is a clover! Brilliant red and green variegated foliage will make a great "mulch" in a planter or trough garden. If you have specimen trees in planters this is the perfect companion plant! If planted among large, sun perennials this plant can make for a very nice living mulch.
Vernonia noveboracensis (New York Ironweed)	Yes	We like big, beastly plants, and this one is no exception. A 6'-tall native of open fields and mixed meadows, it produces strong stems and bright purple blooms in midsummer. An excellent pollinator plant, cut flower and widely adaptable grower. It is drought tolerant but best on heavy clay soils with some moisture. Unbothered by deer.
Veronica oltensis (Thyme Leaf Speedwell)		If you are needing a short, and we mean short, ground cover for the rock garden, stone steps, rock walls, or trough garden look no further. This very cool little Veronica might get to 1/2" tall and will make a nice wide mat over time, plus it is evergreen. Definitely not a plant for the wet areas but in the right spot (dry areas) it is super hardy and really cool. At Yew Dell we have it planted in the raised area between the Glass House and Rock House. The soil in that raised area is basically just pea gravel and it loves it there. Blue to bright blue flowers open in late spring.
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!



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Plant Name	KY Native?	Description
Veronicastrum virginicum (Culver's Root)	Yes	Now this is a plant! A native that the pollinators flock to in late June and early July. Whorled leaves add an interesting texture to the garden before flower as well. Stands 6-7' in flower. Although this is a big plant it doesn't physically take over plants nearby because of its open and airy habit.

Perennial Grass Collection		
Plant Name	KY Native?	Description
Bouteloua gracilis 'Blonde Ambition' (Blue Grama Grass)		This is a fun and interesting grass with wispy, fine textured foliage to about 2' tall and intriguing seed heads that look like eyebrows that dance above the leaves. This is a drought tolerant grass once established and can be a welcome addition to the drier areas of the garden that need something a little different to break up the flowering perennials.
Equisetum hyemale (Scouring Rush)	Yes	Cool texture plant! Upright rounded and leafless stems. Perfect for the water garden or container. Keep this plant in a controlled location because it can be aggressive. Tell a kid that this type of plant was around when the dinosaurs were and watch their eyes light up!
Juncus inflexus 'Blue Arrows' (Rush)		Tough as nails, semi-evergreen perennial for full sun. The foliage of this plant is narrow stiff blades that form large masses in a bright blue/green color all year long. A great perennial grass for containers! At Yew Dell you can check out some nice specimens of this plant below the Gheen's Barn near the Stone Terrace.
Pennisetum alopecuroides 'JS Jommenik' (Lumen Gold™ Fountain Grass)		A July bloomer, this peach of a plant will only get a couple feet tall when in flower. Fantastic chartreuse foliage provides color and texture when mixed in with a perennial garden.



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Plant Name	KY Native?	Description
Asparagus verticillatus (Vining Asparagus)		There won't be any asparagus spears on the grill with this one. This is a fully cold hardy, ornamental vining asparagus that grows up to 15' tall! Talk about a conversation piece in the garden . . .give this one something to climb on or a wall to scramble over and enjoy. Light, airy foliage texture and clouds of fragrant white flowers in spring followed by masses of bright red fruits. This is a must-have for any sunny garden. No . . .we mean it . . . this is a MUST have plant!
Clematis virginiana (Clematis)	Yes	An outstanding Kentucky native clematis for late season blooms. Vigorous climber with deep green foliage and brilliant, white flowers with strong fragrance. Full sun to part shade. A similar Clematis (Clematis terniflora or Sweet Autumn Clematis) has been a popular ornamental in this area but is very invasive in this area. If you are looking for the characteristics that these plants provide this plant is the one to choose.
Lonicera sempervirens 'Blanche Sandman' (Coral Honeysuckle)	Yes	A Theodore Klein Plant Award Winner, this Kentucky selection of our outstanding native honeysuckle vine has excellent red flowers in summer. Great for hummingbirds. 'Blanche Sandman' was selected by Louisville's own Blanche Sandman in her small backyard nursery in St. Matthews.