

Natureworks

2008 Spring Catalog Supplement



Dear friends,

Enclosed please find our **Natureworks Catalog Supplement for Spring 2008**. Our new policy is that we will be printing our full Catalog every other year, with a Supplement published in the alternate years. This will conserve lots of trees as well as reduce lots of labor and postage. I hope you have saved your 2007-2008 Natureworks Catalog; please keep these two documents together as they form an invaluable reference to the best garden plants for Connecticut.

Also enclosed, please find our **2008 Sensational Spring Order Form**. In it, you will find listed the plants that are (at this writing) confirmed for delivery for April through early July of 2008. You will see a listing containing abbreviated plant names, pot sizes, and retail prices; in some cases, we carry multiple sizes of the same plant variety. If a plant that you are interested in is not listed on the price list, do not despair. We do not list the annuals, tender perennials, most herbs, conifers, trees, and houseplants. We also have other plants coming in that did not make it into the list due to late ordering or delayed confirmations from our growers. Please feel free to inquire about any plant not on the order form.

For all of the plants that ARE on the order form, we are offering a **5% Catalog Discount** if you place your order with a 50% down payment and get it to us by Earth Day, Tuesday April 22nd, 2008. This deadline is a few weeks later than in previous years due to the fact that we have converted all of our plants to a new database. This project, which has been in the works since last fall, was slow and laborious. However, we are confident that, in the long run, we will have a much more efficient system that will serve our customers better.

You will also note that there are two order forms enclosed. Our traditional order form, which is many pages long, is for large orders. If you are ordering 15 plants or less, you are welcome to use the Sensational Short Order Form BUT we beg you to use only the plant names, pot sizes, and retail prices found on the long order form when preparing this order.

You will also note that you can really accrue BIG SAVINGS if you join the Perennial Buying Club, and combine the 10% P.B.C discount with your Quantity Discount (which ranges from 5-20%) and the 5% Catalog Discount. The other benefit of placing an order is that when the plants arrive, all pre-ordered plants are pulled and tagged for our customers BEFORE any plants hit the retail benches. Since many of our rare and unusual plants are available in very limited quantities, some never reach the retail area at all. Once a large percentage of your order has arrived, we will call you for pickup. Your plants will be waiting for you.

2008 is a very important year for Natureworks as it marks our **25th year** in business. It all started with \$500 and a dream back in Stony Creek. A few of you may remember those days; many of you have been my customers for over a decade and have watched my business grow and evolve. We started out gardening organically when it was considered impossible and radical. Now, organics have become mainstream and we are considered the experts! We continue to grow- together- to make this world a more beautiful, and safer place for our children and grandchildren to inherit. I am honored to consider you a supporter of Natureworks and look forward to a wonderful gardening season in 2008.

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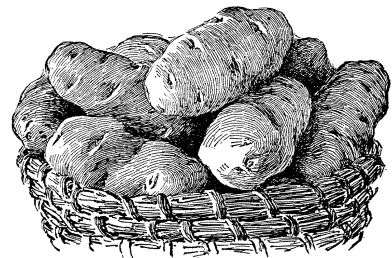
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This year we are expanding our offerings and will have organic seed potatoes, early crops of lettuces and broccoli, raspberry and blueberry plants, and much more.



PERENNIALS

Acanthus

mollis 'Rue Ledan' Gorgeous 3' tall spikes of pure white. A Dutch introduction that will glow in partial shade. Very tolerant of hot, humid summers.

Achillea

millefolium 'Apricot Delight' Compact plants produce flowers that start out rich coral pink, fading to peach. Deadheading helps keep this plant repeating throughout the summer and fall. Part of the Tutti Frutti Series of yarrows bred in Holland for floriferous plants and short stemmed flowers.

'Red Velvet' Deep, rich, velvety red flowers really turned my head on my 2008 summer nursery tours. Grows 24-30" tall and doesn't fade out like other A. millefolium varieties. Repeats in fall.

x **'kellereri'** Very striking silver foliage, finely cut and lacy hugs the soil, great accent foliage plant for troughs. White flowers 6" tall in June.

Aconitum

fischeri Blue spikes, and lots of them, begin blooming in late August and September. Very strong stems, 18-24" tall, means you never need to stake this great cutting flower.

Actaea

pachypoda This is a cool native woodland plant that is very closely related to Cimicifuga (in fact, snakeroot's scientific name has changed to this, but we'll deal with that next year). White rounded bottlebrush flowers in May/June aren't the show- the fall berries are! White berries with dark blue eyes on 1-2' tall stalks really catch your attention when walking in the woods in the fall.

Agastache

'Tutti Frutti' I have grown this plant many times, both in containers (to attract hummingbirds) and in the garden to add to the hot summer color in August and September. 4-5' tall graceful spires of lavender/lilac grace this delicate beauty, cooling down the garden. Brush against it and you will be intoxicated by its licorice mint scent. Why not try the florets in fruit salad? Zone 6 hardy, loves the hot sun.

Allium

'Blue Skies' At a nursery visit in 2006, I spotted this plant that looked to me like a version of Allium senescens, with the same twisted leaves, and round balls of flowers that are bluish-lavender, a distinctly different color than the one we grow and love in our rock garden. It took me two years to get my hands on it! Same long bloom period, 20-24" tall flowers July-Sept. if deadheaded. A butterfly magnet, leaves and flowers are edible.

Alstroemeria

'Mauve Majesty' This is the first Alstroemeria that is truly zone 5 hardy. Developed at Cornell University, the brilliant fuchsia flowers grow on 30" long stems. Long lasting cut flowers, an all summer bloomer. Full sun

Amsonia

'Halfway to Arkansas' A superior new form that is quite compact, growing only 3' tall, standing up tall. Narrow dark green leaves are topped with soft blue star flowers in late May. Bright yellow fall color.

Aquilegia

flabellata 'Lemon Meringue' A Connecticut grown introduction, found in a stand of Aquilegia flabellata 'Nana Alba', this beauty has white flowers with a frill of lemon yellow around the corolla of each blossom. Grows only 4-8" tall, has the same excellent blue foliage of the species. Place this where you can admire it up close.

vulgaris 'Black Barlow' This flower is really cool- a fluff ball of deep dark maroon petals, appearing black, looks like a sputnik in the garden! I would love to see it arising out of a stand of black mondo grass, backed by a golden foliage plant. Grows 18" tall.

'Blue Barlow' Spurless, double deep blue flowers on 30" stems are a great addition to the Barlow series.

vulgaris plena 'Ruby Port' Double flowers of deep port wine red, 24" tall. No spurs, blossoms are rounded starbursts.

Arabis

blepharophylla 'Spring Charm' One of the very best April rock garden plants. Brilliant pink flowers 8" tall; shiny green foliage stays nice all season.

Armeria

juniperifolia 'Rosa Stolz' A sweet, miniature Armeria with soft pink flowers reaching only 3" tall. April-June LONG blooming, possible fall rebloom. Sure to attract the eye in an alpine garden.

maritima 'Victor Reiter' The cutest little dwarf alpine with tufts of foliage covered with light pink pom-pom flowers 2-3" tall in April and May.

Artemisia

viridis 'Tiny Green' How sweet it is! Heat tolerant, easy to grow alpine with gray-green lacy foliage and teeny tiny soft yellow button flowers in mid-summer. Only grows 2-3" tall. Aromatic foliage.

Arum

italicum 'Pictum' Large, glossy, arrowhead-shaped green leaves with showy white veins expand 12-24" tall and 24" wide. The life cycle of this deer-proof shade plant is very different. Foliage appears in the fall, is showy all winter. In spring, calla-lily like flowers of pale green/white appear, followed by clusters of bright orange berries on 2' stalks. The leaves go summer dormant, leaving the berries to glow in the shade garden. Then

the cycle starts over again. Arums were all the rage at our winter Master Classes at the trade shows. Interplant them with ferns and hostas; their opposite cycles complement each other.

Aruncus

'Misty Lace' This goatsbeard was found by one of my perennial heroes, Dr. Allan Armitage. A cross of the diminutive *A. aethusifolius* with *A. dioicus*, it has frothy white flowers with burgundy stems. Growing only 2 feet tall and wide, it is the ideal *Aruncus* for smaller gardens with all the flower power of its bigger relatives. Very tolerant of extreme heat and humidity.

Asarum

arifolium This is a very showy form of ornamental ginger native to the U.S. Arrow shaped foliage has distinctive silver venation. Rhizomatous, it spreads slowly in the shade garden, growing only 6-8" tall.

canadense This is our native ginger with rounded green leaves that hug the ground. I used to find this on my land in Vermont and would dig and use the rhizome in tea. Low brown/red flowers lay on the ground, bloom in May (you won't notice them) and are pollinated by ants!

Asclepias

incarnata 'Cinderella' A pretty, very floriferous form of our native pink butterfly weed. Grows 3-5' tall, July/August flowers are softly fragrant, spreads slowly by rhizomes. Tolerates partial shade and moist conditions as well as full sun.

Aster

'Blue Autumn' Deep, dark blue daisies bloom from August through September on strong stems. Compact habit, grows only 20" tall. A great new addition to our late season lineup, excellent disease resistance. A Future Plants introduction.

novae-angliae 'Vibrant Dome' A cross between 'Alma Potschke' and 'Purple Dome', found by Bobbie Schwartz, a landscape designer in Shaker Heights, Ohio. Put into tissue culture by Blooms of Bressingham, this 18" rounded pink aster is available in very limited quantities in 2008. A fabulous introduction, destined to become one of our staple fall landscape perennials.

novi-belgii 'Sailor Boy' I have appreciated this variety for years, but it's not always available. Rich, deep blue daisies clothe 3' stems in September and early October. The foliage is glossy and deep green, an asset to the summer garden while waiting for the fall flower display.

'Winston Churchill' An old fashioned variety with glowing cerise red large daisies, September blooming, growing 2-3' tall.

oblongifolius 'October Skies' An excellent addition to our palette of late bloomers, with deep blue daisies covering 12-18" tall plants in (you guessed it) October! Called the fragrant aster because the foliage is aromatic when crushed, this plant tolerates all the dry shade and root competition you can throw at it. Of course, nice garden soil in a sunny spot is okay too. Introduced by The Primrose Path nursery.

tongolensis 'Spring Blue' My eye was drawn to the very glossy, deep green basal foliage of this plant in the fall. It turns

out the flowers are beautiful blue daisies on strong 12" stems from mid-May until early July. Called the East Indian aster, this dwarf cultivar is a great addition to the front of a sunny border. Divide every 3-4 years in the fall to increase your stock and keep the mother plant vigorous.

Astilbe

chinensis 'Visions in White' This may just turn out to be one of the best late summer astilbes out there! The 'Visions' can tolerate lower water levels in the soil than most astilbes. The plumes are upright, thick, and fluffy, reaching 18" tall in late July and August. Just when you need a white flower to make your shade garden glow, here it is!

'Jump and Jive' Brilliant hot pink plumes grow only 12-14" tall. Foliage is very frilly and fern-like. A July/August bloomer, part of the amazing Music Series, that will make the front of your partial shade garden glow with color.

Athamanta

turbith ssp. haynaldii This plant looks like a low, mounded queen Ann's lace with even finer foliage. It offers a delicate, wispy effect, growing 20" tall in sun or part shade. Native to Italy and the Balkans.

Brunnera

macrophylla 'Spring Yellow' A breakthrough in Brunneras! Spring foliage emerges bright golden yellow, very leathery, a great textural contrast. As the weather warms up, many of the leaves change to pale green. Flowers are the same gorgeous blue as the species in April and May, 15" tall. What a contrast!

Calamintha

nepeta ssp. nepeta Blue Cloud Like its sister 'White Cloud' (which I use in tons of my garden designs), this long bloomer is covered with thousands of tiny lavender blue flowers on 12" tall billowing mounds from July through the fall. The foliage smells just like a sweet, spicy mint. A great filler to contrast with heavier textured, larger late bloomers in the front of the border and a great companion for roses.

Campanula

'Birch Hybrid' A cross between *C. poscharskyana* and *C. garganica*. Deep blue/purple bell flowers on 6" tall ground hugging plants can spread up to 20" across. For full sun or partial shade, well drained soil, and don't forget that Campanulas love lime! Starts blooming in June, and will repeat throughout the summer if sheared back from time to time.

portenschlagiana 'Aurea' Brilliant golden foliage hugs the ground. A pretty dwarf alpine, 6-8" tall, with purple bell flowers that bloom all summer long. Does best in a bit of shade, alkaline soil, and good drainage.

'Summertime Blues' Terra Nova breeders have outdone themselves. This 2' tall, clumping bell flower has huge dangling flowers of clear, soft blue. It starts blooming in June and keeps on going all summer long. Touted as the longest blooming Campanula on the market!

Chelone

Iyonii 'Pink Temptation' A new and fabulous variety of pink turtlehead, with compact, dense flower spikes only 15-18" tall. I can think of a dozen ways to use this plant in the foreground of a shady garden. Glossy foliage, August/September blooming.

Chrysogonum

'Quinn Gold' A new form of our native golden star. The flowers are bright golden yellow; fading flowers turn white. Both colors can be seen on the plant at the same time, creating a neat bi-color effect never before seen in Chrysogonums. 6-8" tall, an excellent garden edger for sun or shade. Combines well with ferns.

Cimicifuga

'Carbonella' August/September blooming pink spikes reach almost 6' tall; foliage is dark purple/black. A great new variety of showy snakeroot that is at home in partial shade and rich, organic soil.

simplex 'Black Negligee' Very fragrant white flowers with purple stems 5-6' tall over 4' lacy mounds of deep black/purple foliage makes this a stunning fall bloomer. Full sun and rich, moisture retentive organic soil gives you the best foliage color. Will tolerate partial shade.

Coreopsis

'Full Moon' It's time for the Big Bang series of Coreopsis to arrive! Bred and selected by Darrell Probst for huge flowers, this patented threadleaf variety has flowers the color of 'Moonbeam' with each blossom up to 3" across. Will form well branched, very full plants that will leave older varieties in the dust. Grow 24-30" tall, can spread up to 3 feet wide in a few years. July through early September bloom time.

'Red Shift' Another Darrell Probst Big Bang introduction hardy to zone 5. Creamy yellow flowers with ruby red centers that radiate outwards to the tips of the petals as the weather gets colder in the fall. 30-36" tall, a vigorous and long blooming threadleaf type that is quite an exciting variety for the sunny summer garden.

Cymbalaria

muralis 'Alba Compacta' A wonderful trough plant that will creep along the soil with tiny, bright green leaves. White flowers reach a mere 4" tall, gracing the plant all summer long. Partial shade best.

Delosperma

congestum 'Gold Nugget' 4" tall succulent plants are covered with bright gold daisies during all the hot summer months.

deyeri Bright orange flowers deepen to red as they age. 2-3" tall succulent, zone 4 hardy. Great for troughs.

ecklonis var. latifolia Fat, full, succulent foliage topped with large, brilliant dayglow fuchsia pink daisies all summer long. 4" tall.

sutherlandii 'Peach Star' Pinky-peach daisy flowers on succulent foliage, 3" tall. A new color!

Dendranthema

'My Favorite Lavender' Lavender single daisies on 24-30" plants. Part of the super-hardy series bred at the University of Minnesota.

Dianthus

arenarius 'Snow Flurry' Really pretty white, deeply cut and fringed flowers 10" tall in June/July. Tufted mounds of green foliage. A neat texture and form.

'Neon Star' Intense, dayglow fuchsia flowers, 7" tall, literally smoother than this plant in June and early July. The foliage is a good silvery blue. Reblooms in the fall.

subcaulis 'Gary Eichhorn' This plant caught my eye last year, arriving in a mixed alpine collection. Soft and delicate pink flowers are fragrant, 8" tall, and start to bloom in May, sporadically repeating later in the season. Silvery, clean mounds of foliage.

Digitalis

ferruginea 'Yellow Herold' Do you know the rusty foxglove? *D. ferruginea* is a perennial, quite architectural, and not as sexy as the biennial types. This variety has fairly large flowers, making it much more showy. The inside of the florets are a rusty bronze orange, the outside, creamy yellow. Provide shade and good drainage. Grows 4-5' tall.

'Glory of Roundway' A new addition to this great group of deer-proof shade plants. Imagine a cross between *D. lutea* (pale yellow perennial) and *D. mertonensis* (itself a strawberry pink flowering cross between the perennial *D. grandiflora* and the biennial *D. purpurea*). The result is a very soft pink flower with a yellow throat, reaching 40" tall, very pretty. There's enough perennial blood to make this plant thrive for years, but my experience shows that you should always provide really good drainage for the overwintering crowns of perennial foxgloves. One website I visited suggested taking crown divisions each fall; I would overwinter them in my coldframe. Flowers are sterile, so no seed pods will form. I can't wait to try this plant!

purpurea 'Camelot Lavender' This rounds out the popular Camelot series of foxgloves with large lavender flower spikes on strong stems.

'Red Skin' This new perennial foxglove most closely resembles *Digitalis grandiflora* in habit, with very glossy basal foliage. The strong flower stalks are 3-4' tall, and the large creamy gloves are yellow on the inside, and burnt reddish-rose on the outside. A fertile variety that will self sow as well as give you a permanent addition to the shade garden. June blooming.

trojana Helen of Troy perennial foxglove is a rare species with 24-30" spikes clothed in florets of creamy yellow with rusty bronze throats and glowing white lips. The thin spires, gray in bud, create a very unusual effect in the well drained shade garden that is enriched with compost.

Echinacea

purpurea 'Elton Knight' This wonderful, compact, non-floppy coneflower is not named after Elton John, but instead after Elton Hall in Cambridgeshire, England and Thomas Knight, one of the founders of the Royal Horticultural Society. The buzzword here

is non-floppy; this variety grows only 20" tall, with 5" diameter lavender purple daisies on stiff, well-branched stems that don't fall over.

'Green Envy' This coneflower is truly unusual. Lime green petals turn heads; as they age, the inner ray petals blush magenta. Strong, sturdy 30-36" stems produce flowers from July through September.

'Pica Bella' A standout, this deep lavender daisy really glows. The long, delicate petals grow straight out with a slight curl inward, forming a striking star shape. 3' tall, a vast improvement over all the older cultivars. They flew off the benches last fall.

Echinops

spharerocephalus Soft blue, tight globes on 24-36" tall stems smother this plant with flowers in July and early August. Basal foliage is green with white undersides. Flower stems have a bit of white tomentose. The effect is very icy and cool. Fabulous cut flower.

Epimedium

'Dark Beauty' A truly beautiful new bicolor with deep purple-rose and white flowers that rise 12" above the foliage. The spring leaves emerge deep wine purple, making the contrast between the leaves and the flowers quite stunning. Fall foliage is deep pink and red.

'Enchantress' A beautiful hybrid with soft pink flowers. Foliage emerges long and very pointed, richly veined red. Green in summer, the leaves hold their bronze color until it gets really cold.

x warlyensis 'Ellen Willmott' This is a vigorous spreading hybrid with golden yellow flowers 15" tall. The back of each petal is a deep reddish-orange and the effect is very striking. Leaves are semi-evergreen, starting out with a blush of purple in the spring and becoming a beautiful bronze in late fall as the weather cools.

x youngianum 'Azusa' Very lovely dangling white flowers with bright red sepals that really stand out as the blossoms dangle downwards. 10" tall.

Eryngium

planum 'Blue Glitter' This sea holly has stems that branch and branch to provide 50-75 individual flowers and it doesn't flop! Growing 2-3' tall, the blue stems, silvery blue globe flower, and July-August bloom time makes this a great cut flower for the sunny garden.

'Blue Hobbit' If you love sea hollies, but don't like staking them, this is the plant for you! The first true dwarf form, basal rosettes of leathery foliage are topped by mounds of well branched stems only 12" tall. The flowers are a rich blue, perfect for cutting and drying. Everyone asks about our taller sea holly flowers when they are in bloom in our gardens; put this plant in the front of the border, for a good up-close display.

Euonymus

fortunei 'Wolong Ghost' This evergreen ground cover caught my eye last fall. Elongated deep green leaves have very showy silver veins. Great for sun or partial shade, it is slower growing than most E. fortunei cultivars. I imagined it in shady windowboxes or edging foundation plantings. Found in the Wolong Nature Preserve in China and introduced by Heronswood Nurseries.

Eupatorium

altissimum 'Prairie Jewel' A native prairie plant selected for introduction to the garden world for its speckled, variegated cream and green foliage, forming a dense 3' tall mound by late summer. In the fall, the plant is completely covered with misty white flowers, blooming for up to 4 weeks. Happiest in full sun and average soil.

Euphorbia

characias 'Helena' A variegated, compact Euphorbia with narrow blue-green leaves, creamy yellow margins, new growth edged in pink. Forms a clump 6-12" tall; chartreuse flower bracts add interest in early spring, an excellent foliage plant the rest of the season. Provide good drainage and full sun/dappled shade. Also called Helen's Blush.

Filipendula

ulmaria This plant grows in the moist meadows of Europe. White, flat-topped, fluffy flower heads 3-4' tall grace this plant in early summer. It will tolerate clay soil. Ferny, basal foliage. Self sows.

Gentiana

asclepiadea One of the easiest gentians to grow in dappled shade. Arching stems grow 18-24" tall and are clothed in intense cobalt blue trumpet flowers in late summer. Graceful and beautiful, this is a must-try for your garden. Match it with Ghost ferns, underplant it with Brunnera, pair it with golden hostas. Wow!

makinoi 'Marsha' I LOVE Gentiana makinoi, with its rich blue flowers in the fall but it can be rangy and flop a bit. If you don't feel like pinching it, (or don't want to weave it into neighbors such as Eupatorium coelestinum) try this new, very convenient dwarf form, reaching only 20" tall. Compact and upright, it will add a brilliant blue accent color to your borders in late August and September.

scabra 'Zuikorindo' I discovered this in the fall of 2007. A brilliant PINK gentian, with trumpet flowers atop 6" stems in late August and September, this makes a simply gorgeous cut flower. Great in sunny areas with acidic soil conditions.

Geranium

cinereum 'Rothbury Gem' A beautiful dwarf cranesbill from Blooms of Bressingham. Gray-green foliage is tidy and clean, forming low mounds, perfect for the front of the border. The flowers are a pretty pink with distinctive purple veining and a

center eye zone. A June/July bloomer, growing only 4-6" tall, spreading 12-15" wide.

dalmaticum A diminutive species, I first noted this in a mixed alpine planting. It has come back for years, always looks compact, clean, and tidy. Clean pink flowers appear in June and July on 6" tall plants. Try it in crevices in rockery areas.

'Orkney Cherry' A Plant Haven introduction, bred in Norway, this new variety has deep purple- bronze foliage and hot pink flowers. Growing 8-10" tall, it has the same amazingly long bloom period as G. 'Rozanne', from late June through September! Vigorous and hardy, it makes all other burgundy leaved cranesbills pale by comparison. We had a few of these plants last year, and they really were quite amazing.

'Orkney Pink' Pink flowers 4-6" tall smother a thick carpet of chocolate purple foliage. This ground cover blooms from June-October and grows best in full sun. Another very exciting addition to the long blooming cranesbills that are transforming our gardens.

'Pink Penny' Found in a stand of 'Jolly Bee', this new cranesbill has the same exceptionally long bloom period- essentially all summer and into the fall. Growing 12-15" tall, it spreads wide, weaving amongst its neighbors. I wouldn't exactly call it pink, but it is a distinctively different shade of pinkish-lavender-lilac that will marry well with all sorts of upright perennials.

'Sandrine' A French hybrid, related to G.'Ann Folkard', this vigorous variety has brilliant magenta flowers with black veins that are twice the size of its parent, almost 2" across. Another long bloomer, it grows 24-30" tall and spreads very wide. New spring foliage has a golden cast, turning green in summer. Try it on sunny or partially shaded banks where you want color and coverage.

wallichianum 'Sylvia's Surprise' A Blooms of Bressingham introduction. We now have another cranesbill that will bloom from June until frost! 8-10" mounds of marbled green foliage is covered with 1 1/2" diameter medium pink flowers with deeper centers. Will spread 18-24" wide. For full sun or partial shade.

x magnificum 'Blue Blood' A June/July bloomer with intense blue flowers and showy purple veining. Grows 18-24" tall. After blooming, cut back hard. Fresh new foliage will emerge, and then turn a brilliant red in the fall.

Geum

coccineum 'Cooky' This is a very compact form of Geum with shiny, fresh foliage and brilliant persimmon orange flowers, 1 1/2" across, on flower sprays 12" tall. It blooms late May/June and will make everyone notice the front of your spring garden. Combine en masse with deep purple bearded irises for a combination that can't be beat. Full sun or dappled shade.

'Pumpkin' A really neat and tidy 6-8" dwarf Geum with pumpkin orange flowers and deep, dark green shiny foliage.

Helleborus

orientalis 'Pink Spotted Lady' Soft pink flowers with deeper burgundy markings make this a plant to locate up close. 14" tall when in flower in April; excellent leathery green foliage accents the shade garden all summer and fall.

x 'Courage' From the German breeder Josef Heuger, this is part of the Immanence series. Upward facing flowers on 12-16" tall

stalks, young plants are fast to bloom in the garden. Deep rosy red flowers are just beautiful.

Hemerocallis

'Catherine Neal' Deep, rich purple flowers with a glowing green throat. Blooms in late July and August, a welcome flower to tone down the gold and orange daisies at that time. 30" tall.

'Chicago Apache' A classic red daylily with 27" tall stems topped with intense scarlet flowers up to 5" across. This is a pure accent flower. Starts blooming in July, frequently repeating in the fall.

'Crystal Pinot' Wow, wow and wow again! If you love purple, you will be amazed by this variety. Creamy flowers edged in purple picotee ruffles, purple throats. Grows 20" tall, and is a rebloomer, cycling in and out of bloom from July onward.

'Dragon's Eye' A new rebloomer with clear, rich pink very ruffled flowers with a generous deep rose center. Growing 24" tall, this plant has up to 24 buds per stalk and a good rebloom in the fall which follows the first flowering period in July.

'Dynamite Returns' The newest repeat bloomer from Dr. Darrel Apps offers a rich deep pink color (with overtones of coral red), 4" diameter ruffled flowers with up to 40 buds on each flower scape. Rebloomer for up to 90 days, growing 18" tall, this plant is destined to be one of the most useful "doers" in our gardens.

'Fragrant Return' This is a sport of 'Happy Returns' with large yellow, repeat blooming flowers from late May until September. BUT, this flower has a nice strong fragrance! 18" tall. Breeding of repeat bloomers has, until now, eliminated fragrance. This is a breakthrough.

'Francis of Assisi' Deep purple/wine flowers 6" across (!), edged in white picotee. 26" tall, simply stunning.

'Hush Little Baby' Considered one of the very best true pink daylilies in cultivation, the flowers are 5" across, very ruffled; the petals lighten as they approach the chartreuse yellow center. Starts in mid-July and often reblooms in August. 22" tall. A real beauty!

'Peppermint Lady' Silvery pink flowers with a lemon yellow center that radiates out from the center. 24" tall, softly fragrant, a real beauty for the July garden.

'Red Cadet' This variety was given to me as a gift by one of my suppliers. I liked it so much, I planted it in my home daylily border by the road. Big, beefy red flowers on 22" scapes; flowers are 3 1/2" across. Bred by Daryll Apps in 1991, this has stood the test of time. July-August bloom period.

'Roses in Snow' Drop dead gorgeous deep rosy red blooms have a wide, ruffled white edge on each petal. July blooming, 24" tall. If you see this in flower, you will want it!

'Spacecoast Starburst' Glowing yellow, deep and curly ruffles surround the softest lavender pink flowers with a yellow center. Grows 26-28" tall, a real beauty.

'Sunset Returns' A very low growing, repeat blooming beauty with pastel yellow flowers blushed pink, heavily ruffled, 3" across. Cycles into bloom from late June through early fall. 22" tall flower scapes above very compact foliage.

Heuchera

'Beaujolais' A French introduction, bred from our native *H. villosa*. Large burgundy leaves have a silver cast and wine red markings. Very vigorous and VERY tolerant of heat and humidity, the foliage won't fade in the sun. Dense clumps grow 12" tall, 14" wide.

'Frosted Violet' An introduction from The Primrose Path nursery, this *villosa* hybrid is very vigorous and does best in partial shade. The spring foliage is pink-violet and grows 12" tall. The flowers are soft pink, on airy wands 30" tall in June and July.

'Hercules' This is an improved green and cream variegated *H. sanguinea* type with bright red flowers in June and July. The contrast of the foliage and the flower spikes is really striking. Vigorous, hardy, and a hummingbird magnet. Grows 12" tall, 14" wide. An eye catching little accent plant for the front of the garden.

'Hollywood' A Terra Nova introduction, the rich coral-red flower spikes and beautiful purple/silver ruffled foliage make this really stand out. The flowers keep on coming from late spring through the summer and make great cut flowers. A tidy, compact grower, the foliage reaches 8-10" tall, the flowers 14" tall. Calling all hummingbirds!

'Miracle' Wild and wonderful coloration, unlike anything else in Heucheras. From the French breeder Thierry Delabroye, the brick red leaves have a golden chartreuse margin on the edges. Don't worry, the amazing edging doesn't appear until late spring. Flowers are in mid-late summer, a pale pinkish white. But it's this very cool coleus-like foliage you grow this plant for! A *villosa* hybrid, very vigorous. Best in afternoon shade.

'Raspberry Ice' Dark purple foliage with silver frosting topped by raspberry pink flowers 24" tall in summer. Very good for partial shade under trees.

'Silver Scrolls' Beautiful silver foliage; in spring, the leaves have deep burgundy venation, becoming all silver as summer arrives. Very soft pink, almost white flowers in late spring rise up to 24", adding even more brightness to the shade. A good clumper, reaching 12" across the first year in the garden.

***villosa* 'Citronelle'** From France, this golden leafed variety is a mutation from the amazing 'Caramel'. Best in partial shade, the foliage simply glows. Very vigorous, as its parentage is our native *H. villosa*. Creamy white sprays of flowers add to the appeal in late summer. 12" tall, 14" wide.

'Mocha' This is a plant I discovered last year, and have been using it in designs ever since. It stands out in my mind as one of the best new introductions in a long time. Foliage is a deep chocolate color, burgundy below, not real shiny, clean and gorgeous. 16" tall, clumps up easily, pretty white flowers in late summer and fall.

'Pinot Gris' A hybrid of 'Caramel', this French hybrid variety begins blushed with orange, then changes to smoky rose steeped in silver and deep purple undersides as the weather warms up. Quite vigorous, the foliage is only 10" tall, but can spread to 18" wide. Creamy white flower sprays in late summer.

Heucherella

'Strike It Rich Gold' Striking foliage is the feature of this Proven Winners selection. Golden foliage with burgundy markings simply glows, making it an ideal specimen for shady container plants. In the garden, the foliage forms a vigorous clump 8" tall, with the very pale pink flowers in May/early June reaching 14". Imagine the combinations you can create!

Hibiscus

moscheutos 'Brandy Punch' Deep, dark purple foliage and huge raspberry pink flowers on 3' tall plants. A knockout combination for August.

'Summer Storm' Dark purple, maple-shaped foliage is really striking; my grower says "it sells the plant". I think the giant deep rose flowers streaked with dark pink contrasting with the leaves will turn a few heads! Grows 4-5' tall.

Hosta

'Aristocrat' Very dark blue-green leaves have a wide, showy, creamy yellow border. Heart shaped foliage reaches 12" tall, 16" wide. Slow growing at first, but worth the wait.

'Bill Brincka' A very vigorous grower, this beauty has very glossy green leaves with broad yellow margins and rippled edges. They stay clean as can be, growing 4-5' wide. Pretty striped purple flowers reach 40" in late summer. Excellent choice for a bold, shady ground cover as it spreads by underground rhizomes.

'Captain Kirk' Deep, dark green foliage and a bright golden yellow center on a vigorous, 3' wide clump. A sport of 'Gold Standard', this will make your shade garden glow with foliage color.

'Dancing in the Rain' This is an exciting sport of the giant 'Blue Umbrellas'. The variegation is bright white, and the leaves simply glow. The edges are blue/green, like their parent. Growing up to 4' across, this plant has a thick substance that makes it very slug resistant.

'Fragrant Dream' A sport of 'Fragrant Bouquet', the flowers are large, white, and of course, sweetly fragrant in late summer. Foliage is green with a cream border; the edge turns white in late summer. The foliage grows 20" tall by almost 4' across; the flowers reach 2' tall.

'Hoosier Harmony' A sport of the wonderfully fragrant 'Royal Standard', this hosta has lemon-lime foliage with a darker green edge, forming a vigorous 3' wide clump in just a few years. Its flowers add an intoxicating scent to the August garden, rising 24-30" above the foliage. Prefers some sun for best foliage color.

'June Fever' Okay, 'June' is a sport of 'Halcyon' and 'June Fever' is a sport of 'June'... the bottom line is that the foliage is glossy, thick, slug resistant, almost completely golden with a deep, dark green edge. 15" tall, 2' wide, this is an excellent medium sized hosta.

'Pinnacle Upside Down Cake' This gorgeous golden leaf form must be in the shade. Elongated, rippled, very waxy leaves have bright golden centers with dark, deep green edges. Grows 4' across.

'Robert Frost' A big, bold specimen hosta that really stands out. Leaves are a frosty gray-green, edged in cream that turns white as summer progresses. Can spread up to 4' wide, tops out at

about 32". Late spring flowers are pale lavender. You grow this beauty for its leaves!

sieboldiana 'Golden Meadows' A new introduction from Darwin Plantspotters in Europe, this large sieboldiana hybrid has deep green leaf edges, chartreuse gold centers and green streaking. The foliage is puckered, slightly twisted, making it an unusual form. The sun brings out the best color. Grows 24" tall, 26-30" wide.

'Golden Sunburst' A golden leaf form of *Hosta sieboldiana* with heavy textured, puckered and cup shaped leaves. 26" tall. Dramatic and gorgeous.

'Thunderbolt' A large, bold hosta, growing 3' wide in just a few years. Blue green, thick, corrugated foliage is graced with creamy yellow centers. Fragrant white flowers 20" tall in early summer.

'Sugar Daddy' This is a variegated sport of the giant blue leaved 'Sugar Daddy'. Creamy white leaf margins make this dramatic plant simply glow in the shade. The flowers are the palest lavender, almost white, in June. This will grow up to 4' wide or more!

'Tom Schmid' Vase shaped, upright blue pointed foliage with a narrow white margin is related to 'Krossa Regal'. This gives a very different form to the shade garden, and begs to be underplanted with horizontal growers such as Chinese astilbes.

Hutchinsia

alpina 'Ice Cube' Teeny tiny leaves and white flowers in early spring form delicate mats of feathery foliage no more than 4" tall. For sun or partial shade, great between stepping stones.

Hypericum

calycinum 'Brigadoon' Looking for some wild foliage color? This 12" tall plant covers the ground with arching branches of golden yellow, oval foliage; new growth has a tinge of orange. Late spring/early summer St. Johnswort flowers are yellow, 2" across, with showy stamens. Give this partial shade or it will burn. Imagine combining it with *Heuchera* 'Caramel' or 'Mocha', or mix it into shady container gardens. Stunning!

Iberis

sempervirens 'Tahoe' A well branched, very uniform new selection that starts blooming about two weeks earlier than 'Snowflake', in very early April. Grows 8-10" tall.

Iliamna

remota A rare wildflower native only to Illinois. 4-5' erect stems are covered with soft, pastel pink flowers, each 2 1/2" across, in early summer. Broad, maple-like foliage is durable and easy to grow.

Iris

ensata 'August Emperor' Elegant, grand, one of the last Japanese irises to bloom. Intense purple flowers, each petal fades to blue in the center. The falls are lilac, the flowers have central yellow markings, each blossom is over 7" across! Grows 32" tall.

'Kiyozuru' Violet purple flowers, completely flecked with pink and white markings, overlapping petals. This one takes my breath away. Grows 3' tall.

'Light at Dawn' White ruffled petals, edged in purple. Frilly, soft, and luscious, this late June/early July bloomer grows to 3' tall.

'McCue's Sky Blue' Gorgeous blue flowers on 26" tall spikes. Bred in CT, this is a unique and rare Japanese iris.

germanica 'American Classic' White ruffled petals, rippled purple edges, heavily branched stems with 10-12 flowers each. Reaches 3' tall in bloom. Huge flowers.

'Cantina' An exceptionally fragrant variety (smells like grapes!) with rich purple flowers and blue streaked falls. Better yet, this iris reblooms in the fall. 30" tall.

'Clarence' This is not a new variety in my world, in fact I've been designing it into gardens for a few years. For some reason, it missed the catalog. Soft blue flowers, deeper blue falls, nicely fragrant, and a reliable rebloomer. In fact, I first met 'Clarence' in September! A very vigorous grower, an American Iris Society award winner, growing 32-36" tall.

'Firebreather' Intense tangerine orange flowers on 37" tall stalks. Now this is what I call a focal point! Pair it with *Geum* 'Mango Lassie' and underplant it with *Campanula* 'Blue Waterfall' for an unbeatable combination.

'Jennifer Rebecca' Clear pink flowers with soft lavender falls. Frilly and beautiful, this variety reblooms in the fall. An award winner, growing 26-28" tall.

'Painted Clouds' I love this name! It so fits the plant, with billowing clusters of soft lilac and peach flowers that bloom twice, in June and in the fall. The rebloomers just keep on coming...

'Savannah Sunset' Glowing orange flowers, plain and simple, will turn every head. 10-12 buds per stem, 38" tall, this plant screams accent.

'Wintry Sky' This stunning flower has deep blue standards and icy white falls; the contrast is simply gorgeous. Grows 26" tall.

'Zebra' I've always insisted this was the same as *Iris pallida* 'Variegata' but I have been corrected. The flowers are soft lavender blue and grow 30" tall. The foliage is cream and green variegated.

pallida 'Argentea Variegata' 4' tall stems topped with fragrant lavender purple flowers. Foliage is green and white variegated. This is closely related to German irises, but not quite the same. It is a species iris, and the flowers are smaller and more delicate than 'Zebra'.

pumila 'Navy Doll' A 6" dwarf iris for full sun with white standards and deep marine-blue falls. This mid-late May bloomer is just adorable!

siberica 'Bennerup Blue' Named for Pierre Bennerup, the owner of Sunny Border Nurseries, one of our major perennial suppliers. True blue flowers, 2' tall in June. Very floriferous.

'Shirley Pope' Pure purple velvet flowers contrast with the bright white signals. Grows 28" tall, a real classic.

Juncus

effusus 'Spiralis' Thick curly stems twist outward from this plant that looks like it dropped from outer space! Twisting to about 18-24" tall and wide, this is a bog plant, hardy to zone 4-9, that will actually live in standing water. Too cool for words! For sun or partial shade.

'Unicorn' This variety is a bit shorter, reaching only about 15-18" tall.

Knautia

macedonica 'Mar's Midget' A compact form of this everblooming, dayglow cerise-purple Scabiosa relative that grows only 15-18" tall. Deadhead regularly for flowers from June through October in full sun.

Kniphofia

'Early Hybrids' 2-3' tall flaming spikes that are bright orange at the top, creamy yellow at the base. July bloomer, awesome accent flower.

'Nancy's Red' Solid coral red flowers, 24" tall. A late summer bloomer. Any guesses why I like this variety?

Lamium

'Weir Meadow' A clumping form, not invasive, with green scalloped leaves marked with beautiful silver spots.

Lavandula

angustifolia 'Fashionably Late' This is a L. angustifolia variety that flowers a full month later than the species, in August and September. Deep violet flower spikes 12-15" tall over compact silver foliage.

Leucanthemum

superbum 'Brightside' A 'Becky' hybrid, this equally long summer bloomer grows 32" tall with large white daisies in July and August. Vigorous and fast to establish, great for cutting.

'Old Court Variety' A really unusual flower form in the normally conservative world of Shasta daisies. Thin, finely cut petals curl around a yellow center. I can't wait to add this to my cutting flower collection, it is totally different. 2-3' tall stems produce flowers from late June through late August if kept deadheaded.

x superbum 'Goldrausch' Another very unique flower form, bred in Germany. Creamy YELLOW petals surround a ring of shorter petals, surrounding a gold center. This offers a frilly appearance and unique texture, ideal for cutting. A long bloomer, expect flowers to keep on coming from mid-June till the end of August if deadheaded. 14" tall, vigorous and heat tolerant, no staking needed.

Lewisia

cotyledon 'Fransi' A great mix of flowers in orange shades; 10" tall.

'Rondo' Miniature variety, very floriferous, 8-10" tall flowers of orange, yellow, and red.

Ligularia

'Golden Torch' Brilliant yellow flower spikes, 36" tall, with strong, deep red stems bloom from late July until early September. A plant that will glow in moist, rich soil and afternoon shade.

'Osiris Fantaisie' A truly different leaf form, my first reaction was "is it hardy?" Yes, it is, to zone 4! Deeply serrated, bold leaves with burgundy undersides, purple stems. Late summer golden yellow flowers sit right atop the foliage, 24" tall. The leaves are really the show.

Ligusticum

scoticum This plant is native to New England and endangered in CT. Found in salt marshes and in rock crevices along the shore, the white umbel flowers grow 18-24" tall and bloom in July/August. For gardens, use in the front of the border for its very durable, hardy, delicate white flower sprays in late summer.

Lilium

asiatica 'Blackout' Deep, dark red (almost black) flowers on 24-30" stems in June.

'Laetitia' Rich, glowing deep red flowers, 24-30" tall, an ideal accent for the late June garden.

LA hybrid 'Brindisi' Rich, clean pink flowers are slightly fragrant, stand up tall on 4' stems, July blooming.

oriental 'Acapulco' Deep, rich pink flowers with deeper pink stripes and spots on 34-40" stems, heavenly fragrant.

OT hybrid 'Robina' Elegant lilac pink fragrant flowers with white throats face outwards on 3-4' stems. A show stopper for the July garden.

Lobelia

'Fan Blue' Deep, rich blue/purple spikes are a knockout on this 2' tall late season bloomer. Another excellent introduction from the Fan series.

'Fan Deep Rose' The Fan series of perennial lobelias are known for their heavily branched, prolific spikes covered with exceptionally large flowers. This color is a rich, rosy pink, growing 2' tall. Late August/September bloomer for partial shade. Will tolerate moisture in the soil, but, as with all perennial lobelias, the crowns should not sit in water over the winter.

'Fan Salmon' A salmon pink form, 20" tall. Great new color.

'Fan Scarlet' A deep scarlet red form, 20" tall.

Lupinus

'Gallery Pink' We now carry many colors of this great dwarf lupine series. Deep pink spikes grow only 15-18" tall. Expect over a dozen flowers on a mature plant.

'Gallery Red' Showy deep cherry red spikes, 15-18" tall. A fabulous accent color.

Lychnis

alpina A wonderful little rockery plant with brilliant pink flowers over tufts of deep green foliage. Butterflies love it! Blooms in late May/June, a diminutive gem reaching only 4-6" tall. Ideal for the trough or rockery; grows well tucked into rock crevices.

arkwrightii 'Lengai Orange' A showy dwarf plant for the sunny garden. Chocolate/maroon foliage is topped with brilliant orange flowers in June. Grows only 10" tall.

'Lengai Red' This variety has brilliant red showy flowers over the same chocolate foliage. 10" tall.

Monarda

didyma 'Grand Marshall' Canadian bred introduction (part of the Morden Monarda Program) with brilliant fuchsia purple flowers on 12-16" tall mounds in July and August. Extremely mildew resistant.

Mukdenia

rossii 'Crimson Fans' A dramatic new shade plant from China introduced by Terra Nova Nurseries. Bold maple-like foliage emerges green in the spring, then turns brilliant crimson around the edges, aging to burgundy in the fall. It is a slow clumper, reaching about 24" across and 12" tall in a few years. Tiny white flowers appear in spring. It's the leaves you grow this plant for! Provide organic, rich, moisture retentive soil when establishing. After a few years, it will tolerate dry shade under trees.

Oenothera

fruticosa 'Fireworks' In my search for the true, old fashioned evening primrose found in all Grandmothers gardens, this appears to fit the bill. The buds and stems are red, the flowers are big and sunny yellow in June, after which it can be cut down to basal foliage. As fall and winter sets in, the leaves turn brilliant red. We have this in the Natureworks gardens, and it is a classic "pass-along plant", but we still can't dig enough of it to supply the demand. 15-18" tall.

macrophylla 'Silver Wings' Long, linear silver foliage is topped with 3-4" diameter lemon yellow flowers that fade to peach as they mature. Growing only 4-5" tall, and blooming all summer long, this dwarf sun-lover is similar to 'Lemon Silver', but much shorter and compact. Careful breeding and selection has paid off with a superior variety that opens in late afternoon and remains open until the next morning. Place it near your sunny terrace or deck.

odorata 'Sulphurea' The description of this plant sounds an awful lot like the biennial "poppers" that delight us each evening in the summer. Large, fragrant lemon yellow flowers open in the evening on 2-3' stems. I will grow it and check it out. Let it self sow to assure longevity.

Omphalodes

cappadocica 'Cherry Ingram' A forget-me-not relative, navelwort has dainty blue flowers that arise from bright green, oval foliage in May. 6-8" tall, an excellent shade plant to blend with bulbs and spring ephemerals. Likes well drained soil; native to Turkey.

Paeonia

lactiflora 'Coral Sunset' An American Peony Society Gold Medal winner, this peony has rich coral flowers blending to soft yellow in the center with very showy yellow stamens. 28" tall, fragrant, a striking color not often found in peonies.

'Dancing Butterfly' A deep pink, single flowering form that grows 28" tall. Fragrant flowers resemble lotus blossoms.

'Dr. Alexander Fleming' Exceptionally fragrant, deep rose pink double flowers on 30" stems. An old fashioned favorite for picking.

'Early Scout' Dark red single flowers with heavy yellow stamens in the center. Non-floppy, grows 24-26" tall. Foliage is very ferny.

'Eden's Perfume' Where have I been? All of my growers have recently told me that if I'm looking for fragrant peonies, this is the one! Fully double, voluptuous flowers of the softest rose pink have a layer of creamy white ruffled petals in the center. It is luscious, gorgeous, and grows 2-3' tall.

'Gardenia' The name suggests fragrance- yes, this white peony is very sweet. 30" tall, double bomb type, classic flowers.

'Karl Rosenfield' First introduced in 1908, this classic red peony is still one of the most popular varieties available. 30" tall, fragrant, rich crimson red flowers pair perfectly with purple Siberian irises.

'Lady Orchid' Soft lavender-pink, pastel flowers on 28" stems. A real beauty, lightly fragrant.

'Monsieur Jules Elie' An old fashioned favorite, fragrant light pink bomb-type flowers, 34" tall.

'Whopper' Strong stems, 36-40" tall topped with strongly fragrant soft pink flowers with a fluffy creamy and pale pink center. A true bomb type, old fashioned and gorgeous.

suffruticosa 'Dark Purple' P. suffruticosa varieties are tree peonies that maintain a woody framework all winter and bloom a few weeks earlier in the spring. Older plants are prized by gardeners. This form has deep purple flowers.

'Hanakiso' "Pink dragon in a pink pool" is the Japanese translation for this flower. And yes, the clear pink flower petals will take your breath away. Enormous blossoms grace this beauty in late May.

'Hatsugarasu' Deep red, almost black fringed flower petals translates to "the early crow". Stunning when in bloom, slow growing, patience truly pays off each spring when this elegant plant blooms.

'High Noon' This is a clear yellow flowering form, bred in America, absolutely breathtaking when in bloom. The buttery yellow flower petals have red markings at each base. Slightly fragrant.

'Hoki' Semi-double, brilliant red flowers with showy yellow center stamens.

'Maroon' This tree peony has rich, maroon red flowers with yellow centers. Grows 2-3' tall.

'Yoshinogawa' Delicate, pale pink, huge single flowers look like crepe paper.

Papaver

orientalis 'Eye Catcher' Very strong stems hold up these intense watermelon red, semi-double flowers with a black center. 30-36" tall in bloom. Wow!

'King Kong' Another Future Plants introduction with huge red flowers on 40" tall stems. This will really turn heads- try it in combination with purple Siberian irises.

'Mandarin' Short and compact plants give rise to orange-red flowers on strong stems 20-24" tall. A Future Plants introduction.

'Queen Alexandra' Soft peachy-pink flowers with rich black centers. Grows 18-24" tall. Pink poppies fly out of here when they bloom; this color is irresistible!

Pardancanda

norrissii 'Dazzler' I planted one of these in my own gardens, the August flowers were a rich wine/burgundy color I couldn't resist. The foliage looks just like a bearded iris, the flowers are on long arching sprays 24-36" tall. They bloom in the heat of the summer; 'Dazzler' is a mixture of bright, showy colors. Great for cutting.

Penstemon

digitalis 'Mystica' I love this idea, a soft pink flowering form of D. 'Husker's Red' which has deep burgundy red basal foliage and white flowers. A very hardy, easy to grow native plant, the leaves really catch the eye in the spring. Now the flowers will too, when they bloom on 28-32" stems. A great cut flower, June blooming.

Persicaria

affinis 'Border Jewel' An excellent ground cover, very drought tolerant. Flowers start as pale pink spikes, with the calyxes darkening to burgundy red as they age. Good choice for slopes and difficult areas. Leathery, oval foliage also turns burgundy in the fall. A work horse, perfect for border edging, 8-12" tall, late summer and fall bloomer.

'Darjeeling Red' Rose pink spikes quickly turn to deep red, with the effect much richer in color than 'Border Jewel'.

Blooming August to October, this is a durable edging plant that is at home in sun or partial shade. Leathery leaves turn burgundy in the fall, adding color to the late season garden.

'Dimity' The fastest spreader of the bunch, this Blooms of Bressingham hybrid grows 6-10" tall, with deep pink flowers fading to burgundy red. July-Sept. blooming, this work horse will add a steady display of color to the front of a sunny or partially shaded border. Leathery foliage turns bronze in fall. Tolerates moist soil.

capitata 'Magic Carpet' A neat ground cover that tolerates hot sun or partial shade. Foliage is bronze, stems are red, flowers are round pink balls; an all summer bloomer that only grows 4-6" tall.

polymorpha This dramatic perennial is a favorite of designer Wolfgang Ohme, who introduced the New American Garden movement to this country. White fluffy plumes top 4-5' tall non-invasive clumps in June and early July. Ideal for larger scale sunny borders where you want a plant that is easy to establish

and very showy. Plumes eventually fade to tan; leave on for a nice fall display.

Phlox

paniculata 'Light Pink Flame' I saw this really pretty, clean pink dwarf phlox (with a hint of rich coral) at a nursery tour last fall. I knew I had to have it to combine with blue Platycodons and other blue late summer flowers. I wouldn't exactly call it light pink at all! Grows only 12-15" tall, very clean.

'Scarlet Flame' Compact plants grow only 12-15" tall. Scarlet red, glowing flowers are a hummingbird and butterfly magnet. The Flame Series is very mildew resistant. Late July/August blooming.

'Sherbet Cocktail' Another marvelous Jan Vershoor introduction, this is the first Phlox paniculata to show any yellow in its flower petals. It is an amazing combination of lavender, pink, cream, and soft yellow. 28" tall, late July through early September blooming.

'Volcano Ruby' 2' tall, deep ruby red flowers, clean as a whistle. Yes! The Volcano series keeps on getting better and better. Add a great new color to your late July/August sunny borders.

subulata 'Appleblossom' Pretty pale pink flowers with a deep pink eye. Sometimes, you just don't want a brilliant color in the spring garden!

'Dirigo Arbutus' A lovely, very light pink creeping phlox. This is an old fashioned variety with slightly smaller blooms that are soft and pretty. May flowers spread on 3-5" tall plants.

'McDaniel's Cushion' A tight growing, compact plant (a cross between P. subulata and P. douglasii). Giant hot pink flowers in late April and May completely cover this 3-4" tall plant. A good choice if you don't want your creeping phlox to ramble all over the garden.

'Purple Beauty' Bright purple flowers cover 4" tall creeping mats of needle-like foliage. This one really looks good with yellow daffodils.

'Ronsdorfer Beauty' Nice bright pink flowers with a deeper red eye zone make this fast spreading ground cover pop!

'Scarlet Flame' This plant has been requested repeatedly by my customers. Brilliant cerise red flowers are the brightest available.

'White Delight' An excellent white form of creeping phlox (a.k.a. May pinks) with large, abundant white flowers that completely clothe the plant. Slightly fragrant! Late April/May blooming, for full sun.

x **paniculata 'Peppermint Twist'** Bred by Jan Vershoor of the Netherlands, this resembles Phlox 'Natasha', with the same magenta and white bicolor flowers, but the panicles are much larger and rounder, showing the paniculata blood. A vigorous, floriferous cutting flower, quite fragrant. Growing only 16-20" tall, it never needs staking. Late July-early September blooming.

Polemonium

'Blue Habit' Intensely deep blue, fragrant flowers over very tight, deep green, compact foliage. This plant only grows 12-15" tall. An excellent subject for the front of the border; blooms late May and June. Combine with Digitalis grandiflora for a classic combination that will make you swoon.

reptans 'Touch of Class' A sport of the wonderful 'Stairway to Heaven', this variety has even brighter, whiter variegation and the same pretty blue flowers in May. Grows 14" tall.

Polygonatum

biflorum This is our North American native Solomon's Seal with 2-3' tall arching stems and creamy white dangling flowers tipped in green. An excellent plant for dry shade as it spreads by rhizomes; good foliage all season. Blue berries in fall.

Potentilla

tridentata 'Snow White' A CT native, this is called three-toothed cinquefoil. White flowers 4-6" tall from June through August. Grows best in full sun with acidic, well drained soil. This variety has been bred for larger flowers.

Primula

capitata 'Salvana' Deep violet blue balls of flowers have silvery stems and flower buds. Grows 7-9" tall, bloom in the summertime, June and July, an unusual time to see primroses in bloom.

ssp. mooreana A highly unusual Tibetan primrose with 10" flower stems covered in silver dust, topped by purple globe flowers, also silver dusted, in July and early August. I spotted this last year, and thought it was the most unusual primrose I'd seen in a long time.

japonica 'Alba' If you are looking for pure white flowers to brighten up your semi-shady, wet, woodland area, this is the plant for you. 2-3' stems are covered in flowers right around Mother's Day. Don't deadhead; watch for self sown plants to appear.

veris 'Sunset Shades' The old fashioned cowslip primrose now comes in all sorts of hot colors- orange, deep red, and rich salmon.

vialli A very unusual flower form that looks nothing like any other primrose you know. A striking bi-color effect is achieved because deep red bracts give rise to purple flowers. The bicolor poker-shaped spikes, 12-18" tall, look more like a Veronica than a primrose! Summer blooming, this is a good butterfly nectar flower for partial shade and rich, moist soil.

vulgaris 'Captain Blood' You guessed it, double dark blood red flowers in early spring. April blooming, 3-5" tall. I can only imagine the combinations with spring bulbs.

'Cerise Boo Boo' Yes, I had to grow this because of its name! This is a fully double, dark cerise pink form of English primrose, a showstopper in April, 3-5" tall. Discovered at a CT nursery, a rare gem for the spring woodland garden.

x polyantha 'Elizabeth Killelay' A real beauty with fragrant deep maroon red, double flowers edged in gold. Grows 6" tall and 12" across.

x pubescens These primroses are one of the oldest forms in cultivation; you will see them in the still life paintings of the masters. They have a basal rosette of shiny foliage, and flowers of every color. 6-8" tall, early spring blooming. Need full sun and good drainage, great in troughs.

Pulmonaria

'Blue Ensign' Solid green leaves and gorgeous intense blue flowers. I've always loved the species *P. angustifolia* because of its amazing flower color. This hybrid is much more compact and floriferous. You grow this plant for the flowers. Yes!

'Samurai' Long, linear, shimmering silver foliage; a cross of *P. longifolia* var. *cevennensis* (linear spotted leaves) and *P. 'Majeste'* (amazing silver foliage). It is the most popular *Pulmonaria* in England. The flowers start pink, and turn bluish-purple. This plant simply glows. 8-12" tall, much more tolerant of our hot summers than any other silver variety.

Pulsatilla

vulgaris 'Papageno' Amazing variety of pasque flower with frilly double flowers of red, purple, pink or white in April/May. Grows 8-10" tall; fluffy seed pods are pretty in summer, fringed foliage is an added bonus. For sun or partial shade in well drained soil.

Rheum

palmatum var. tanguiticum This form of ornamental rhubarb has cut foliage that emerges red, becomes deep green, and is flushed purple in the fall. Giant 2-3' panicles of pinkish white flowers tower over the broad foliage in late spring. Leave a 3' footprint in the garden for this drama queen. Best in partial shade. Not edible.

Rosularia

sempervivum ssp. glaucophylla I met this plant last summer, when putting together mixed alpine centerpieces for a wedding. Succulent blue grey rosettes 4-5" tall love the sun, look really neat up close. Flowers are creamy white.

Rudbeckia

fulgida v. sullivantii 'City Gardens' A very dwarf form of our native, perennial black eyed Susan, growing only 12" tall! A European discovery, sure to be one of the best front of the border plants for small gardens. Blooms July through early Sept., takes sun or partial shade.

Salvia

'Mystic Spires' A dwarf form of the amazing 'Indigo Spires' growing 18-24" tall. This plant never needs staking. The flower spikes stand straight up, with the same deep indigo blue color beloved in its parent. This tender perennial takes the heat, blooming from July until the tail end of fall.

Saxifraga

arendsii 'Blood Carpet' Saxifragas are excellent trough plants. Evergreen rosettes carpet the soil, topped by 4-8" tall carmine red flowers in late May/June. Delicate and lovely.

moschata 'Cloth of Gold' Brilliant golden foliage, rosettes of an unusual texture, spread across the surface of the alpine garden. Delicate white spring flowers. A real eye-catcher.

paniculata minutifolia 'Red Backed Spider' Silvery leaves backed with rosy red. Flowers are white spotted red in late spring.

Sedum

album ssp. micranthum Cool succulent with round jellybean-like succulent foliage. 1/2" tall, tiny white July flowers.

ellacombianum 'Akebono' A low rockery plant that is grown for its foliage. All new flushes of growth emerge silvery white, turning green in the summer, reflushing white in the fall. Tolerates extreme drought and heat. 4-8" tall.

'Sunkissed' An upright sedum with gray-green foliage tinged bronze and and large rounded clusters of pale YELLOW flowers, something very new in our plant palette. A Future Plants introduction, this drought tolerant sun lover grows 16-18" tall and blooms in late summer.

Senecio

aureus This is an American Beauty native plant that likes rich, moist soil in either sun or shade; it is often found in woodland gardens. Clusters of yellow daisy flowers rise 6-8" above basal, leathery green foliage in April, creating a bright and cheerful effect. The leaves remain attractive all season, often evergreen in winter. Spreading mats of foliage help fill spaces in the woodland garden after spring ephemerals go dormant.

Sisyrinchium

bellum 'California Skies' Oh- so- pretty sky blue flowers on this 8" tall compact dwarf. Same May/June bloom period; a good color addition to this popular plant for containers and rockeries.

'E.K. Balls' A very compact form of blue eyed grass with deep blue flowers, growing only 8" tall. Blooms May and June, with rebloom in summer if watered occasionally. Best flowering in full sun.

Solidago

'Little Lemon' Consider this: it's easy to grow, completely hardy, blooms in late July and August, just when you need color, is a pretty lemon yellow color, soft and fluffy. If you cut it back, it will rebloom again in the fall. It only grows 8-12" tall, so it's perfect for the front of the border. It tolerates drought and hot burning sun. Who wouldn't want it? The problem is, the common name is goldenrod, a plant that unfairly has a bad rap. The Europeans love our native goldenrods, and they use them all the time in their gardens. This one was bred in Isreal. Go figure! And no, you won't get hay fever from goldenrod. Try it, I did, and I love it! In fact, pair it with *Gentiana makinoi* 'Marsha'. Yes!

Stachys

coccinea 'Pow Wow' A tender perennial for hot, sunny summer gardens or containers. Native to Texas, this hummingbird magnet has rich coral flower spikes 12" tall over scalloped foliage.

Tanacetum

coccineum 'Super Duplex' A fabulous mixture of single semi-double, fringed daisy flowers in reds, pinks, and white. Long wiry stems for cutting, 24-30" tall.

Teucrium

'Summer Sunshine' This is a completely new plant to me, a germander with golden foliage. Cool! Germander is one of the hardiest flowering herbs, deer proof, durable and very easy to grow. These tight mounds of showy golden foliage are topped with short lavender pink spikes in July. 6-8" tall, a great foliage anchor plant for the front of the border. In full sun, the color is brightest. Will also tolerate dappled shade, with the foliage turning a soft chartreuse.

Thermopsis

chinensis 'Sophia' This is a Baptisia relative that is equally easy to grow. A new introduction from China, 'Sophia' is a very floriferous, compact dwarf, growing 18-24" tall and topped with buttery yellow, dense flower spikes in late May and June. Excellent blue/green pea-like foliage makes this an ideal front of the sunny border plant all season.

Tiarella

cordifolia 'Dark Star' This foamflower has *T. wherryi* blood in it, making it very easy to establish. It forms a clump 18-24" wide and has green star-shaped foliage with a burgundy blotch in the center. The flowers are pretty white wands, reaching 12-14" tall, all during May, possibly beyond.

'Crow Feather' You grow this plant for its amazing foliage which is deeply dissected, marked with a long black feather mark in the spring, changing to all shades of pink, bronze, and coral in the fall and winter. Fragrant hot pink flowers, 10" tall in May, add to its appeal.

'Pink Skyrocket' A Terra Nova introduction, the foliage is deeply cut, with burgundy markings in the center. The flowers are pretty pink brushes, one of the most floriferous varieties ever seen. Forms a tidy clump 6" tall in the shady garden; flowers reach 10-12" in May.

wherryi Why, with all the new fancy foamflower hybrids available, would I carry this old favorite? Well, it reblooms in late summer/fall, for one reason. The other is that its really easy to grow, with a clumping (non-running habit). A real good native shade plant that blooms for 4-6 weeks starting in May, with fluffy white spikes tinged very pale pink, 12-18" tall.

Trillium

erectum 'Album' White flowers, upright facing. This Eastern U.S. native blooms in May in shady, woodland gardens. 12" tall.

Veronica

allionii 'Blue Pixie' This is a very long blooming, dwarf Veronica with 4-6" tall deep purple/blue flower spikes in June and July, much longer if regularly deadheaded. Foliage is clean and shiny. Ideal for the front of the sunny border in drifts of 3-5

plants. Try combining it with Sedum 'Angelina' or Inula ensifolia to really make it pop!

'Baby Doll' A result of over 7 years of breeding in the Netherlands, this 12" tall dwarf veronica stays compact, with lavender pink spikes from late June until early August. Abundant flower spikes make these an ideal front of the border plant for sunny gardens.

spicata 'Foxy Lady' The first bicolored Veronica, a sport of 'Red Fox'. 12-15" tall spikes are bright fuchsia pink and white. The green foliage is low growing, and the entire plant has a compact, dwarf habit. Late June blooming, keeps on going for 6 weeks or more as long as you deadhead it.

'Purpleicious' An excellent new hybrid that tolerates the heat and humidity of summer. Abundant spikes of deep purple reach 20" tall, bloom July through August if deadheaded. Rip out your old Veronicas that flop and get diseased and try this vastly improved variety in your garden. Dutch breeder Jan Verschoor chose this plant for long flower spikes on short stems, making it compact. It won't need staking!

Vinca

minor 'Sunny Skies' A sport of 'Bowles', this is a variegated form with green and creamy yellow foliage that is very stable, really glows in the shade. Blue flowers in April.

Viola

'Blue Moon' Very soft, china blue flowers with pale yellow centers. Very heat tolerant, will bloom all spring. 10-14" tall, great in containers.

cornuta 'Etain' Lemon yellow flowers with the prettiest of lavender edges. Grows less than 2" tall, an all spring bloomer.

Wulfenia

carinthiaca A new alpine that I couldn't resist. Native to Austria and the Albanian Alps, basal rosettes of scalloped shiny green foliage give rise to stunning blue flower spikes 8" tall. A late spring bloomer, best in full sun with good drainage.

Yucca

nana Very dwarf form of yucca with thin, blue-green foliage growing only 10" tall. Foliage has white, curling hairs as it matures. Perfect for the smaller scale hot sun garden. 3' tall white flower stalks in summer on mature plants.

SHRUBS

Azalea

nudiflorum 'Deep Pink' Our fragrant native Pinxterbloom deciduous azalea is now available with much deeper pink flowers. May blooming, fragrant, 8-10' tall, ideal for the woodland edge.

Caryopteris

x clandonensis 'Petit Bleu' A Proven Winners Color Choice selection, this is a very compact, well branched Caryopteris with deep, dark violet-blue flowers in September. It grows only 24-30" tall. Foliage is deep green and glossy. Ideal choice for front and center in a hot, sunny border.

Clethra

alnifolia 'September Beauty' Extend the season by growing this new patented selection of summersweet that blooms a month later than the others, in September. Extra large white flowers sweeten the air (I grow mine next to the deck where I sit at night). The shrub reaches 4-6' tall and 3-4' wide. Very glossy foliage.

Daphne

transatlantica 'Eternal Fragrance' This is a variety of the everblooming Daphne transatlantica that is taking the gardening world by storm. The soft pink flowers emit a powerful fragrance from spring until fall. The first round of blooms appear in May, on last year's wood. After a period of growth for 4-5 weeks, the new wood starts to form flowers. These continue until frost. This shrub grows 2-3' tall, is compact in habit, and needs full sun and excellent drainage.

Hydrangea

macrophylla 'Royal Purple' This mophead hydrangea turns a riveting shade of deep purple in acidic soils. Grows 4-5' tall. Blooms on last year's wood, hardy to zone 5a.

Lagerstroemia

indica 'Dynamite' Last summer, I spent a week on one of the Thimble Islands in Branford. I fell in love with a glowing red crape myrtle and kept taking walks to visit it. I decided I had to carry a plant that could offer such color punch to the August landscape. Hardy to zone 6, 'Dynamite' is the showiest and hardiest red available to Connecticut gardeners. May reach 10-12' tall, but more likely will stay 4-5' tall as it will die back each winter unless you have a REALLY sheltered spot. Blooms on new wood.

Lespedeza

bicolor 'Summer Beauty' A graceful, arching shrub with violet pink flowers in late summer and early fall. Grows 4-5' wide and tall, but should be cut back to the ground every spring as it

blooms best on all new wood. Excellent cultivar discovered in the Netherlands.

Spirea

x van houttei 'Pink Ice' A variegated bridal wreath spirea with a pink edge to each leaf in the spring that turns creamy white in summer, and back to pink in the fall. Grows 5-6' tall and wide with arching branches covered in white flowers in early June. A deer resistant plant.

Vaccinium

corymbosum 'Bluecrop' One of the most popular blueberry varieties in the country, this consistently provides large, delicious berries in mid-season. Grows 5-6' tall.

'Darrow' This blueberry produces a late crop of huge, delicious berries, each the size of a nickel. Highbush, 5-6' tall.

'Lateblue' One of the latest varieties to fruit, medium to large firm, tart berries. Extend your season with this one!

FERNS

Dryopteris

cycadina A very hardy Japanese fern with leathery fronds that reach 2' tall.

GRASSES

Calamagrostis

acutiflora 'Eldorado' The first green and gold variegated form of feather reed grass. Now this is a variety I can play with, matching it with other easy care plants such as Coreopsis 'Full Moon' or Inula ensifolia. Summer flower spikes 4-5' tall, very rigid, making a strong vertical accent plant. Spreads only 2-3 wide, perfect for the smaller garden. Full sun.

Carex

morrowii 'Silk Tassel' Wispy green and white vertically striped foliage offers a very airy, delicate texture for the woodland garden. Grows 12" tall. The leaves appear silvery from a distance; I can imagine them paired with Pulmonaria 'Samurai'. Tolerates average or moist soil.

Eragrostis

spectabilis Delicate and airy clouds of pink seed heads rise 2' above mounds of linear green foliage in the fall. I located mine where the setting sun shines through the misty flower heads. Full sun, sandy well drained soil.

Hakonechloa

'Beni Kaze' 28-30" tall mound of feathery green foliage turns red in the fall. This adds quite an accent to the partially shaded, woodland garden. Graceful and beautiful.

Miscanthus

sinensis 'Rigoletto' A dwarf form of M. 'Variegatus' with bright white vertical stripes on dense, compact, non-floppy plants that grow only 2-3' tall and wide. This is a long awaited plant, ideal for smaller gardens, perfect as the centerpiece for larger containers.

Pennisetum

alopecuroides 'Piglet' A wonderful new dwarf fountain grass growing 18-24" tall. It is half the size of 'Hameln' and MUCH showier than 'Little Bunny'. I can think of dozens of uses for this valuable new introduction. Full sun.

ROSES

Rosa

'Bonica' Go back to our catalogs of the 90's, and you will see 'Bonica' listed in every one. She's back! This Meidiland hybrid has stood the test of time, with soft pink double blooms, arching canes, beautiful fall rose hips, and zone 4 hardiness. A vigorous shrub, reaching 4-5' tall, good repeat bloomer.

'Burgundy Iceberg' This floribunda is taking the rose world by storm. Clusters of deep purple-red flowers with a cream reverse exude a sweet honey scent. An easy to grow shrub grows 3-4' tall, reblooming from late June through the fall. Hardy and very clean, almost thornless.

'Carefree Wonder' This shrub rose has large, double, deep pink flowers; the outside of the petals are white. It has the most classic form of any of the Carefree series. 3-5' tall, very hardy (zone 4) and easy to grow.

'Climbing America' Rich coral flowers, strong spicy fragrance, climbs 8-10'. This is a very vigorous rose with enormous, showy flowers that are fully double, a classic form.

'Coral Drift' This category of roses is perfect for ground cover applications. 'Coral Drift' has deep coral pink flowers, 5-8 per stem, on compact plants that grow only 12-18" tall, spreading 18-24". Extremely hardy, clean, disease resistant, these workhorses repeat bloom all season.

'Dublin Bay' Fragrant, large, velvety, deep red fully double flowers offer a classic red climber anyone would love to sit under. Repeats all the way until late fall. 8-10' tall canes.

'Fragrant Lavender Simplicity' I've grown pink Simplicity roses for years, but haven't seen a fragrant one. This vigorous hedge rose has soft lavender flowers with a citrus scent. Upright growing to 4-5' this rose is hardy to zone 5, a steady repeat bloomer, and very easy to grow.

'Gene Boerner' These flowers are perfection if you are looking for a classic rose for cutting. Clear pink flowers, a mild spicy fragrance, flowers born in clusters on compact 4' tall shrubs. An old fashioned variety from the 60's that I have always admired.

'Jacob's Robe' I've always loved 'Joseph's Coat' rose, but abandoned selling it because it was not strong or clean. Weeks Roses has now bred a followup, that has similar amazing color changes- blushing yellow to pink to orange red, but this plant is much stronger and is an excellent rebloomer. 10-12' canes produce flowers on old and new wood. Nice spicy fragrance.

'Kateryna' Soft and lovely fragrant, shell pink single flowers cover this 3' shrub rose. Compact and clean, this is a fabulous repeat bloomer named for the breeder's granddaughter. My only niece is named Caterina, so this will earn a special place in my garden as well.

'Lady Elsie May' Where have I been? I visited Elizabeth Park in June, and this rose just jumped out at me. Clean as a whistle, vigorous, and a gorgeous color of rich coral pink. This 3-4' tall shrub rose has semi-double flowers that keeps on reblooming well into the fall. Bred by Reinhard Noack, who brought us 'Flower Carpet' roses. AARS award winner in 2005.

'Mardi Gras' An AARS winner for 2008! The blossoms are a mixture of salmon, pink, orange, and yellow. The buds unfurl to

perfect flowers, fragrant, ideal for cutting. Grows 4' tall, forming a well branched shrub that is very disease resistant.

'Pretty Lady' Every year, for Mother's Day, I planted a rose in my Mom's yard. To this day, 'Pretty Lady' greets me as I walk in the kitchen door. Soft peachy pink flowers keep on coming until late fall. This sweetly scented floribunda rose has a classic look, and blooms in clusters. Hardy, clean, and a wonderful choice for an easy care shrub rose. Grows 3-4' tall.

'Scarlet Meidiland' This is one of the cleanest, easiest to grow, heat tolerant roses I know. Clusters of intense fire engine red flowers smother this plant from summer until fall. Long arching canes make it ideal for hillsides. Grows 3' tall and wide. Glossy foliage.

'Westerland' Wow, what a color! An orange/apricot blend, this gorgeous climber has a strong spicy rose fragrance. 8-12' canes produce flowers repeatedly from June through late fall. Excellent foliage, disease resistant.

VINES

Clematis

'Franziska Maria' Absolutely gorgeous, fully double deep lilac/blue flowers on 5-6' tall vines. Blooms in May/June on old wood and again in fall on new wood. While many double rebloom single, this one keeps its intricate double form in the fall.

'Galore' 3" diameter brilliant purple flowers with showy yellow stamens. July-Sept. blooming on current year's wood. Part of the new Festoon Series, bred for exceptional vigor and disease resistance.

'Mrs. N. Thompson' Large purple flowers with broad red bars; 4-6" diameter flowers. Blooms in May/June on last year's wood, and again in late summer/fall on current years wood.

'Rosemoor' A superior wine-red cultivar from England. Huge 5-6" diameter flowers with very showy creamy white stamens bloom on old and new wood, offering color from late June through early fall. Will grow to 10' tall.

Hydrangea

petiolaris 'Firefly' A new variety of climbing hydrangea with a band of bright yellow around the edge of each leaf. The color softens to chartreuse in the summer. Because this vine is ideal for shady spots, this will make the foliage simply glow. White flowers in June.