



## Spring 2022 Online Sale: Trees, Shrubs, & Beyond!

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This is our last online release of plants for this spring. It is also our largest online release of the year! Included with trees, shrubs, and evergreens this release also has some of the annuals we will be using in the gardens at Yew Dell this year. There are also additional sun and shade perennials that were not available in the February and March releases. We hope you enjoy this list and stay tuned for our gigantic list of plants available at our in-person plant sale on April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

Trees	
Plant Name	Description
Acer miyabei ssp. miaotaiense (Miaotai Maple)	A rare maple from China that can reach 60' at maturity. These plants have been grown in 3 liter Root Maker containers that promote a vigorous root system but prevents the roots from circling inside the container.
Acer palmatum 'Bloodgood' (Japanese Maple)	We know what you're thinking. 'Bloodgood' isn't anything rare or unusual so why is Yew Dell taking up space in the nursery with it. We are always in search of the next coolest and best thing for our garden but sometimes the saying, "If it isn't broken don't fix it" holds true with plants too. During the early spring, the three 'Bloodgood' in our arboretum are some of the most stunning plants on the property. Screaming scarlet colored new growth persists for weeks and then turns into a deep burgundy color that holds until leaf drop in November. It matures at about 25 feet by 25 feet as the ones in the arboretum have. Just an absolute dynamite plant.
Acer pseudosieboldianum ssp. takesimensis (Korean Maple)	This tree is native to Ulleung-Do Island in the China Sea. Extremely cool leaves make this small 15-20 feet maple tree a collectors plant in the garden. The deep green leaves change to an amazing red and orange color in the fall. Much more cold hardy than Japanese maples. These trees have been grown in Root Maker containers which help promote a vigorous root system and prevent roots from circling inside the container.
Acer tegmentosum 'Joe Witt' (Snakebark Maple)	An outstanding striped maple for the lightly shaded garden. Upright oval to about 25' tall over time, it has fairly bold textured, light green leaves that turn bright yellow in fall. Bark, particularly on branches under about 5" in diameter, is striped with white, green and gray. Protecting this from the hot afternoon sun is key. During dry spells, some supplemental water would benefit this plant. A little extra work than some but the bark is worth it!
Acer truncatum (Shantung Maple)	This is a Theodore Klein Award Winner and favorite of Steve Foltz, Director of Horticulture at the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden. An adaptable tree with bright leaf color in spring and fall, it grows just 20 to 25 feet tall, with a similar spread, making it suitable for smaller spaces and front yards hemmed by power lines. This Asian maple's foliage emerges with a reddish cast before shifting to deep green for summer and then fiery shades for the fall. It tolerates heat and drought and grows in full sun to part shade. These trees have been grown in 3 liter Root Maker containers that promote a vigorous root system and prevent circling roots while they are in the container.



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Asimina triloba (Pawpaw)	Where do we start with a description for this excellent native tree?! Also known as the Kentucky Banana, Indiana Banana, Tennessee Banana....you get the point. The largest fruiting tree in North America is found in the wild growing in colonies in creek bottoms as an understory tree. If you plant it out in the full sun though, it makes an exceptional ornamental tree with its large tropical-like leaves and will produce more fruit! The tree flowers in early spring and is pollinated by flies. If you are at Yew Dell and notice some pig feet hanging in our pawpaws it is because we are trying to attract more flies to help in pollination! Another cool bit of info on this one is that the leaves smell like green peppers when crushed. The trees for sale are in 3L Root Maker pots to prevent girdling roots and make a more fibrous root system.
Carpinus caroliniana 'MY Select Strain' (Wisconsin Red™ Hornbeam)	A selection of our Kentucky native tree by Michael Yanny. It will grow to be about 20 feet tall and nearly as wide but Michael selected it for the fall color. Screaming orange, red, and yellows develop at the end of the season. The Eastern Tiger Swallowtail, Striped Hairstreak, and Red-spotted Purple butterflies use the Hornbeam as a host plant. These plants for sale are around 3' tall. They would make an incredible hedge for anyone willing to take the time to keep them clipped a couple times each year.
Carpinus 'Shelby' (Skylark™ Hornbeam)	This is a cross between our native hornbeam, <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> , and the European species <i>C. betulus</i> . Only growing to 30-40 feet tall, it stays rather columnar and may only get to 15' or so wide. The plants for sale are only around 3' tall and have been grown in Root Maker pots to eliminate roots girdling and to help promote a more fibrous root system.
Cercidiphyllum japonicum 'HSI1' (Claim Jumper™ Katsura)	A new selection of an old favorite. This Katsura's foliage emerges somewhat pink before becoming yellow in color. Best protected from the hot afternoon sun. Just like the straight species, this plant smells just like cotton candy when the leaves begin to fall in autumn! These plants are around 3 feet tall but are a fast grower.
Cercis canadensis 'Alley Cat' (Eastern Redbud)	Discovered by Louisville's own Allen Bush as a chance seedling in the alley behind his Louisville garden, this variant of our native redbud produces substantial leaves of dark green, splashed with white. A good, stable variegation and strong growth with the typical rosy/pink spring blooms. Great selection for the sunny garden.
Cladrastis kentukea (Yellowwood)	A very pretty and fast growing tree native to Kentucky. It can grow more than 2' a year and once large enough, it will bloom hanging panicles of fragrant white flowers. Full sun or light shade this plant can eventually reach to 40' or more and spread just as wide. These plants being sold are only a couple feet tall.
Cornus controversa (Giant Dogwood)	This is a very fun and unusual dogwood. Growing to 30-40 feet tall and wide, it has a similar growth habit as our native flowering dogwood but the flowers are totally different. First of all, the new flowers start growing and look just like broccoli! As they mature and begin to flower the whole tree are covered in white cymes (clusters of tiny flowers) that give the look that the tree is covered in snow. A very underutilized tree that we would like to see used more in gardens! These are 3-4' trees for sale but with their fast growth, they could easily be 6-7' in a couple of growing seasons.





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Cornus kousa 'Snow Tower' (Chinese Dogwood)	A great dogwood for small spaces. After 10 years you can expect this plant to only be around 10-12 feet tall and only half as wide! Unlike our native flowering dogwood the Chinese variety flowers after the leaves emerge in spring.
Cornus kousa 'Summer Gold' (Chinese Dogwood)	Green leaves have a pretty wide margin of bright yellow giving this plant a very eye catching look even from a distance. It will slowly get up to about 15' or so tall and wide. The flowers in late spring are surround by four large white bracts just like our native dogwood. It will best in a location protected from the afternoon and adequate water in summer to prevent drought stress.
Cornus mas 'Variegata' (Cornelian Cherry)	This species is one of the earliest trees to bloom at Yew Dell. Covered in bright yellow clusters of tiny flowers, it is a welcomed sight in later winter. Reaching about 15-20 feet tall and wide, it prefers full sun. 'Variegata' has white leaf margins.
Cotinus obovatus (American Smoketree)	It's a tree! It's a bush! It's not Superman though, just a super plant. This is the native species of what people commonly call either a smoketree or smokebush. Seeing that it can reach heights of 20-30' it falls into the category of small tree. Green foliage is covered in clouds of 'smoke' looking light pink flowers in the spring. The tree puts on arguably an even better show in the fall when the foliage turns to yellows, reds, and oranges. These tree have been grown in 3 Liter Root Maker pots and are 3-4' tall.
Fagus sylvatica (European Beech)	We brought in these small beech trees as liners to graft some of our beech collection on to. Time got away from us this year and we didn't get around to it. Here is your chance to get a small one to prune into whatever shape you would like in your garden. These small trees are about 12" tall.
Franklinia alatamaha (Franklin Tree)	Extinct in the wild. A long lost camellia relative. Named for Ben Franklin. What else do you need to know?! A small tree to about 25-30' tall, it is prized for its late summer/fall white flowers and brilliant red fall foliage. Requires a bit of TLC in the garden in the form of even moisture, a good quantity of organic matter soil amendmen,t and a few fireside prayers as well! But worth every bit of it.
Ginkgo biloba 'Blagon' (Gold Spire™ Maidenhair)	A columnar/upright form of this durable and attractive tree. Bright green, fan shaped leaves turn brilliant gold all at once in fall. Will grow in any reasonable soil to form a narrow, columnar specimen.
Heptacodium miconioides (Seven-son Flower)	This tough as nails, large shrub/small tree forms a mass of green in summer with stringy, exfoliating bark. In late summer and early fall, it is covered with lightly fragrant white blooms and, if the season cooperates, bright red sepals that persist for several weeks. Excellent bee plant for full sun or part shade.
Liquidambar styraciflua 'Gold Beacon' (Sweet Gum)	A very cool cultivar of our Kentucky native. 'Gold Beacon' is a fast growing tree to 40' or so in 15-20 years and have bright yellow new growth. Like the straight species it will have the same bright red to purple fall color. This is a great tree to place in a new garden for quick size and presence. These plants were grown in a 3 Liter Root Maker container that prevents girdling roots and promotes a better root system while still in the container. This allows for faster establishment when planted in the ground!



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Liquidambar styraciflua 'Slender Silhouette' (Sweetgum)	One tough tree, tolerating anything from wet to dry soils. This selection adds a tight, columnar shape up to 60 feet that makes quite a statement in the landscape. Dark burgundy and yellow fall color. Full sun.
Magnolia 'Blushing Belle' (Magnolia)	Big soft pink Magnolia flowers. A 20 to 30 feet tall tree that is from a cross between 'Yellow Bird' and 'Caerhays Belle'. We can't promise it won't have the flowers frozen every year but the years you get a good bloom, it will be worth it!
Magnolia 'Lois' (Magnolia)	This yellow flowering hybrid flowers later than many of the deciduous spring bloomers, helping it to avoid late spring frosts. Rich yellow flower color and about a 40' upright oval frame make this an amazingly useful garden tree for full sun.
Magnolia macrophylla (Big Leaf Magnolia)	Stunner of a Kentucky native tree with gigantic leaves to 3' long with silver undersides. Late May flowers of creamy white can reach 12" in diameter! Grows into a medium tree to about 25' tall or so. Outstanding and hard to find. When established, this tree can grow 2 feet or more during its early years.
Magnolia macrophylla var. ashei (Ashe Magnolia)	This is a variety of the native big leaf Magnolia found only in a few locations along the Gulf Coast. It has a smaller, shrubbier habit but still huge white flowers. This one tends to reach a flowering age faster than the straight species.
Parrotia subaequalis (Chinese Ironwood)	Outstanding Chinese native only recently discovered in the wild. It will form a medium tree up to about 35' tall with a somewhat open habit, deep green foliage, and intense burgundy fall foliage color. Drought and clay tolerant plus quite disease resistant. The foliage fades to a uniform tan color in winter and persists on the tree until early April. Choice and extremely hard to find. These trees have been grown in 3L Root Maker containers which prevent circling roots and promote a more robust root system.
Quercus 'Nadler' (Oak)	This Theodore Klein Award winner gives you the majestic beauty and durability of an oak tree but the ability to plant it in small garden spaces. After 30 years, the original Kindred Spirit was only 30 feet tall and 6 feet wide.
Stewartia pseudocamellia (Japanese Stewartia)	One of the most attractive small flowering trees at just about any point of the calendar. Forms an upright, oval shape up to about 25' tall with fresh, bright green spring foliage, summer camellia-like blooms and stunning red/burgundy fall foliage color. And when winter comes, it shows off stunningly beautiful camo-like exfoliating bark. Takes some TLC in the garden - even moisture and a bit of organic matter. Stunning!
Styrax obassia (Fragrant Snowbell)	We have one of these in the Arboretum that was planted by Theodore Klein decades ago. In 2021, it was absolutely covered in hanging clusters of white flowers that smelled like Heaven. Our specimen is mature and has topped out around 30 feet tall and around 20 feet wide.
Syringa pubescens ssp. julianae 'Hers' (Juliana Lilac)	This amazing lilac has a weeping habit, small leaves, and a prolific flowering in the spring! Our specimen at Yew Dell is along the Rock House Terrace behind the picnic tables. Light pink flowers hang in masses and provide a show-stopping bloom. If you have a slope or retaining wall in the sun that needs a plant to spill over the edge this is the perfect plant for you!





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Aesculus parviflora (Bottlebrush Buckeye)	Large, suckering shrub for light shade, it will reach 10-18' tall and wide over time. Deep green foliage and early summer spikes of white are great for attracting butterflies and bumble bees. It is hard to describe in words how much activity from insects these plants attract when in flower. If you plant just one and fall in love with it, which you will, you can easily start more from seed. As soon as the buckeyes (seed) mature in the fall, pot them up or plant them immediately. Try to keep the squirrels, chipmunks, and voles off of them! The seed will germinate that fall and the next spring push up a shoot.
Aesculus parviflora 'Rogers' (Bottlebrush Buckeye)	Large, suckering shrub for light shade, it will reach 10-18' tall and wide over time. Deep green foliage and early summer spikes of white are great for attracting butterflies and bumble bees. 'Rogers' is a later blooming form with flower spikes that can reach a full 3' in length! This is an excellent example of how cultivars can add both beauty and habitat to the garden. The straight species of this plant is finished up blooming by the time this one starts so it adds a couple of extra weeks in the garden for insects to feed from its flowers. It is one of the top pollinator plants in the shade garden!
Buddleia SMNBDBT (Pugster Blue® Butterfly Bush)	The best performing and looking of the Pugster series....in Jacob's opinion anyway. Compact growth to about 2-3' tall and wide and flowers all summer and fall. Take a look at them in our evaluation gardens at Yew Dell next time you visit.
Buddleia 'SMNBDL' (Pugster Amethyst® Butterfly Bush)	We have been trialing all of the Pugster Butterfly Bush here at Yew Dell the last couple of years and Amethyst and Blue are by FAR our two most favorite. Amethyst will grow to about 2 feet tall and wide and be covered in very large, light blue flowers all summer.
Calycanthus 'Aphrodite' (Sweetshrub)	Jacob's grandma called our native Calycanthus floridus a bubbly bush. Most people call it a Sweet Shrub or Carolina-allspice. Common names can be confusing but 'Aphrodite' is a selection made between the native Calycanthus floridus and the Asian C. chinensis. Large, glossy leaves and maroon flowers that have quite the aroma. Planted as a specimen this plant can easily reach 6-8' and as wide. Full sun or light shade.
Calycanthus 'Venus' (Sweetshrub)	From our friend the mad scientist of woody plant breeding - Dr. Tom Ranney of NCSU - comes this complex hybrid of our native sweetshrub and the Chinese species. Vigorous growing shrub to about 6' tall and a bit more in width, its bright green leaves contrast nicely with creamy white, sweetly fragrant late spring flowers. If you're worried that it's too big for your garden, do what we do. Cut it back to the ground after flowering and let it re-sprout from the base. Full sun or light shade.
Cephalanthus occidentalis 'Kolmoon' (Magical® Moonlight Buttonbush)	A quality garden plant native to Kentucky and much of the eastern U.S. It is known for being both incredibly drought and wet site tolerant, long lived and free from most pest and disease problems. In early summer the plant is covered by golf ball sized, white inflorescences that are honey scented and attract scores of pollinators. Magical Moonlight is an excellent, compact selection that matures at around 4-5' tall with quality foliage.
Clethra alnifolia 'Ruby Spice' (Summersweet)	This is a slower grower but can eventually reach 6-8' tall or so and just as wide or wider. In the summer very fragrant pink flowers attract quite a few pollinators and hummingbirds.
Deutzia gracilis 'Nikko' (Slender Deutzia)	We could easily call this plant a tall groundcover. Reaching up to 2' tall this plant is covered in white flowers in spring. It can also get up to 5' or so wide and tolerate pretty poor soil in the full sun. Tough little plant.



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Diervilla 'G2X88544' (Kodiak® Orange Diervilla)	This is an up and coming ornamental shrub we believe. Native to a good bit of the eastern and Midwest United States it grows to 3-4' or so and about as wide. Small yellow flowers are second row to the beautiful orange new growth of Kodiak® Orange. A few other worth mentioning tidbits are it being drought tolerant, performs in the sun or shade, and the deer seem to leave it alone. We will have these in our evaluation program this year to keep a close eye on it. Let us know what you're seeing in your garden too!
Diervilla 'SMNDRSF' (Kodiak® Black Diervilla)	This is an up and coming ornamental shrub we believe. Native to a good bit of the eastern and Midwest United States it grows to 3-4' or so and about as wide. Small yellow flowers are second row to the black/purple new growth of Kodiak® Black. A few other worth mentioning tidbits are it being drought tolerant, performs in the sun or shade, and the deer seem to leave it alone. We will have these in our evaluation program this year to keep a close eye on it. Let us know what you're seeing in your garden too!
Eleutherococcus sieboldianus 'Variegata' (Five-Leaf Aralia)	This 4-6' tall colonizing shrub is great for brightening up a dark corner of the garden. Palmately compound leaves are splashed with creamy white. Flowers are insignificant. Tough, durable but can get a little proud of itself from time to time. Shade or sun.
Fothergilla xgrandiflora 'Mt Airy' (Fothergilla)	A Mike Dirr selection of this medium/large witchhazel relative with upright, honey scented, white bottle brush spring flowers followed by a mix of yellow, orange and red fall color. Excellent shrub for full sun or part shade. Original plant from Mt Airy Arboretum in Cincinnati, OH.
Fothergilla xgrandiflora 'Red Licorice' (Fothergilla)	Medium/large shrub to 6'+ tall and wide with anise scented, white bottle brush flowers about 2.5" long in spring. Fall color is fire engine red. This witchhazel relative is an excellent full sun or part shade shrub. Selected and introduced by Paul Cappiello.
Hydrangea arborescens 'Haye's Starburst' (Smooth Hydrangea)	A selection of our native Hydrangea only reaching about 4' tall. Unlike the large white blooms of most smooth leaf Hydrangea like 'Anna Belle', this plant boasts awesome double flowers in a loose flower head! Like all Smooth Leaf Hydrangea, these bloom on new wood which means you can prune them in the winter or early spring before new growth emerges and they will still flower in early summer. Some people will cut them completely back to the ground where others will cut them back by about half. You can get away from a lot of sun with hydrangea but providing adequate water is a must. Morning sun and afternoon shade will keep it the happiest.
Hydrangea arborescens 'NCHA3' (Invincibelle Ruby Smooth Hydrangea)	Another development of our native Hydrangea from Tom Ranney down in North Carolina. Deep, deep pink flowers are similar in size to that of 'Anna Belle'. This summer when you are at Yew Dell, make sure to check out our Evaluations gardens where we have many varieties of Hydrangea arborescens growing.
Hydrangea arborescens 'NCHA4' (Incrediball Blush Smooth Hydrangea)	Yet another Tom Ranney introduction. This one has soft pink, mop head flowers. Unlike the Hydrangea macrophylla that are not the most dependable bloomer in this area these are covered in flowers every year! This species of Hydrangea can be cut back to the ground each winter and still flower that summer.





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Hydrangea arborescens 'NCHA5' (Invincibelle Wee White® Smooth Hydrangea)	Our native Hydrangea that was zapped by a shrink ray! Standing only 1-2' tall this awesome dwarf selection still boasts the big white flowers like 'Anna Belle'.
Hydrangea paniculata 'PP21008' (Bombshell Panicle Hydrangea)	Much different than most panicle Hydrangeas. This one grows 3-4' tall and has a fluffy cloud look to it. One might even say a weeping habit instead of the common strong upright look. Smaller leaves and flower panicle than other panicle hydrangeas make this one a very unique specimen for the garden. We have them growing in the Pavilion Garden at Yew Dell.
Hydrangea paniculata 'Tardiva' (Panicle Hydrangea)	One of the latest panicle Hydrangeas to bloom, making it a great season extender. Large shrub to 8-10' tall with an upright oval shape and mid to late summer terminal inflorescences in white. Excellent pollinator plant. Flowers on new growth so it can handle heavy pruning in late winter and still bloom. Great cut flower. For full sun or light shade
Hydrangea quercifolia 'Little Honey' (Oakleaf Hydrangea)	A compact selection of the North American native oakleaf Hydrangea, this one tops out at about 5'x5' with screaming yellow leaves. White summer blooms are a little small compared to others but who cares? In full sun, it might burn a bit if not kept irrigated. The more sun the more gold though. In shade, it greens up a bit as summer progresses
Hydrangea quercifolia 'Ruby Slippers' (Oakleaf Hydrangea)	From the USDA breeding program in Tennessee comes this excellent compact selection of our native oakleaf hydrangea. Topping out at about 4-5' tall, its upright held blooms start out white and quickly turn rich pink. Happiest with a little afternoon shade but will take full sun if given adequate moisture
Hydrangea quercifolia 'Shannon' (Oakleaf Hydrangea)	A Theodore Klein selection of a double flowering form that is stunning. The huge white flower panicles slowly turn to a red/pink color with time. As with other oakleaves these flowers will dry on the plant and add plenty of winter interest.
Hydrangea quercifolia 'Snowflake' (Oakleaf Hydrangea)	A nice compact growing oakleaf hydrangea with double flowers, this one will top out at about 5-6' tall and wide. The early to mid-summer flowers are white, fading to pink with up to 20+ sepals per flower rather than the typical 4. Excellent selection for full sun or part shade
Kolkwitzia amabilis 'Pink Cloud' (Beauty Bush)	Hard to argue with the common name of this one when it's in full bloom. Growing to 8' tall with an upright arching shape, plants are completely smothered in pale pink blooms in late spring. Fall color can be a mix of yellow and a bit of red. And when it comes to cultivation, this thing is indestructible. Full sun, light shade, damp, dry, deer, meteors . . . no problem! May be best known among Yew Dell staff as the headless dead chicken bush - the fruit capsules look oddly like . . . well . . . use your imagination . . .
Lindera benzoin (Spicebush)	Native understory shrub with bright green leaves, chartreuse spring blooms and bright red fall fruit that are favored by many bird species. Host plant for the Spicebush Swallowtail butterfly.



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Lindera glauca var. salicifolia (Oriental Spicebush)	Ok, folks . . .this is a <i>really</i> cool plant. And we're sure you have the perfect spot for it! A small tree to large shrub to about 12-15' tall and wide, it is densely clothed in foliage so glossy it looks like it's been varnished. But fall is when it really shines. The leaves turn to what can only be described as screaming pumpkin orange color with some occasional red highlights that fades to a uniform tan color and then persist on the plant all the way until April. Produces shiny, black fruits along the stems. Grows in any full sun to light shade site. Deer proof. Makes an excellent screening plant or mass at the back of a border. Impossible to find and highly choice!
Orixa japonica 'Variegata' (Japanese Orixa)	A member of the citrus family right at home here in KY. This variety has absolutely amazing foliage that is blue/green and cream variegated! 6-8' tall and wide, perfect for the shade garden!
Rhododendron 'Weston's Lemon Drop' (Azalea)	The summer-blooming native azalea hybrids (Rhododendron viscosum, R. arborescens, etc.) are a much overlooked group. Growing slowly to about 4' tall with a fine texture in stem and leaf, they are covered with sweetly fragrant blooms in early summer, well after the typical spring blooming azaleas are done doing their thing. Give sun to part shade with adequate moisture and a soil with some organic matter amendment. 'Weston's Lemon Drop' has light yellow flowers.
Rhododendron 'Weston's Millenium' (Azalea)	The summer-blooming native azalea hybrids (Rhododendron viscosum, R. arborescens, etc.) are a much overlooked group. Growing slowly to about 4' tall with a fine texture in stem and leaf, they are covered with sweetly fragrant blooms in early summer, well after the typical spring blooming azaleas are done doing their thing. Give sun to part shade with adequate moisture and a soil with some organic matter amendment. 'Weston's Millennium' has deep pink to red flowers with blue/green leaves.
Rhododendron 'Weston's Innocence' (Azalea)	From the famed Weston Nurseries outside of Boston comes this excellent hybrid of several native deciduous azaleas. Forming an upright oval plant to about 4' tall, its delicate frame is covered with sweetly fragrant yellow trumpet blooms in early summer. Nice reddish fall color winds up the season. Best in full sun or filtered light with ample moisture through the driest part of the season
Viburnum carlesii 'Compactum' (Korean Spice Viburnum)	The same great fragrance of other Korean spice viburnums but for those small spaces in the garden. This selection only reaches about 4' tall!
Viburnum nudum 'Bulk' (Brandywine,,C Viburnum)	Most viburnums are known for their flowers and although this variety has beautiful white flowers in the spring it is the foliage and berries that make this plant stand out. Beautiful maroon foliage in the fall is accented by bright pink and blue fruit! Up to 12' tall.
Viburnum 'West' (Fragrant Viburnum)	A Theodore Klein introduction. This large shrub will grow up to 8' tall and wide with slightly tomentose, light green leaves. In spring it is completely covered with large masses of white/pink balls of flowers with an intensely sweet and spicy aroma. Best in full sun but will grow and flower reasonably well in part shade.
Xanthorrhiza simplicissima (Yellowroot)	An incredibly useful but rarely grown native woodland groundcover. Erect stems to about 18" tall are covered with celery-looking foliage all summer long in a bright green. Come fall, leaves turn bright golden yellow, among the very last to color and drop. A tough and durable plant that will perform well in full sun or light shade. Unique, purple/brown flowers before the leaves are not all that showy but offer a nice little ID cue. Choice and hard to find.





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### Evergreens

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Cephalotaxus harringtonii 'Fastigiata' (Japanese Plum Yew)	One of the best evergreens for shade! This upright variety will be 10' or more at maturity but half the width. Full sun to shade.
Cryptomeria japonica 'Araucarioides' (Japanese Cedar)	This is described as the snake-branched Japanese cedar by a lot of people. After about 10 years in the garden it will be about 10-12 feet tall and have very thin looking, dark green branches. It makes an excellent specimen plant in the garden.
Cryptomeria japonica 'Yoshino' (Japanese Cedar)	Excellent formal, conical evergreen with soft, billowy foliage. Vigorous grower that makes an excellent specimen or screen planting. 'Yoshino' is the most cold tolerant form out there and our favorite
Thuja occidentalis 'Degroot's Spire' (American Arborvitae)	One of the narrowest of the arborvitae out there - and it's been out there a long time. Will grow to about 15' or so with the classic, flat sprays of evergreen foliage. Widely adaptable and easy to grow. An excellent hedger, specimen plant or in an loose, informal grouping.

### Succulents

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Bulbine frutescens 'Avera Sunset Orange' (Stalked Bulbine)	We started these plants from seed in the nursery at Yew Dell and they had the coolest little seedlings ever. They looked like little succulent sea creatures on a coral reef. Thin, but round strap like leaves grow to about 8" tall and produce spike of beautiful orange flowers. Can be used as a healing herb the same as aloe! Executive Director Paul Cappiello had these in his garden in 2021 and they were alive and flowering until December!
Bulbine frutescens 'Avera Sunset Yellow' (Stalked Bulbine)	In 2022 we put this in a planter on the patio of the Red Pepper Deli in Crestwood. One 5" pot of this plant completely filled and overflowed a 10" planter and then overwintered fantastically in the glasshouse at Yew Dell.
Manfreda undulata 'Chocolate Chips' (False Agave)	Sooo close to being hardy in the Louisville area! If you live inside the Watterson expressway you have a pretty good chance of this overwintering. We still recommend it being in a planter to bring in the house during the winter. Extremely spotted and wavy foliage can grow two feet wide!! A definite focal point and conversation piece on the patio.
Mangave 'Bad Hair Day' (Mangave)	Another awesome selection of the Manfreda and Agave cross. Fast growing and an awesome plant for a patio planter in the warm months and also a welcome addition to the houseplant collection in the winter. 'Bad Hair Day' has very thin leaves that hang over the container and will become more spotted with age.



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Ajuga reptans 'Burgundy Glow' (Bugleweed)	This groundcover is medium in texture but with leaves flashed in pink, burgundy and white. The flowers are pale lavender flower spikes. This can make for a beautiful living mulch in you shade garden!
Ajuga reptans 'Chocolate Chip' (Bugleweed)	A very fine textured Ajuga with deep purple foliage. The leaves on this plant are about a 1/2" wide and an inch or two long. This variety doesn't spread as quickly as other varieties but over time will form an excellent mat of foliage to cover the ground. In spring it pushes up blue/purple spikes of flower. A great planting of this can be found in the Pavilion Garden at Yew Dell.
Alchemilla mollis 'Thriller' (Lady's Mantle)	'Thriller' is a larger growing, up to 24" tall, selection of the species. Mounds of rich green, ruffled leaves support yellow/green flowers in late spring. Nice cut flower as well as a well-behaved garden plant. Excellent addition to the shade garden.
Amorphophallus konjac (Voodoo Lily)	It's hardy! Amaze your friends with this awesome plant. What looks like many leaves on one stalk is actually a single leaf that emerges from the underground corm. Once mature and large enough the corm will send up a flower that smells like rotting flesh. Both beautiful and foul, this plant is just too fun not to have in the garden!
Arisaema sikokianum (Japanese Cobra Lily)	A lot of Asian Arisaema are called cobra lilies because of their resemblance to the snake when it has its famous 'hood' spread out. This amazing Asian native could quite easily be called a Cotton Mouth Lily after our southeastern U.S. venomous snake. A very dark outer spathe surrounds a pure white inner spathe and spadix. These plants were started from seed collected in 2018 before the mother plant that was trampled by the tornado that hit Yew Dell in April of 2019.
Arisaema thunbergii subsp. urashima (Japanese Cobra Lily)	You're either an Arisaema person or you're not. And quite frankly if you're not, we don't understand you! This spectacular relative of our native Jack-in-the-Pulpit sends up truly crazy, horseshoe like leaves to 15" tall with 10-15 leaflets. The deep burgundy colored flower is stunning in color but even more of a conversation piece is the flower hood that elongates into about a foot-long whip. One of the coolest flowers in the garden!
Asarum arifolium (Arrowhead Ginger)	This eastern Kentucky native, low growing plant is similar to the other gingers but instead of the common round leaf it has a pronounced arrowhead shape to the leaf. Evergreen but during the winter a nice purple hue may develop if cold enough. Small flowers appear in early spring at ground level and although not big and showy it is always fun to lift up the leaves and take a look at such unusual blooms! Another common name for his plant is Little Brown Jug. It gets this name because the flowers are brown and (you guessed it) look like little brown jugs with small openings!
Begonia grandis ssp. evansiana (Hardy Begonia)	One of our most asked about plants for sale during the summer and fall. Extremely hardy perennial in our area and a great addition of pink to the garden when it flowers in the fall. Grows to about 2 feet tall or so and needs to be protected from the hot afternoon sun. On windy days the leaves blow back and forth and reveal a beautiful maroon underside. To propagate this plant, you can find the tiny bulbils in the leaf axils before this plant dies back in the fall. These tiny seed looking structures actually small, asexually produced replicas of the plant that can be harvested and scattered in a new area of the garden.





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<i>Cimicifuga racemosa</i> (Black Cohosh)	A Kentucky native that blooms in midsummer and can stand nearly 6 feet tall. The long 12" spikes of white flowers paired with the compound leaves of this plant can add a lot of color and texture contrast to the shadier areas of the garden.
<i>Corydalis ochroleuca</i> (Corydalis)	A delicate textured little plant to add into the shade garden. It can reach up to 18-24" and needs a nice well drained soil with lots of organic matter to perform up to par. Clusters of white flowers continue all summer.
<i>Cyclamen hederifolium</i> (Persian Violet)	Very cool collector's plant that's actually quite easy to grow. Summer dormant plant that puts up leathery and mottled, heart-shaped leaves in late summer/early fall with pale pink blooms about 3-4" high. Foliage looks good all winter and dies down in late spring. Best for filtered light in a well-drained soil
<i>Euphorbia amygdaloides</i> subsp. <i>robbiae</i> (Wood Spurge)	Super tough shade ground cover with leathery and glossy deep green leaves and bright green spring flower masses above. Given a loose organic heavy mix this plant can form unbelievable clumps like we have seen in our nursery. Given the horrible, dry conditions like we have under the American Beech in the gardens it will be sparse yet still glossy green.
<i>Hemiboea subcapitata</i> (Glossy False Sinningia)	This plant will make you think twice about pronouncing the botanical AND common name. A plant that came to us from Gene Bush. Incredibly glossy, near succulent-like leaves stand about 8-12" and spread by rhizome forming nice clumps over time. In early fall this plant flowers with beautiful pink sinningia like flowers. The coolest part about it though is just before the flower buds open they are like small balloons and if you squeeze them just right they will shoot water out 5-6 feet!!! That is why Jacob calls it the peeing plant.
<i>Hepatica acutiloba</i> (Sharp-Lobed Hepatica)	One of the earliest spring ephemerals to flower in Kentucky. The small delicate flowers will appear in March above the foliage that remains from last year. After flowering the new leaves will emerge and stay green until the cold temperature of winter changes them to a nice purple hue. Commonly found on limestone outcrops. Very cool little plant for the native enthusiast and gardener who can appreciate things on the small scale in the garden.
<i>Heuchera</i> 'Kaleidoscope' (Lucid Dreams Heuchera)	Here is another new Heuchera, this one from Plants Nouveau. Bright yellow leaves have a maroon venation making for a stark contrast. As we say with all of the Heuchera if you have the right well drained, organic soil it will thrive. If you do not they are best put in a planter on the shaded patio.
<i>Heuchera villosa</i> <i>macrorrhiza</i> 'Autumn Bride' (Hairy Alum Root)	A surprisingly hard to find plant considering how tough and useful it is. Low mounds of hairy, bold-textured leaves keep their powder dry until well into the fall when they are topped with delicate wands of white flowers. A fantastic ground cover for dry shade. Deer, drought, cold, you name it. This is a problem solver in just about any garden.
<i>Hosta</i> 'First Frost' (Plantain Lily)	Simply one of the most beautiful Hosta out there. We know how subjective that is! When this 16" Hosta opens up its leaves in the spring they are a vivid blue surrounded by a soft, butter yellow margin. Incredible but if you have only sun or deer, forget about it.
<i>Hosta</i> 'Guardian Angel' (Plantain Lily)	This is a sport (mutation) found on the awesome and giant Hosta 'Blue Angel'. A blue leaf margin surrounds a soft yellow color streaking through the middle of the leaf. Like 'Blue Angel' this one will get 2 feet tall and 3 feet wide. Sorry, deer like this one too!
<i>Hosta</i> 'Rainbow's End' (Plantain Lily)	Who needs flowers . . . This wildly variegated, medium sized Hosta has brilliant streaks of deep green & bright, golden yellow with a nice gloss. Holds up well all through the summer.



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Jeffersonia diphylla (Twin Leaf)	One of the most elusive spring ephemerals to catch in flower here in Kentucky. For only a day or two, these plants push up single, large and white flowers that are about 1" across. The petals stay on the flower for a very short time so if you miss a day or two in the woods, you can miss the flowers but fortunately the foliage is very cool and lasts much longer. At the same time the plant is pushing up flowers it is also sending up the foliage and each leaf opens up to resemble a pair of green butterfly wings which gives the plant its common name. As the season progresses the leaves expand and form nice large clumps before dying back in the summer.
Leptinella squalida 'Platt's Black' (Brass Buttons)	Funky little container or rockery plant with segmented, zig-zag stems and green to black scale-like foliage on a plant that only grows to a couple of inches high. It produces 'brass button' looking flowers in early summer and prefers the sun but in hotter climates like the Louisville area some protection from the late afternoon sun is ideal. It is a plant that once you feel it, you have to have it!
Oxalis crassipes 'Rosea' (Wood Sorrel)	Fun little perennial for light shade in beds or containers. Low, clover-like foliage is bright green and set off beautifully by rose pink blooms. If kept moist, it will bloom all spring and summer. Leaves fold up at night and reopen in the morning.
Pachysandra procumbens (Allegheny Spurge)	Our native Pachysandra! A great shade plant that flowers before the new foliage emerges in the spring. Not aggressive like the Japanese species. A great addition to your shade garden! During the winter this plant will stay 'evergreen' as the green foliage of summer turns to a mottle brownish green as the season progresses and the temperatures cool.
Packera obovata (Roundleaf Ragwort)	A Kentucky native plant that prefers some shade but can tolerate full sun. Bright yellow flowers that stand 12-16" tall. The foliage stays low and is mat forming at only 4-6".
Podophyllum peltatum (Mayapple)	There isn't a much more widely known spring ephemeral in the Kentucky woodlands. If you have taken a hike in April and May, you have most certainly seen this plant. Emerging in April the large umbrella leaves can grow to over 12" tall. Once the root system is mature enough to support flowering the stem will have two leaves which hide a solitary white flower below. As the summer progresses the plant will begin to go back into dormancy and disappear until the next year. Over the years this plant will colonize and make amazing masses in your woodland garden.
Polemonium yezoense 'Purple Rain Strain' (Jacob's Ladder)	The foliage color on this plant is incredible. A dark purple to both the leaves and stem contrast amazingly with the light purple flowers it puts up in the spring. Definitely keep it out of the full sun and this plant will be happy and max out at maybe 2 feet tall for you.
Primula meadia (Shooting Star)	You may have learned this plant as Dodecatheon meadia. After looking at this plant closer and comparing it to others the taxonomists have grouped it in with Primula. Anyway, no matter the name this is a cool plant! Large basal leaves emerge in late March or early April and bloom during May. The umbel of flowers stands about 12" above foliage and each flower hangs downward but the white to pink petal face straight giving the resemblance to a shooting star! These plants are fairly prolific if you cross the Ohio River and hike in Clifty Falls State Park in Madison, Indiana. They cling to the limestone cliffs above the trails. Our ample spring rains give these plants plenty of moisture to flourish during their spring growing season before they go dormant during the hot and dry periods of summer.





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Pulmonaria 'Trevi Fountain' (Lungwort)	This Theodore Klein Plant Award winner is one of the best and most heat tolerant Pulmonarias on the market today. Slightly fuzzy, strap-like green leaves with silver spots are set off with royal blue spring flowers. If you want to grow Pulmonaria, this is the one to grow!
Reineckea carnea (Ribbon Lily)	This is an interesting new plant for us to offer that came to us by way of Gene Bush. Deep green foliage that stays evergreen during the winter. Small spikes of pink and white flowers emerge in June and this plant will be just happy as can be in the shade garden. It will slowly spread and form nice 8" tall masses.
Saxifraga stolonifera (Strawberry Begonia)	Looks like a begonia but runs like a strawberry. Sometimes common names make sense! A wonderful little groundcover for the shade with mottled green/silver leaves and quite possibly one of the prettiest flowers in the garden. Now they may be one of the smallest flowers in the garden but they make up for it in show! You'll need to keep this one in a warm area until the weather stays consistently warm. It is a very hardy perennial in this area though!
Smilacina racemosa (False Solomon's Seal)	At first glance this plant can easily be confused with a Polygonatum if not in flower. Unlike Solomon's Seal whose flowers hang below the stem at leaf axils this plant has plumes of white flowers at the end of each stalk. During late summer and into fall the plant develops clusters of bright red berries.
Trillium grandiflorum (Great White Trillium)	This Trillium will stop and make you stare at it! When mature and happy clumps of this plant can stand nearly 18" tall and be topped with huge white flowers that can be upwards of 3-3.5" across. As the flowers age they will fade to a light pink color. An interesting thing about trilliums are the relationship that ants have with them. When the seeds are mature they will have a small elaiosome (small growth of tissue full of fats/oils). Ants will pick up these seeds and take back to their colony where they feed on the elaiosome and leave the seed to germinate far from the mother plant!
Trillium luteum (Yellow Trillium)	A tall Trillium at 12-15" tall with mottled foliage. All of the same characteristics of three leaves, three petals, and three sepals like all trilliums except this one has beautiful yellow petals. I wonder if finding a four leaf Trillium would bring you good luck like it is said of a four leaf clover?!



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Acanthus spinosus (Bear's Breeches)	We love this tough and durable perennial for its deep, glossy green foliage and white veins. The Victorian purple/pink/white flower spikes in late spring are an added bonus. It will grow in full sun or part shade in any reasonable soil. Most of what's in this country under this name is a hybrid of Acanthus spinosus and A. mollis but we really don't care. It's a great plant. Deer proof, great cut, lives forever.
Allium 'Millenium' (Ornamental Onion)	The 2018 Perennial Plant of the Year® and it is well deserved to hold that title!! Standing 18" tall in flower, it blooms its head off in midsummer and attracts a ton of pollinators that feed off of the purple flowers. A really, really, really fantastic alternative to Liriope!!! Unlike liriope that gets ragged in the winter and tries to stay evergreen, 'Millenium' saves you the trouble and just dies back to the ground but will retain the dried flower heads for some added, and attractive interest!
Asclepias incarnata 'Cinderella' (Swamp Milkweed)	Outstanding native that grows to about 4-5' tall and produces blooms of pink with an unusual cinnamon/vanilla scent in summer. 'Cinderella' has paler pink flowers than the straight species. One of the very best plants for attracting and supporting not only monarchs but a long list of native butterflies. Likes sunny moist settings. Deadhead for repeat blooms. Makes a great cut flower.
Asclepias incarnata 'Soulmate' (Swamp Milkweed)	Outstanding native that grows to about 4-5' tall and produces blooms of deep, vivid pink with white centers and an unusual cinnamon/vanilla scent in summer. 'Soulmate' has a deeper pink color than the straight species. One of the very best plants for attracting and supporting not only monarchs but a long list of native butterflies. Likes sunny moist settings. Deadhead for repeat blooms. Makes a great cut flower.
Asclepias tuberosa (Butterfly Weed)	A favorite native for sunny sites. Loose masses of green foliage grow to about 2' tall and produce late summer sprays of vivid orange flowers. Attracts monarch butterflies and loads of other pollinators as well. Good cut flower. Deer proof. Loves hot, sunny, and dry conditions. Those cool looking red and black bugs that cover this plant in late summer are Milkweed Bugs. They don't really harm the plant but they will suck the juices out of the seed making them useless. If you are trying to save the seed, keep them away.
Baptisia alba (White False Indigo)	This is the straight species you may find growing in the wild here in Kentucky. Another 3-5' tall plant but this one only blooms in white. Baptisia is a host plant to a plethora of butterflies.
Baptisia 'American Goldfinch' (False Indigo)	Brilliant yellow flower spikes in spring top 24-36" gray/green foliage. Black/gray seed pods persist through the fall and into winter and can make great additions to a dried flower arrangement. Good pollinator plant and cut flower. Deer proof. Easy to grow and long lived on sunny sites
Baptisia australis (False Indigo)	This straight species native is just like all of the other Baptisia you see in garden centers. Tall, tough, sun loving, and really hard to kill. Blue/Purple flower spikes appear in summer and the ornamental seeds pods will persist until winter or longer. This plant is host to Orange Sulphur, Frosted Elfin, Eastern Tailed-Blue, Hoary Edge Skipper, and Wild Indigo Duskywing. The Monarch gets all the love it seems but Kentucky is home to over 50 species of butterflies. They need some love too!





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Baptisia 'Grape Taffy' (False Indigo)	This one could have been called 'Little Grape Taffy'! Growing to only about 30" tall this variety is much, much shorter than most Baptisia. Bright purple spikes of flowers develop in early summer. Loves full sun, tough as nails, and very long lived.
Baptisia 'Pink Lemonade' (False Indigo)	Growing to nearly 48" tall this Baptisia's flowers open up yellow before fading to a deep pink/purple color. We all know some plants in the garden are finicky and you have to check on several each spring to see if they overwintered. Not Baptisia; put them in the sun and they will be there next spring guaranteed!
Baptisia 'Pink Truffles' (False Indigo)	A big one! Standing nearly 5' tall when mature this Baptisia boasts colorful spike of soft pink flowers. Baptisia can be the 'tumbleweed' of your garden in winter if you don't cut things back in the fall. They have the tendency to break off on a windy day in winter and the whole plant will go rolling across your garden. Talk about low maintenance!
Callirhoe involucrata (Purple Poppy Mallow)	This is a tough and drought tolerant little plant that only gets up to about a foot tall. Also called wine cups because of the upright cup-like flowers that are a magenta like color. This is a host plant to the Common Checkered Skipper Butterfly.
Caltha palustris (Marsh Marigold)	If you have a pond, stream, or constant wet area in your garden this is a must have. Only growing to about 18" tall this plant has very shiny green foliage and bright yellow flowers about 2" across. Does best in full sun but some afternoon protection from the afternoon sun would be good.
Campanula glomerata 'Superba' (Clustered Bellflower)	A great ground cover for the full sun or light shade. Green foliage sits below the blue to purple spike of flowers that reach about 24-30" high. A favorite stop of hummingbirds in the garden.
Ceratostigma plumbaginoides (Plumbago)	This selection just plain gets it done, year after year. Dense mass of glossy, deep green foliage to about 8" tall spreads to form an excellent groundcover with intense blue blooms in spring and sporadically through the summer and fall. Easy to grow in any reasonable soil in sun or part shade.
Coreopsis auriculata 'Nana' (Ear-Leaved Tickseed)	This is a cute little fella. Not even reaching a foot tall this small but mighty plant can form clump 2' wide overtime. Definitely for the front of the sun garden or in smaller spaces where it won't get lost by all of the 6' tall perennials we talked you into!
Crocasmia 'Lucifer' (Crocasmia)	Most of the exotic plants that are cold hardy here in the Kentucky area come from Europe or East Asia because we share such a similar climate with those regions. There are however a few exotic ornamental plants from Africa and Crocasmia is one. 3' sword like foliage rises up and those are flower stalks boasting bright red flowers. A very easily divided plant by underground corms.
Delosperma 'PJS01S' (Granita® Raspberry Ice Plant)	A plant that doesn't want wet feet at all. Native to South Africa it prefers to be in very well drained rock gardens, troughs, or planters in the full sun. 'Granita® Raspberry' has bright pink to purple flowers.
Delosperma 'PJS02S' (Granita® Orange Ice Plant)	A plant that doesn't want wet feet at all. Native to South Africa it prefers to be in very well drained rock gardens, troughs, or planters in the full sun. 'Granita® Orange' has bright orange flowers.
Dracocephalum argunense 'Fuji Blue' (Dragon's Head)	Here's an unusual one for you. True blue flowers that are shaped like the head of a mythical dragon. Not tolerant of wet feet so make sure to add this into areas with your other alpine like plants or in a planter. It will get about 12" tall.



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Echinacea paradoxa (Yellow Coneflower)	A three-foot-tall pure yellow coneflower! The foliage on this plant is also a little narrower than that of Echinacea purpurea. It is the genetics of this plant though that allowed for the breeding of coneflowers in the red and yellow color spectrum.
Echinacea purpurea 'Ruby Star' (Purple Coneflower)	One that's been around a long time and is still an excellent performer. Brilliant rose/magenta petals and orange/brown centers on a 30" tall plant that blooms mid-summer. Great pollinator and cut flower for full sun.
Eryngium yuccifolium (Rattlesnake Master)	Another Kentucky native plant that can be found in tall prairie remnants. Large basal clumps of yucca-like leaves produce 4-5' tall stalks adorned with white globe flowers that are extremely attractive to pollinators. This is a plant that you will fall in love with just because of how different it looks than other plants in your garden.
Eutrochium dubium 'Little Joe' (Joe Pye Weed)	Not everyone has room for the big pollinator plants like the common Joe Pye Weed but there are options. 'Little Joe' only gets to be about 3-4 feet tall compared to the 6-8' monsters that are most Joe Pyes. Although shorter it still offers the same cool mauve colored flowers that are a favorite of many insects in the garden!
Geranium 'Rozanne' (Cranesbill)	It blooms all summer and well into fall! A short groundcover type plant with light blue/purple flowers. When mature, this plant will form a 2-3-foot-wide clump in the garden. Blooms like crazy in the sun but put in the shade you will have less flowers but still a very nice groundcover.
Geum 'Mrs. J Bradshaw' (Avens)	Two-foot flower stalks grow from the 6-8" tall mound of foliage in early summer and burst into dozens of semi double, red flowers. Great for well drained areas in the full sun.
Helianthus maximiliani (Maximilian Sunflower)	Not sure why everyone doesn't need one of these giants that can get 8' tall. A favorite plant of small birds that feed off of the seed heads in fall and winter. Very tall stalks covered in 3-6" bright yellow sunflowers in summer and fall. What a great option for some height in the garden.
Hypericum calycinum 'Brigadoon' (St. John's Wort)	Ooh la la. We have this short spreading plant in the garden near the entrance to the Sunken Garden. Screaming yellow and stands 12-18" tall. Make sure to check this plant out when you visit Yew Dell next time.
Knautia macedonica 'Mars Midget' (Knautia)	Deep red flowers that resemble small pin cushions. This variety stays about 16" tall, half the size of the straight species. If this plant is deadheaded after flowering, it can promote more flushes of bloom.
Lavendula xintermedia 'Niko' (Phenomenal® Lavender)	Lavender in Kentucky can be like a snowman in the desert. Heavy, wet soils can make them melt. Well amended soil, along sidewalks, or in raised beds lavender can be made to work here but it can take a little extra TLC. Phenomenal is a big one that can reach 2-3' tall and wide. One visitor to the garden recently shared success stories of keeping it in a large planter on a protected patio all year long!
Lespedeza thunbergii 'Gibraltar' (Bush Clover)	The most common of the Lespedezas, this one grows to 6' tall with broad, arching growth that can reach 10' in spread. Deep, gray green foliage produces vivid purple/rose blooms in late summer. A good cut back shrub and incredibly durable. Full sun to light shade. Quite drought tolerant but happier with ample moisture in the heat of the summer. Noninvasive.
Monarda bradburiana (Bee Balm)	This excellent but rarely offered native monarda grows to about 2' tall and produces pale pink to lavender blooms in May along with all the other great treats of other bee balms. Great as a cut, for pollinator gardens, rain gardens and just about any mixed border. Easy to grow.





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Monarda didyma 'Jacob Cline' (Bee Balm)	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.
Oenothera pilosella 'Yella Fella' (Prairie Sundrops)	Native to the central United States this member of the evening primrose family has large and yellow flowers that are open during the day. It will only get to be about 1-2 feet tall and spread just as wide. Can be drought tolerant but put in a moist environment it will be a very happy plant.
Origanum 'Kent Beauty' (Ornamental Oregano)	When you think of oregano you don't usually think of an ornamental plant but some sure are. 'Kent Beauty' is one of them. It stays under 10" tall but has pink to yellow flowers that cascade down from the plant. A short lived perennial in this area.
Pycnanthemum virginianum (Virginia Mountain Mint)	If you hear Pycnanthemum you can immediately think super pollinator plant. It stands 2-3 feet tall, loves the sun, tolerates wet feet very well, and is deer resistant. If put in a moist area it will spread.
Rosularia muratdagensis (Turkish Stonecrop)	Get out your succulent planters and troughs. This little dude will remind you of hen and chicks but forms a much tighter clump of plants. You'll love this little one if you like to garden with all the little 'weird' stuff in planters.
Rudbeckia subtomentosa (Sweet Coneflower)	Beautiful yellow flowers with brown centers can be 3 inches across. Standing up to five feet tall this one really puts on a show in the garden. It is very tolerant of dry spells and deer. Best in full sun.
Salvia 'PWIN03S' (Windwalker® Royal Red Salvia)	This is a new Salvia for us to try that is plenty cold hardy but may struggle with our wet winters. Regardless on how long it will stay perennial in your garden, one season of the plant covered in red flowers and the hummingbirds will make it worth it. It will stand 3-4 feet tall.
Sanguisorbia tenuifolia (Japanese Burnet)	Here is a great plant for those who enjoy floral design. Both a great flower for fresh use or dried. Tall flower stalks hold up a fuzzy red flower that hangs down. The plant has green, compound leaves and will stand 2 to 3 feet tall.
Scabiosa atropurpurea 'Chat Noir' (Pincushion Flower)	This could be one of your favorite cut flowers this summer. A deep red that is nearly black color up these large pin cushion like flowers. Not known for being a long lived perennial in the garden but you may get a couple of years out of it. If you keep the flowers cut off for arrangements it will bloom all summer.
Vernonia lettermannii (Thread-leaf Ironweed)	Sometimes you just stumble on a plant that turns out to be a favorite. We received this one by mistake a number of years ago and it turned out to be one of our favorites. Low dense masses of thread-fine dark green foliage to about 18" tall produces deep and vivid violet summer blooms. Excellent pollinator plant. Loves hot and dry sun. Deer proof. Easy to grow.
Yucca filamentosa 'Color Guard' (Adam's Needle)	We do not condone the use of plastic or artificial plants but the live ones that seem to be as tough as plastic get high marks in our book. This bright yellow and blue/green Yucca looks the exact same on a 5-degree day in February as it does on a 105-degree day in July. This is the plant they should plant in parking lot islands instead of Hosta and Hydrangea!!!!



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### Annuals

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Alternanthera 'Little Ruby' (Joseph's Coat)	We are a firm believer in a garden can be breathtaking and not have a single plant in flower! Alternantheras are a perfect example. Used only for its foliage, Joseph Coats come in a wide array of color. 'Little Ruby' is a deep purple color and will stand about a foot tall and spread a bit wider. Loves the sun.
Begonia 'Art Hodes' (Rhizomatous Begonia)	Outstanding bold textured begonia with 8-9" diameter, leather looking leaves. Small white flower in summer. This is an excellent container plant for shade and one worth bringing into the house to overwinter.
Begonia 'Canary Wings' (Dragon Wing Begonia)	Stunning annual with scarlet red flowers and bright yellow foliage. Best protected from hot afternoon sun. Up to 18-24" tall by fall.
Begonia odorata 'Alba' (White Angel Begonia)	The Angel begonias are great container plants or bed fillers in filtered light. Long, almost arrowhead shaped leaves are topped with delicate sprays of pure white blooms. For some reason the white one is hard to find but we love it for its clean simplicity in the garden. In 2021, we grew these in the garden and in a container at the Red Pepper Deli in Crestwood. Both conditions proved very favorable for it and when we overwintered the container from the Red Pepper in the glasshouse it bloomed its head off all winter!
Carex buchananii 'Red Rooster' (Leatherleaf Sedge)	Yep, it looks dead all year. We are using these in the 2022 annual displays in the gardens at Yew Dell and have a few left over to sell. Standing about 2 feet tall this sedge has brown foliage that makes it look more like a dormant grass during the winter. It isn't cold hardy here but it can add some fantastic contrast to a summer planter.
Colocasia 'Sangria' (Elephant Ear)	This is a plant bred and selected by Brian Williams who owns Brian's Botanicals just south of Louisville. It will get about 4-5' tall and the large green leaves are held up by bright pink/red stems. We are going to sell a few of these this year and grow the rest out in our nursery to have a large size to plant in the gardens next year!
Gaura lindheimeri 'KLEGL06261' (Belleza Compact Light Pink Whirling Butterflies)	A short and dark foliage variety of Gaura we will have growing throughout the gardens this year. About 18" tall by fall and pink flowers all of summer.
Ipomoea batatas 'Balsolalimart' (SolarPower™ Lime Heart Sweet Potato Vine)	One of the annuals we will have planted around the gardens this year. Deeply incised, bright yellow leaves on this spreading plant.
Ipomoea batatas 'Blackie' (Sweet Potato Vine)	A deeply incised black/purple leaf. We will be using a bunch of these in the annual displays this year at Yew Dell.
Isolepis cernua (Fiber Optic Grass)	Such a cool grass! It isn't hardy but we will be incorporating a lot of this grass into the Walled Garden this summer. 12-18" tall clumps of finely bladed grass with little tufts on the end that make it look like a fiber optic rod.
Lantana camara 'Balandgold' (Landmark™ Gold Lantana)	A screaming yellow Lantana that stays just under 2 feet tall. We will have this planted in the gardens this year at Yew Dell and just like always it will be the happiest in the sunniest and hottest location we put it.





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### Annuals Cont.

Plant Name	Description
Lobelia 'KLELE12471' (Early Springs Sky Blue Lobelia)	This is a heat tolerant Lobelia we will be growing in the gardens this year. We are hoping it lives up to its reputation and persists through the summer in flower for us. It will be best to protect this one from the hot afternoon sun.
Melinis nerviglumis 'Pink Crystals' (Ruby Grass)	This is a beautiful annual grass that we will be using in planters this fall around the gardens. It can get up to around 2 feet tall and flowers in an amazing light pink to red color!
Pennisetum setaceum 'Rubrum' (Purple Fountain Grass)	This is one of the more common ornamental annual grasses but still great none the less. We are growing a bunch of these to be planted around the gardens this summer. It can push 3 feet tall in the garden in one season and flowers in late summer with burgundy flower heads.
Plectranthus scutellarioides 'UF12-22-1' (Campfire Coleus)	A favorite of our good friend and Louisville gardener Mary Anne Thornton, and we love it too! 3' tall masses of coppery red foliage with incredible heat tolerance and compact growth for sun or light shade.
Plectranthus scutellarioides 'UF13-26-7' (Inferno Coleus)	This is a new coleus for us this year that we will be planting out in the gardens. It is very similar to Campfire but with a more ruffled leaf and a shorter stature. By the end of summer it should be around 30 inches.
Plectranthus scutellarioides 'UF17-52-25' (Copperhead Coleus)	Another coleus we will be putting in the gardens this year. It will only get about 2 feet tall and have red leaves with a wavy and incised yellow leaf margin.
Plectranthus scutellarioides 'Venice Boulevard' (Main Street Coleus)	A new coleus for 2022 and one we will be trying in the gardens. Maroon leaves have chartreuse veins running throughout them.
Plectranthus scutellarioides 'Yonge Street' (Main Street Coleus)	A maroon to red color coleus that was introduced by Dummen Orange. This 24" coleus will be planted around the gardens at Yew Dell as well this year.
Strobilanthes auriculata var. dyeriana (Persian Shield)	Incredibly cool annual with purple and silver leaves. Best for full sun. Visitors to Yew Dell always ask about this plant when we have it in the gardens. The hotter it gets in the summer, the more it likes it.
Torenia 'Sunrenirafuji' (Summer Wave Wishbone Flower)	A pale purple/pink to nearly white flower on this low growing, shade loving plant. We will be putting these in the gardens this year at Yew Dell. In 2021 we put another variety of Torenia in the ground in shady areas and was really impressed by the performance. If you are wondering where in the word the name wishbone flower comes from take a look inside the flower. The stamens of the flower form a wishbone!



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### Ferns

Plant Name	Description
Athyrium filix-femina 'Lady in Red' (Lady Fern)	Classic clumping fern to 18" tall with finely textured, medium green fronds and bright red stems. This fern will do well in a large planter on your shaded patio and overwinter in it just fine.
Dryopteris x australis (Dixie Wood Fern)	Probably our favorite fern here at Yew Dell. A much better plant than ostrich fern for this area but with the same effect. Sword like fronds stand 3' tall and make a serious impact in the shade garden. This fern is semi-evergreen but the fronds flop over flat in late fall.
Thelypteris decursive-pinnata (Japanese Beech Fern)	A three feet tall beauty of a fern. As with all ferns make sure the area they are in is rich in organic matter. No heavy clay. If you want the fern garden that is the talk of the town start composting your leaves and mulch with that every year!

### Perennial Vines

Plant Name	Description
Clematis alpina 'Stolwijk Gold' (Clematis)	Super contrasting climber with bright yellow foliage and blue flowers. Does great in full sun and shoot 6' up a trellis.
Clematis 'Rooguchi' (Clematis)	A non-vining clematis? Yep. Two-inch purple flowers hang down on a plant that can grow 6-8' tall if given something to grow through like a chain link fence or other trellis like feature. It just doesn't grab on though. One of the best ways to use it is to leave it alone in a perennial border and let it crawl around where it wants to.
Clematis 'Stand By Me' (Bush Clematis)	Another non-vining Clematis! This one will reach about 3' tall and be covered in beautiful purple to nearly blue flowers that hang down. No need to worry about how to prune this one either. It dies back to the ground each winter and comes back to bloom again the next. It will stand erect until the flower set pulls it down so a little support can be of good use. This is a cross between Clematis integrifolia and Clematis fremontii which are both non-vining as well.
Decumaria barbara (Wood Vamp)	Also called a climbing Hydrangea vine, this Eastern U.S. native plant can easily be confused with Hydrangea anomala ssp. petiolaris when seen in the garden. The flowers though are fragrant and very 'fuzzy' looking because of the numerous stamens. Incredibly glossy, dark green leaves do well in both shade and sun, as a groundcover or climbing vine, and in wet or standard moisture levels in the garden. In the wild it is found growing near ravines and creeks. Yew Dell has a fine specimen located in the Sunken Rock Garden which these plants were propagated from.
Hydrangea anomala subsp. petiolaris (Climbing Hydrangea)	One of the best plants for a stone house or large tree in the garden. It attaches itself to what it is climbing on and can become a heavy vine to support. It will tolerate quite a bit of sun but also does extremely well in shade. Shiny green leaves on a plant that sporadically flowers each spring.
Lonicera sempervirens 'Blanche Sandman' (Coral Honeysuckle)	A Theodore Klein Plant Award Winner, this Kentucky selection of our outstanding native honeysuckle vine has excellent red flowers in summer. Great for hummingbirds. 'Blanche Sandman' was selected by Louisville's own Blanche Sandman in her small backyard nursery in St. Matthews.





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### Perennial Grasses

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Calamagrostis 'Karl Foerster' (Feather Reed Grass)	The classic architectural grass. Strong, upright to about 4-5' tall with late summer plumes of wispy flowers. Seed heads remain attractive all through the fall and winter. Full sun. People argue that it is overplanted but it sure does do its job in the garden well!
Carex radiata (Eastern Star Sedge)	This native sedge grows to about 12" tall and prefers lightly shaded areas and can tolerate wet feet. Its thin bladed foliage can remain quite evergreen during the winter. When in bloom the tiny flowers like little stars.
Muhlenbergia reverchonii 'PUND01S' (Undaunted® Muhly Grass)	The typical muhly grass (M. capillaris) can be maddeningly touchy in the garden. It overwinters when it feels like it, but not when you feel like it! Undaunted is a great advancement in muhly for the garden. Fine textured, blue green foliage in mounds about 2' tall are topped in fall with clouds of pink. Native, durable and much more reliable, this one is great for any sunny garden with reasonably well drained soils.