

# '23 THEODORE KLEIN AWARDS

Each year a panel of Kentucky green industry professionals hunkers down and battles it out to see which plant nominees are deemed the Theodore Klein Award winners. These awards started back in 1999 and now add up to the go-to collection of woody and herbaceous garden plants for the region.

For a link to past winners, see [www.yewdellgardens.org/Theodore-Klein-plant-awards](http://www.yewdellgardens.org/Theodore-Klein-plant-awards)



**Japanese Zelkova**  
*Zelkova serrata* 'Village Green'

This 40'-60' tall shade tree creates a strong, vase-shaped specimen with deep green summer foliage and brick red fall color. It is a widely adaptable and long-lived tree for use as a lawn specimen or street tree.



**Japanese Flowering Cherry**  
*Prunus x yedoensis* 'Akebono'

A stunning, 20'-35' tree that bears pale pink spring flowers that smother the branches. An excellent selection for a sunny location, it is fairly adaptable to a wide range of soils and offers nice yellow/orange fall foliage color.



**Oriental Spice Bush**  
*Lindera angustifolia*

Stunning and durable large shrub best known for its brilliant red and orange fall foliage color. Excellent for screening or as an accent specimen. Long-lived, adaptable, and deer-proof.



**Upright Juniper**  
*Juniperus* 'JN Select Blue' Star Power™

This is one of the fastest-growing upright junipers for the landscape. Star-like, blue-green needles provide a fine texture while blue cones add a touch of colorful interest. Durable, deer-proof, and easy to grow.



**Blue Star**  
*Amsonia* 'Starstruck'

This fabulous, compact growing sun perennial is prized for its sky-blue spring flowers, dense and high quality summer foliage and glowing golden fall color. It makes a good cut flower and is not browsed by deer.



**Fairy Wings**  
*Epimedium* 'Spine Tinger' and 'Sandy Claws'

These two outstanding selections form low, spreading, semi-evergreen shade plants with unique, spine-edge leaves and delicate spring flowers. 'Spine Tinger' offers yellow flowers held above foliage to about 8" tall while 'Sandy Claws' grows to about 15" tall with white/yellow flowers. Highly resistant to deer/rabbit browse.