

Acaena inermis 'Purpurea', Purple Bidi-Bidi.

(sun/psh) (Zones 6-10) (3inches tall)

An interesting perennial groundcover from the warmer, dryer parts of New Zealand with tiny crabapple like blooms. In this cultivar, the normally blue-green leaves are frosted with a lilac hue that gives the entire plant a velvety purple glow. Spreads indefinitely, but never aggressive.

1GAL \$7.45 #1879

Acanthus syriacus, Syrian Bear's Breech.

(sun) (Zones 5-8) (1x1 feet)

A most interesting plant, like a cross between a thistle and a foxglove. Tall columns of white flowers enclosed by beautiful purple bracts all arising from rosettes of thick, spiny leaves. An excellent plant for very dry gardens. Hard to find.

2QT \$11.45 #1643

Achillea filipendulina 'Cloth of Gold', Cloth of Gold Yarrow.

(sun)(Zones 3-10)(36x36 inches)

As the name suggests, a vibrant yellow form of the ubiquitous yarrow. A perennial border classic that has the potential of reseeding in our area. Cut the flowers and dry them for a fall display. Typically blooms in May and June and sporadically throughout the season.

2GAL \$11.95 #0017

Achillea millefolium 'Cerise Queen', Cerise Queen Yarrow.

(sun)(Zones 3-10)(36x36inches)

This is more of a seed strain than a cultivar. The flowers can vary from pearly pink to bright pink to magenta. All are beautiful and are perfect for the perennial border or cut flower garden. Be sure to deadhead for a better quality plant. Blooms in June and sporadically afterwards.

1GAL \$7.45 #0020

Achillea ptarmica 'The Pearl', White Yarrow.

(sun)(Zones 3-8)(36x36 inches)

Quite different from other yarrows, the flat, white clusters of flowers emerge from fleshy rosettes of succulent, bright green leaves. Also very good for cut flowers this yarrow blooms in May.

2GAL \$11.45 #0732

Acinos alpinus.

(sun/psh)(Zones 5-7)(6 inches tall)

Charming mats of foliage similar to Greek oregano. During spring the plant displays richly hued purple-pink tubular flowers. Probably best in the rock garden in very well drained soil. Superb in a trough. Very easy to grow.

1GAL 9.45 #1928

Actaea pachypoda, White Baneberry or Doll's Eyes.

(psh/sh)(Zones 3-9)(30x30 inches)

One of the most common wildflowers in the Cincinnati area, White Baneberry is a stalwart of the shady garden. Lacy, bipinnately compound leaves give rise to small clusters of frilly white flowers in spring. In late summer, the real show starts as the berries mature to pure white held on striking red stems. Easily grown in just about any soil.

1GAL \$9.45 #0339

Actinidia kolomikta 'Arctic Beauty', Arctic Beauty Hardy Kiwi.

(sun/psh)(Zones 4-8)(vining)

An extremely cold hardy vine that can produce edible fruit. The principle ornamental attribute is the foliage, which can range in color from green to white to pure pink. A mature specimen can be amazing. Dioecious.

7GAL \$29.95 #0027

Agastache 'Apricot Sunrise', Apricot Sunrise Mexican Mint.

(sun)(Zones 6-9)(2x2 feet)

From a virtually unknown Genus of plants comes this summer blooming machine. As the name suggests this plant offers a proliferation of apricot-orange flowers over a long period from early summer through fall. Very impressive in the perennial border as well as in containers. Extremely aromatic foliage. A rising star to watch out for.

1GAL \$7.45 #0906

Agastache rugosa 'Honeybee Blue', Honeybee Blue Anise Hyssop.

(sun)(Zones 5-9)(4x4 feet)

Very different from the above, this old fashioned perennial offers darting spikes of blue-purple flowers on tall stems of aromatic foliage. A favorite of bumblebees and may be worth planting around fruit and vegetable plants to ensure pollination. Easily grown.

3GAL \$14.95 #0036

Agave havardiana, Hardy Agave.

(sun)(Zones 6-9)(1x2 feet)

An Alplains seed collection of this hardy century plant from Texas. This forms tight rosettes of sword-shaped blue green leaves edged with deadly spines. This may be hardy in the rock garden with perfect drainage and a bit of protection. Considered to be hardy to zone 6, these are nice, well established 2 year old plants.

1GAL \$7.95 #1780

Agave parryi, Hardy Century Plant.

(sun)(Zones 6-9)(1x2 feet)

These plants originated from seed collected in Coconino County, Arizona at an elevation of 6800 feet. This area is known to receive much cold weather and drifting snow. Grow in deep mounds of pure sand or the rock garden. A perfect compliment to the hardy cactus garden.

1GAL \$7.95 #1662

Agave parryi var. couesii, Hardy Century Plant.

(sun)(Zones 6-9)(1x2 feet)

Another collection of Century plant that will take extremes of cold. This Alplains seed collection is from Yavapai County, Arizona at 5800 feet in elevation. Plants from this population are known to be completely without spines (f. integrifolia). The rosettes are ash-colored.

4" \$3.95 #1775

Alcea rosea 'Chatter's Magnificent Mixture', Double Hollyhock Mix.

(sun)(Zones 4-10)(6x3 feet)

A mix of flower colors ranging from chamois to yellow to red to violet and pink. The flowers are fully double and have the texture of tissue paper. Can be biennial if allowed to set seed.

3GAL \$14.95 #1346

Alcea rosea f. nigra, Black Hollyhock.

(sun)(Zones 4-10)(5x3 feet)

Quite an eye catcher with a man-sized display of black flowers. The flowers are actually very deep, dark maroon, but they look positively black from a distance. Expect the best performance of the plant when it is deadheaded.

1 GAL \$7.45 #0163

Alcea rugosa, Perennial Hollyhock.

(sun)(Zones 4-10)(5x3 feet)

This is the most perennial of the hollyhocks. This is my favorite for its long display of citron yellow flowers on tall stems. Easy and permanent.

1GAL \$7.45 #0050

Allium schoenoprasum, Chives.

(sun)(Zones 4-10)(18x18 inches)

More often grown as an edible, Chives also are a beautiful ornamental. The dainty lavender globes excite in the herb or perennial garden. Prefers a well-drained soil, but is very amenable.

1GAL \$7.45 #0059

Astroemeria hybrid, 'Sweet Laura'.

(sun)(Zones 6-9)(3x2 feet)

This University of Connecticut hybrid was selected for its hardiness and durability in the cold northeastern climate. We were quite skeptical of this plant in the beginning, but after a summer of prolific bloom and growth, we are quickly becoming convinced about its garden merits. Vivid yellow blooms with an orange flair keep coming until the first hard freeze. Loves compost. Utterly hardy.

1GAL \$11.45 #2486

Amorpha canescens, Lead Bush.

(sun)(Zones 3-9)(4x4 feet)

For those into prairie or native plant reclamation, this is a plant that should be included for its tolerance to drought and heat. The finely textured leaves are covered in a dense silvery pubescence that gives the plant a California look. The purple-pink flowers show the plant's relationship to the Pea Family. Fixes it's own Nitrogen in poor soils.

1GAL \$9.45 #0062

Amsonia hubrichtii, Blue Star.

(sun)(Zones 5-9)(2x3 feet)

This boasts finely textured domes of grass green leaves that are topped with tiny blue porcelain starry flowers in spring. A hardy and durable perennial that turns rich golden yellow in the fall for several weeks before going dormant. Extremely tolerant of drought. Not to be without.

1GAL \$7.45 #0586

Anemone huphehensis 'Prinz Heinrich', Japanese Anemone. (psh/sh)(Zones 5-8)(24x24 inches)

A vividly colored fall blooming Anemone that displays more petals than the type. The Japanese Anemones make great garden season extenders that are easy to grow. Combine several varieties for an extended season of bloom.

1GAL \$9.45 #2694

Anemone multifida 'Rubra', Windflower. (sun/sh)(Zones 2-7)(15x15 inches)

A charming little Anemone that hails from the western US mountain ranges, and also native in the east. An unforgettable mid-spring through summer display of carmine red flowers with white and yellow centers. Excellent dark green, lacy foliage.

1GAL \$9.45 #2494

Anemone sylvestris, Large Forest Anemone. (psh/sh)(Zones 4-7)(15x24 inches)

A stunner for its spring offering of large white chalice flowers that lift the spirits. A good woodland plant that can wander around your specimen Hostas and Epimediums. May rebloom in the autumn.

1GAL \$7.45 #2307

Anemone vitifolia, Grapeleaf Anemone. (psh/sh)(Zones 5-7?)(30x30 inches)

This is a Euroseed collection of a rare and unique Anemone that is not well known. The huge leaves bear a close resemblance to those of the true grape and lend a new look to the woodland garden. The myriads of small, white flowers with yellow centers appear very late in the season.

1GAL \$7.45 #2569

Anemone x hybrida 'Honorine Jobert', Hybrid Japanese Anemone. (psh/sh)(Zones 5-8)(36x36 inches)

Similar to other Japanese Anemone, this one differs in having white flowers. A very old cultivar that is still widely grown. Blooms late summer till frost.

1GAL \$9.45 #2570

Anemone x hybrida 'Whirlwind', Hybrid Japanese Anemone. (psh/sh)(Zones 5-8)(30x30 inches)

Very similar to the above selection but differing in being of shorter stature and with more petals to each flower. Another very old, but still very popular selection. Easily grown in rich soil.

1GAL \$9.45 #2572

Angelica gigas, Angelica. (sun/psh)(Zones 4-8)(5x3 feet)

A dramatic and architectural foliage plant well suited to the perennial or herb garden. This species has the added bonus of having richly colored, burgundy branches that jump out at you. Prefers a moist soil that is rich in nutrients. May be biennial if not deadheaded.

2GAL \$13.45 #2432

Arisaema kiusianum, Japanese Jack-in-the-Pulpit. (psh/sh)(Zones 5-9)(24x24 inches)

One of the most distinctive plants in a group of distinctive plants. The spathe is other-worldly in its rich coloration in tones of yellow, red, brown and, burgundy. The spadix is dark in color and flares wildly for a most exotic appeal. The fan of foliage remains attractive long into the season and is excellent with Hostas. This is one of the best clump formers.

1GAL \$24.95 #2329

Arisaema maximowiczii, Japanese Jack-in-the-Pulpit. (psh/sh)(Zones 5-9)(30 inches tall)

My particular favorite of the Japanese Jacks, this plant impresses with its graceful demeanor and aristocratic air. This clump former has tall stems each capped with a parasol of very narrow finger-like foliage. The spathe can be either brown and white or green and white, but each possesses curious little "windows" on the area directly behind the spadix that give a ghostly look.

1GAL \$28.95 #1482

Arisaema ringens, Cobra Lily. (psh/sh)(Zones 5-9)(24x30 inches)

One of the first exotic Jacks to be introduced into American gardens, but still quite rare. Very different from other Jacks, each stem possesses a stout, cobra-esque inflorescence that is striped in purple and silver. The flower is subtended by two stems, each carrying three massive glossy green leaflets. Sometimes the spathe can be green and white. Easily grown and forms massive clumps in time, this Jack lasts late into the season.

1GAL \$28.95 #0151

***Arisaema fargesii*, Chinese Jack-in-the-Pulpit.**

(psh/sh)(Zones 5-9)(36x36 inches)

Perhaps the best of the hardy species for its foliage, this boasts tall stems, each with three giant leaflets that last well into November in southern Ohio. The brown and white striped spadix is quite large and appears at ground level in late June. Late to emerge and very tropical in appearance. Hardy and prolific.

4" \$12.95 #2333

***Armeria maritima* 'Pink Lusitanica', Pink Sea Thrift.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 4-9)(12x12 inches)

Very similar to the above, but with narrower leaves and flowers of consistent rich pink. Evergreen and drought tolerant.

1GAL \$7.45 #1654

***Armeria maritima* 'Alba', White Sea Thrift.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 4-9)(12x12 inches)

Just like the above two plants but with white flowers. Superb!

1QT \$7.45 #1642

***Armeria maritima* 'Splendens', Sea Pink.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 4-9)(12x12 inches)

Identical to the other Sea Thrifts in foliage and form, this Thrift is grown for its prolific display of rose pink flowers. One of the best cultivars for our region.

1GAL \$7.45 #2429

***Armoracia rusticana* 'Variegata', Variegated Horseradish.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 3-9)(15x18 inches)

The supposedly variegated horseradish. These plants have never shown a speck of white coloration. We are awaiting new stock of this plant, which is considered by many to be one of the finest of variegated perennials. Hard to believe.

1GAL \$9.45 #1975

***Artemisia* 'Powis Castle', Powis Castle Wormwood.**

(sun)(Zones 5-9)(18x36 inches)

Although quite common, I continue to marvel at this plant's tenacious demeanor and silver foliage. This plant thrives in dry, dusty locations, but is equally at home in the rich soils of the perennial border. A striking folial component to contrast colorful specimens against. Never have seen it flower. Don't cut it back until spring, or it may not survive.

3GAL \$18.95 #0106

***Artemisia lactiflora* 'Guizho', White Mugwort.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 4-8)(4x3 feet)

Very different from the silver leaved wormwoods, this tall, lush perennial prefers a rich soil that does not dry out. Frilly dark green leaves topped with irregular sprays of tiny white flowers. Like a giant, weedy Astilbe.

1GAL \$7.45 #0150

***Artemisia schmidtiana* 'Silver Mound', Silver Mound Artemisia.**

(sun)(Zones 4-9)(8x15 inches)

Probably the most well-known Artemisia in the nursery trade, this plant can be finicky in some landscapes. The deceptively dense mounds of finely fretted silver leaves make for an excellent contrast to other low-growing plants. Needs perfect drainage, or else it will melt out into a pile of brown mush. If it starts to melt out, cut all the stems to ground level and the plant will retoliate.

1GAL \$7.45 #2272

***Aruncus dioicus*, Goatsbeard.**

(sun/sh)(Zones 4-8)(4x4 feet)

A fabled garden plant that lends an air of drama to the early summer garden. For all intents and purposes this looks like an Astilbe on steroids. Beefy clumps of leaves top with arching sprays of flowers in pure white. Goatsbeard is one of few plants whose native distribution extends worldwide.

1GAL \$9.45 #0110

3GAL \$18.95 #0111

***Asarum splendens*, Chinese Wild Ginger.**

(psh/sh)(Zones 5-9)(12x30 inches)

This has proved to be one of the best of the evergreen gingers. Large spade shaped leaves to 9 inches long are heavily mottled in various tones of silver, gray and green. This thrives on summer heat and forms large, meaty clumps in a short time. Tolerates a variety of soils and is ideal for shady woodland and Hosta gardens.

1GAL \$11.45 #0115

***Asclepias incarnata* 'Ice Ballet', White Swamp Milkweed.** (sun)(Zones 4-8)(36x36 inches)

Another Ohio native, this clone was selected for its abundant display of pure white flowers. This is found growing in wet spots, which should be replicated in the garden for optimal performance, although the plant is quite tolerant. A favorite of Monarch butterfly larvae in the nursery and garden.

1GAL \$7.45 #0114

***Asclepias incarnata*, Swamp Milkweed.** (sun)(Zones 4-8)(36x36 inches)

Exactly like the former, but with flowers of red-purple. A great plant for wet areas and wildlife.

1GAL \$7.45 #0125

***Asphodeline lutea*, King's Spear.** (sun)(Zones 5-8)(30x24 inches)

Nobody ever believes this plant is hardy, when in fact it is durable and long-lived in our zone. The rosettes of grass-like blue-green foliage emanate from the center in a whorl and appear like an octopus lying coily on the ground. In mid-May the rosettes give way to tall spikes of cheery yellow flowers that keep coming for 2-3 weeks. Can go dormant in summer if it gets too dry, but our recent wet summers have prevented this with no harm to the plant. Well-drained soil. Very popular.

1GAL \$11.45 #1535

***Aster alpinus* 'Goliath', Goliath Alpine Aster.** (sun/psh)(Zones 3-9)(12x15 inches)

I am excited by this species for numerous reasons: First, consider the novelty of an aster that blooms in spring. Secondly, who doesn't like gigantic soft blue Daisies. Thirdly, consider its attractive habit. And for a final reason, why not just try something a little different. Easy to grow and durable.

1GAL \$7.45 #1536

***Aster alpinus* 'Dark Beauty', Dark Beauty Alpine Aster.** (sun/psh)(Zones 3-9)(12x12 inches)

Just like the above cultivar, but with smaller flowers of an intense violet purple. A very attractive spring bloomer that is good for the rock garden or front of the perennial garden. Prefers good drainage.

1GAL \$7.45 #2024

***Aster ericoides* 'Monte Casino', Monte Casino Calico Aster.** (sun/psh)(Zones 4-10)(2x3 feet)

This should be called the Cloud Aster. In late summer and fall the entire plant is covered on every stem with multitudes of tiny white daisies that turn the whole plant white. Easily grown and attractive.

1GAL \$7.45 #2367

***Astilbe x arendsii* 'Fanal', Red False Spirea.** (psh/sh)(Zones 3-9)(18x18 inches)

Conical plumes of feathery red flowers are the main attraction of this Astilbe hybrid. Prefers a moist, rich soil. A display of several differently colored plants makes an impressive sight in late spring. Deadhead after the blooms are finished for a tidier plant.

2GAL \$12.45 #0134

***Astilbe x arendsii* 'Bridal Veil', White False Spirea.** (psh/sh)(Zones 3-9)(18x18 inches)

Just like Fanal, but with white blooms. Who doesn't love Astilbe, and who actually calls it False Spirea anyway?

2GAL \$12.45 #2781

***Astilbe chinensis* var. *pumila*, Creeping Astilbe.** (psh/sh)(Zones 4-8)(15 inches tall)

One of the more well-known Astilbe species that can form a substantial groundcover over time. Low clusters of dark green leaves culminating in conical plumes of mauve-purple blooms. Seems to tolerate drier conditions than other Astilbe. Good for landscaping.

1GAL \$7.45 #0126

***Astilbe chinensis* 'Visions', Visions Astilbe.** (psh/sh)(Zones 4-8)(18 inches tall)

Similar to the above but with a stronger tendency to clump. The flowers are redder than purple and are very pleasing to the eye. Rich, moist soil and shade.

2GAL \$12.45 #0615

***Astragalus canadensis*, Canada Milkvetch.** (sun/psh)(Zones 3-8)(6x3 feet)

I remember learning this as a prairie plant and was quite surprised the first time I saw it growing as a woodland plant in a West Virginia mountain cove. This cold hardy native impresses with its tubular, milky white flowers held high above the foliage. A striking specimen when in bloom.

2GAL \$13.45 #1045

Baptisia 'Purple Smoke', Purple Smoke Baptisia. (sun)(Zones 3-9)(4x3 feet)

One of the first wild indigo hybrids to be released, this combines the best attributes of both its parents. Tall stems of purple flowers capping stems of pea-green leaves on charcoal stems. Easy and long-lived.

2QT \$11.45 #1872

Baptisia 'Carolina Moonlight', Carolina Moonlight Indigo. (sun)(Zones 3-9)(4x3 feet)

Another excellent hybrid from North Carolina. Zappy spikes of bright yellow flowers over long-lasting pea-green leaves. An excellent and dependable replacement for lupines.

2QT \$11.45 #1888

Baptisia australis, Blue False Indigo. (sun)(Zones 3-9)(4x3 feet)

The best known and most loved of the wild indigos. Regal purple flower spikes each touched with a bit of yellow. Very hardy and extremely long-lived. Thrives in heavy clay.

1GAL \$11.45 #2356

Baptisia bracteata, Cream False Indigo. (sun)(Zones 3-9)(2x2 feet)

Different from the taller varieties, this has cream colored flowers held in cascading clusters. Could be used in areas where other Baptisias grow too large. Easily grown.

1GAL \$11.45 #1895

Baptisia sphaerocarpa, Yellow False Indigo. (sun)(Zones 4-9)(4x3 feet)

This is an unknown native that is sure to become popular. Large spikes of insanely yellow flowers on tall stems of pea-green foliage. Native in the southern plains states of the US.

1GAL \$9.45 #2447

Belamcanda chinensis, Blackberry Lily. (sun/psh)(Zones 5-8)(30x30 inches)

Not a true lily, but a member of the Iris family. Sword-like foliage is topped in early summer by cheery flowers in shades of yellow, orange, and dull red. The seed clusters look like ripe blackberries, but are not edible. Excellent for dried arrangements. Easily grown in any draining soil.

1GAL \$7.45 #2321

Bergenia cordifolia 'New Hybrids', Hybrid Pigsqueak. (sun/sh)(Zones 3-9)(18x24 inches)

An easily grown group of hybrid Pigsqueak excellent for landscaping and massing. The early spring flowers range in color from soft pink to purple-red and gracefully nod over as they mature. Large, shiny evergreen leaves give substance to the winter landscape.

1GAL \$7.45 #0201

Bergenia cordifolia, Pigsqueak. (sun/sh)(Zones 3-9)(20x24 inches)

The wild Pigsqueak also makes an enduring garden plant. Large evergreen leaves and early spring bloom of rose-red flowers. Grow in any well-drained soil.

4INCH \$3.95 #1769

Bergenia cordifolia 'Winterglow', Winterglow Pigsqueak. (sun/sh)(Zones 3-9)(12x18 inches)

This is a hybrid strain from Germany that has consistently rich, red flowers and deeply saturated ruby-red leaves in fall and winter. The plant stays small and tidy. Superb.

1GAL \$7.45 #2522

Bergenia cordifolia 'Red Beauty', Red Beauty Pigsqueak. (sun/sh)(Zones 3-9)(15x20 inches)

This is very similar to 'Winterglow' and almost impossible to tell apart. Excellent rose red blooms and striking fall and winter foliage. Needs moisture when getting established, but totally drought tolerant afterwards.

1GAL \$7.45 #2552

Bergenia crassifolia, Pigsqueak. (sun/sh)(Zones 3-9)(18x24 inches)

This species differs from the others in its more rounded, less glossy leaves. A good, early spring bloom of sugar pink flowers. Grows in any well-drained soil.

1GAL \$7.45 #1770

Bergenia purpurescens, Chinese Pigsqueak. (sun/sh)(Zones 4-8)(20x24 inches)

This new introduction was named for its purple colored flower stems that emerge in spring. The flowers are rose-red. Good for rock or shade gardens.

1GAL \$9.45 #2887

***Bletilla striata* 'Murasaki Shikibu', Lavender Hardy Orchid.** (psh)(Zones 5-9)(24x24 inches)

A total color break for this species, this has flowers of a beautiful lavender hue instead of rose-red or white. This always looks good with its glossy, bamboo-like foliage that holds late into the season. Flowers in spring and prefers a rich, moist soil. Make sure to use a mulch of pine straw in late fall. Only a few left. Drought tolerant.

2QT \$24.95 #1283

***Bletilla striata*, Hybrid Hardy Orchid.** (psh)(Zones 5-9)(24x24 inches)

These are supposed to be white flowered plants, but the only one that bloomed was bright crimson. Anyhow, these are tentatively under the name 'Alba'. At any rate they all will make first rate garden plants and form large clumps of pleated leaves with clusters of orchids in spring.

1GAL \$9.45 #2212

***Boltonia asteroides* 'Snowbank', Snowbank False Aster.** (sun)(Zones 4-9)(5x4 feet)

The white flowered forms of *Boltonia* get a bad rap for some reason and it's really too bad. 'Snowbank' produces a multitude of tiny white daisies from mid to late summer on a plant more compact than the species. The New England Wildflower Society made this selection of a drought tolerant native plant.

3GAL \$14.95 #1897

***Boltonia asteroides* var. *latisquama* 'Nana', Dwarf Pink False Aster.** (sun)(Zones 3-8)(2x3 feet)

Excellent blooms of lavender pink flowers on compact mounds of dark green needle-like foliage. This blooms well into mid and late summer when many other perennials falter. 'Nana' is somewhat variable in flower color, but all plants remain low and tight. Very easy to grow.

2GAL \$11.45 #1900

***Boltonia asteroides* var. *latisquama*, Pink False Aster.** (sun)(Zones 3-8)(4x4 feet)

Similar to the aforementioned plant, but with a taller framework. The plants are best for large perennial gardens.

SOLD OUT - Call for future availability.

***Calamintha grandiflora*, Purple Calamint.** (sun)(Zones 5-8)(12x18 inches)

I am very excited about this long-blooming dwarf perennial. Low mounds of triangular, aromatic leaves bear multitudes of tubular purple flowers from June until August. Exceedingly beautiful and a very heavy bloomer. Likes rich soil in hot sunny locations.

1GAL \$7.95 #2487

***Calaminthia nepeta* var. *nepeta*, Calamint.** (sun)(Zones 4-8)(20x20 inches)

Another long-blooming perennial for the front of the garden. Multitudes of small white flowers impress for months at a time throughout summer. The tubular blooms are white with purple speckling. Thrives in tough locations. Don't over-mulch this one.

1GAL \$7.45 #1513

***Calanthe discolor*, Calanthe Orchid.** (psh/sh)(Zones 6-9)(18x30 inches)

This is from an easily grown group of terrestrial orchids that deserve more trial in the Cincinnati area. This spring bloomer wows with spikes of tiny orchids in colors of red, brown, yellow, and pink. The handsome pleated leaves are nearly evergreen and are very attractive throughout the seasons. Demands a well-drained soil, but not difficult to grow.

2QT \$24.95 #1284

***Camassia cusickii*, Western Camass.** (sun/psh)(Zones 4-8)(24x24 inches)

This is normally sold as a dried bulb in fall, we potted up our leftovers and they have persisted very well. This is a reliably perennial spring flowering bulb that presents dainty spikes of white or purple flowers. All parts of this plant are poisonous.

1GAL \$7.45 #2446

***Campanula* 'Constellation', Hybrid Bellflower.** (sun/psh)(Zones 5-9)(6x24 inches)

A Bellflower hybrid with a creeping habit and lots of purple star-shaped flowers. This will form vigorous mats in time and presents its initial bloom in early summer. Needs good drainage. Probably best with afternoon shade.

1GAL \$9.45 #2460

Campanula glomerata 'Alba', White Bellflower. (sun/psh)(Zones 2-7)(15x15 inches)

Leafy clumps of dagger-like leaves are topped with heavy clusters of upward facing pure white bells. This is very easy to grow and exceedingly hardy. A dependable perennial.

1GAL \$7.45 #0228

Campanula glomerata 'Acaulis', Dwarf Bellflower. (sun/psh)(Zones 2-7)(12x12 inches)

The same species as above, but with a smaller, tighter habit and upward facing purple bells. Very easy to grow and floriferous at the front of the border.

1GAL \$7.45 #2471

Campanula poscharskyana, Creeping Bellflower. (sun/psh)(Zones 3-7)(8x24 inches)

One of my favorite Bellflowers for its low mounds of evergreen heart-shaped leaves and heavy bloom of flat star-shaped flowers. Likes good drainage and moisture throughout the season. Excellent in a rock wall.

1GAL \$7.45 #2472

Centaurea dealbata, Persian Cornflower. (sun)(Zones 4-7)(24x24 inches)

Mounds of lacy, green foliage give way to striking magenta cornflowers. The papery texture of the blooms adds a gloss to them that literally makes them shine. Easily grown and long-lived.

1GAL \$7.45 #0256

Centaurea macrocephala, Bachelor Buttons. (sun)(Zones 5-8)(36x36 inches)

A coarse and vulgar perennial that makes its presence known through its obscenely yellow, globular blooms. Rough stems of coarse foliage are best hidden by slightly shorter perennials. Very hardy, an old-fashioned classic.

2GAL \$11.45 #1956

Centaurea montana 'Alba', White Cornflower. (sun/psh)(Zones 3-9)(18x24 inches)

This is the same plant as above, only with white flowers. Very beautiful.

1GAL \$7.45 #1516

Cephalaria gigantea, Giant Scabious. (sun)(Zones 4-8)(4x2 feet)

The Giant Scabious is very much like a Scabiosa on steroids and with yellow instead of blue flowers. A tall-growing architectural plant that offers some summer blooms. Grows in any well-drained soil.

3GAL \$14.95 #0261

Cerastium tomentosum 'Silberteppich', Snow-in-Summer. (sun)(Zones 5-9)(3x36 inches)

I've never understood the common name because this always blooms in very early spring here and is nearly dormant before summer arrives. Myriads of tiny white flowers occur over spreading carpets of needle-like, silver leaves. The foliage is at its best from fall through spring.

1GAL \$7.45 #2324

Ceratostigma plumbaginoides, Plumbago. (sun/psh)(Zones 5-9)(12 inches tall)

A very classy and beautiful plant at its best when others are failing. Plumbago is late to emerge in spring and begins its display of gentian blue flowers with the arrival of autumn. The 1-inch flowers continue for weeks and become even more noticeable when the leaves turn brilliant scarlet. This forms large mats and is an excellent groundcover.

1GAL \$9.45 #0262

Chrysanthemum coccineum 'Robinson Reisen Mix', Pyrethrum Daisies. (sun/psh)(Zones 5-8)(2x1 feet)

A splendid mix of daisies in shades of red, pink, and white. These are perfect for cutting and integrate well into the perennial garden. The plant is the source of pyrethrum-based herbicides for the green industry.

1GAL \$7.45 #1339

Cimicifuga racemosa, Black Cohosh. (psh/sh)(Zones 3-9)(4x2.5 feet)

This is different from other native Cimicifugas in that it blooms much earlier, usually during mid to late

summer. The tall spikes of fuzzy white flowers are said to deter mosquitoes. The flowers smell of citronella. The leaves are very similar to those of *Actaea* and some authors consider them to be the same genus (*Actaea*).

1GAL \$9.45 #2036

***Cimicifuga ramosa* 'Hillside Black Beauty', Black Beauty Bugbane.** (psh)(Zones 4-9)(5x3 feet)

Without a doubt, one of the most spectacular shade perennials to be planted. Ferny mounds of chocolate-colored foliage, each leaflet edged in delicate burgundy. The very tall spikes of fragrant white flowers occur in late summer and fall. Slow growing and long-lived, this beauty stands out when planted with anything chartreuse.

1GAL \$16.95 #2505

***Clematis heracleifolia*, Bush Clematis.** (sun/psh)(Zones 3-9)(2-4x2-4 feet)

One of the best perennials for summer color, this variable plant can be used in a variety of landscape situations. It produces lax stems of grape-like foliage that are lined with small, tubular bright blue or deep purple blooms. Some forms seem to stay rather compact with rich purple blooms. Thrives in full sun and rich soil. The delicate seedheads are also attractive.

2GAL \$14.95 #2738

***Convallaria majalis*, Lily of the Valley.** (psh/sh)(Zones 3-8)(12 inches)

An enduring, old-fashioned plant that never seems to go out of style. Light green, paired, pleated leaves give rise to arching spikes of pure white blooms with the most heavenly fragrance. Grows in very dry shade and lives forever, forming ever-expanding carpets of foliage.

1GAL \$7.45 #0364

***Coreopsis rosea* 'Sweet Dreams', Tickseed.** (sun)(Zones 5-9)(24x30 inches)

This excellent new introduction is very hardy and blooms over a long period. The blooms are yellow in the center, red in the middle, and pink on the edges. Very attractive, this benefits from being cut back in mid May to produce a more compact plant. Finely textured, lacy foliage.

1GAL \$7.45 #2565

***Coreopsis tripteris*, Tall Tickseed.** (sun)(Zones 3-9)(3-5x3-5 feet)

One of the tallest *Coreopsis* with robust stems and three-lobed foliage. The upper half of the plant is covered in a myriad of small, yellow flowers in summer. Good for the back of the border or prairie.

3GAL \$14.95 #0365

***Coreopsis verticillata* 'Moonbeam', Moonbeam Coreopsis.** (sun)(Zones 4-9)(15x24 inches)

A past perennial of the year and one of the most popular perennials ever. Tufts of finely textured leaves are covered in summer by soft, yellow blooms that seem to last forever. Grows in any draining soil.

1GAL \$7.45 #0389

***Corydalis cheilanthifolia*, Fernleaf Corydalis.** (psh/sh)(Zones 4-8)(15x18 inches)

I'm not sure if this is a legitimate common name, but it sure fits. The dense clumps of ferny foliage with bronze overtones are evergreen and showy. The vibrant yellow flowers appear from the center of the clumps very early and are a sure sign spring is here. This can be very aggressive in some gardens, although it grows very slowly here in conditions where it should be rampant. Go figure.

1GAL \$11.45 #0749

***Crocsmia hybrids*, Montbretia or Coppertips.** (sun/psh)(Zones 5-9)(varies)

We are quite smitten with this wonderful group of South African bulbs that are proving hardier than we had figured. These bloom from late June into the month of July and offer arching sprays of conspicuously colored flowers in hues of orange, red, and yellow. The sword-shaped foliage adds vertical interest to the garden. Spider mites can be a problem, but their reproductive cycle can be broken if they are repeatedly sprayed with water for a couple of weeks. We offer a few selections, some of which are still very rare. **Prices vary.**

A. C. 'Coleton Fishacre'. This is one of the hottest new cultivars to hit the scene. Tall, bronze-colored leaves are topped with dramatic sprays of tubular, apricot flowers. Very fast growing and quickly forms a nice clump. 36 inches tall.

1GAL \$5.95 #1589

B. C. 'Emily Mackenzie'. One of the oldest and hardiest cultivars, this plant originated in Scotland. Moderately sized clumps of bright green leaves give rise to pumpkin-orange flowers with a central red band. This can form a substantial clump in time and is good for naturalizing. Our original stock came from Carol Van Lieu, who brought it from Scotland, and has grown it in her garden for 10 years. 24 inches tall.

1GAL \$7.45 #2899

Cyclamen hederifolium (neapolitanum), Hardy Cyclamen. (psh/sh)(Zones 5-9)(6 inches tall)

Everyone could use more plants that bloom in fall. This stunner is one of the best and makes large clumps of handsomely mottled leaves with a heavy bloom of rich pink or white Cyclamen flowers. The foliage is as showy as the flowers and no two plants are the same. This will grow well in dry shade under trees and requires only that its tubers are planted deeply. Tubers planted above the ground will certainly perish. We offer an excellent mix of white and pink flowered plants, some with totally silver leaves.

1GAL \$7.95 #0408

Dalea purpurea, Purple Prairie Clover.

(sun)(Zones 4-8)(30x30 inches)

This prairie native is worth a try in dry, difficult gardens. Tall reams of needle-like foliage capped in dense, cylindrical heads of pinky-purple flowers. A very durable and long-lived plant. Any well-drained soil.

2GAL \$11.45 #1011

Delosperma species, Iceplants.

(sun/psh)(Zones vary)(Varies)

In the past ten years there has been a wave of new introductions from South Africa. Few of these have benefited more than the Iceplants. Many of these are high elevation collections proving hardy in colder regions of the country and hold much promise for rock, perennial, and trough gardening. Most of these are low, carpeting plants that bloom throughout the growing season with daisy like flowers. These need rich soil to bloom, don't grow them too lean!

A. D. ashtonii. Fleshy mats of bright green, succulent foliage which is much wider than other species. The flowers are shiny magenta with a faint white center. Not sure about hardiness, this is often listed as Zone 5.

1GAL \$7.45 #1505

B. D. 'Beaufort West'. A choice plant for a trough, this forms tight cushions of succulent, tubular green leaves. The sugar-pink flowers sit right on the cushion and appear all summer. Hardy to zone 5.

1GAL \$5.95 #1503

C. D. basuticum. This is my favorite for its impressive display of golden-yellow flowers with white centers. Flat mats of succulent flattened foliage. Needs very good drainage. Zone 5.

1GAL \$5.95 #1558

D. D. 'Graaf-Reinet'. This has not been assigned a species name yet, but the plant is proving to be one of the hardiest species for general garden use. Very flat mats of rounded, succulent, green foliage topped with numerous, small white flowers throughout the spring and summer.

4INCH \$3.95 #1560

E. D. nubigenum. This is the hardiest species in our area. Ground-hugging mats of light green leaves with an abundance of bright yellow flowers. Can spread very wide, but is not aggressive.

1GAL \$5.95 #1506

Delphinium grandiflorum 'Butterfly Compactum'.

(sun/psh)(Zones 3-7)(20x20 inches)

This is a Delphinium that is easy to grow and prolific in warm gardens. Compact clumps of dark green, lacy foliage topped in quantities of ultramarine-blue larkspurs that occur throughout the summer and into fall. Each plant is not long-lived, only 2-3 years, but they reseed politely and give a good show every year. Any draining soil.

1GAL \$7.45 #1533

Dendranthema zawadaskii 'Clara Curtis', Chrysanthemum.

(sun)(Zones 4-9)(24x24 inches)

An old standby that deserves a place in every garden for its very late display of peachy-pink flowers with yellow centers. Loose clusters of stems bearing rubbery, dissected leaves that turn scarlet as the flowers

senescence add to the overall display. Not to be without. Easily grown in any draining soil.

2GAL \$14.95 #2455

Dianthus 'Russian Skies', Sweet William. (sun/psh)(Zones 4-8)(18x12 inches)

This distinctive selection from Thompson and Morgan and has intrigued us ever since with its exceedingly glossy, strappy foliage and prolific display of sugar-pink flowers in spring. Worth growing for the foliage alone, these plants are biennials, but reseed to ensure next year's crop. The 2006 Perennial of the Year.

1GAL \$7.45 #0600

Dianthus gratianopolitanus 'Firewitch', Firewitch Cheddar Pinks. (sun)(Zones 5-8)(8x30 inches)

Superb powder blue mats of needle-like foliage that hugs the ground as it slowly spreads. The flowers occur mainly in spring and are an eye-scorching magenta and deliciously fragrant. Flowers occur sporadically throughout summer and fall. A first rate plant that catches the eye of everyone.

1GAL \$7.45 #0420

Dianthus gratianopolitanus 'Bewitched', Bewitched Cheddar Pinks. (sun)(Zones 5-8)(8x30 inches)

This newer selection is revered for its heat tolerance. Mats of powder blue foliage that are covered with very fragrant bi-colored flowers of pastel-pink and maroon. This is a good plant which needs to be tested more in our zone.

1GAL \$7.45 #2463

Dianthus gratianopolitanus 'Grandiflorus', Select Cheddar Pinks. (sun)(Zones 5-8)(12x30 inches)

This cannot really be considered a distinct cultivar, but rather a seed strain. Very beautiful and vigorous, the flowers range in color from soft, clear pink to pastel-pink to strawberry-red. These are taller growing than other selections, but still form low mats of needly, powder-blue foliage.

1GAL \$7.45 #1883

Dicentra spectabilis 'Gold Heart', Golden Bleeding Heart. (sun/psh)(Zones 4-9)(24x30 inches)

A new twist on an old favorite, this Bleeding Heart literally glows as its bright yellow foliage emerges from the ground. Large, beefy clumps of chartreuse leaves and long, arching stems of pink and white heart-shaped flowers. This is always very popular and we sell out every year. Get 'em quick.

1GAL \$11.45 #1869

Dictamnus albus 'Albiflorus', White Gasplant. (sun/psh)(Zones 5-9)(24x24 inches)

This forms peony-like mounds of glossy, green leaves from which spikes of 1.5 inch starry, white flowers occur. This is very stately in bloom and forms large clumps over time. The growth rate is relatively slow, but the plant is very long-lived. Stunning. Growth rate can be excelled if the soil is amended with compost.

1GAL \$11.45 #2504

Digitalis grandiflora, Yellow Foxglove. (psh/sh)(Zones 5-8)(40x30 inches)

There are many perennial Foxgloves that are better for garden use than the biennial types. This perennial puts forth a grandiose display of fat, lemon-yellow bells in summer. The stiff basal leaves are dark green and lanceolate. These are truly perennial plants that are easily grown.

2GAL \$11.45 #0430

Digitalis lutea, Yellow Foxglove. (psh/sh)(Zones 5-8)(40x30 inches)

Very similar to the aforementioned plant, the main difference is the noticeably constricted yellow flowers. To me, this presents a distinctly wild, species-like appeal that adds flair to the garden. Blooms throughout the summer. Well-drained soil.

1GAL \$7.45 #1923

Digitalis purpurea, Foxglove. (sun/sh)(Zones 4-8)(varies)

An old-fashioned and romantic favorite, the Foxglove is well-known for its soaring spikes of tubby flowers. These are biennials, but can be coaxed into perennial-ism for a little longer if they are not allowed to set seed. We offer a few different seed strains that are good for gardens.

A. D. p. 'Apricot'. Quite a color break for this plant. The flowers have a pale yellow ground color with a peachy-pink overlay that looks good enough to eat.

2GAL \$11.45 #1876

B. D. p. 'Foxy'. This is a large-flowering mix in a variety of colors ranging from white to pink to purple. All flowers have a central blotch. The best we offer for cutting.

1GAL \$7.45 #2493

***Disporopsis pernyi*, Evergreen Solomon's Seal.** (psh/sh)(Zones 5-9)(12x20 inches)

A very choice Asian woodlander that looks utterly tropical. Arching stems of glossy, leathery, evergreen leaves with diminutive white bells in spring. The plant will stay evergreen if the temperature does not go below 10 Fahrenheit. The plant is very hardy and slow-growing. Grows as an epiphyte on Rhododendrons in China. Try something brand-spankin' new.

1GAL \$9.45 #2420

***Disporum smilacinum 'HC 970451'*, Wood Lily.** (psh/sh)(Zones 4-8)(24 inches tall)

This is a Heronswood Nursery collection of a fine Asian woodland plant. Tall, straight stems, branched at the top, bear numerous oval, glossy green leaves with small, white lilies at the ends of the branches. The quality of the foliage stays very nice throughout the season. Will colonize large areas.

1GAL \$9.45 #0620

***Echinacea pallida*, Pale Coneflower.** (sun)(Zones 3-8)(36x36 inches)

This is the Purple Coneflower's neglected cousin. This plant charms all with its large, spindly flowers with hanging, twisted petals in colors of mauve and pink. The foliage is covered with bristly hairs that give the plant a unique appearance. Tolerates very dry conditions.

2GAL \$11.45 #0470

***Echinacea purpurea 'White Swan'*, White Purple Coneflower.** (sun)(Zones 3-8)((30x24 inches)

This is an excellent white-flowering form of the Purple Coneflower. Prolific displays of flat, white daisies with a brown and yellow, ball-like center. Easily grown.

1GAL \$7.45 #1910

***Echinacea purpurea 'Rubinstern' (Ruby Star)*, Purple Coneflower.** (sun)(Zones 3-8)(30x24 inches)

This one of the best forms we have seen for its abundant display of flat, magenta-purple flowers throughout summer. These plants stay compact and bloom well without sprawling onto their neighbors. The flowers are perfect for cutting.

2GAL \$11.45 #2430

Epimedium, Barrenwort, Bishops Hat, Chinese Sea Anchor. (psh/sh)(Zones5-8)(varies)

Without a doubt, Epimedium are some of the coolest plants to hit the scene as of late. This is due mainly to accessibility of China in recent years from which some 40 new species have been discovered in the past 20 years. There are few groups of plants where each member is so distinct and worthy of garden use, we have been in the process of testing these unique plants for adaptability and our listing of species will grow fast in the upcoming years. All listed cultivars are hardy and thrive here in Zone 5B/6A. Availability on some of these is quite limited and we will be adding new varieties throughout the year. Prices vary.

A. E. 'Enchantress'. This is a hybrid between *E. dolichostemon* and *E. leptorrhizum*. Beautiful, very low mats of lanceolate, spiny foliage that is only 4 inches off of the ground. The large, pastel-pink flowers are born on short arching sprays in spring and sporadically throughout summer. Spreads widely and is a good plant for groundcover use.

1GAL \$14.95 #0492

B. E. *acuminatum 'Eco Select'*. The Don Jacob's collection of this species was surely one of the first introductions into this country. Large, glossy, evergreen leaves held close to the ground are topped with large, maroon and white spidery flowers in May. This is a very good grower and forms large, loose clumps in a short time. The foliage is heavily mottled in red when emerging.

1GAL \$14.95 #0484

C. E. *lishihchenii*. This is one of the more rare species with large, butter-yellow flowers in spring. This is one of the best for foliage. Large, rounded leaves that end in a sharp point with serrated edges. The top of each leaf is dark green and glossy with a white underside. Very beautiful and one of the hardiest. Forms rounded clumps to 30 inches in diameter.

1GAL \$19.95 #0498

D. E. 'Kaguyahime'. This is another hybrid between two rare Asian species, *E. dolichostemon* and *E. acuminatum*. Low mounds of dagger-like foliage that is heavily mottled in tones of maroon and red bear quantities of bi-colored scarlet and white flowers. Worth growing for the foliage alone.

1GAL \$14.95 #0556

E. E. *rhizomatosum* 'Plant Delights'. This clone of a jaw-dropping plant came from Plant Delights Nursery and differs from others we grow. Mounds of heart-shaped foliage with coarsely serrated edges bear extremely long sprays of large, pale-yellow spider-like blooms in spring. Presents a very delicate look for the shade garden. 18x24 inches.

1GAL \$14.95 #0503

***Eryngium agavifolium*, Chilean Rattlesnake Master.** (sun/psh)(Zones 5-9)(5x3 feet)

Who would have ever thought this plant would be hardy in cold regions? Surprise, surprise, not only is the plant hardy here, but it thrives in a variety of settings and soils. This forms rosettes of green tongue-like foliage with coarse serrations on the margin. The effect is something similar to the Agaves of the American southwest, although smaller. From the center arises a wiry stem topped with cone-like flowers in a starry, white ring. Looks very tropical.

1GAL \$7.45 #0502

***Eryngium variifolium*, Alpine Sea Holly.** (sun)(Zones 5-8)(15x18 inches)

One of the best in the genus, sporting rosettes of rounded leaves with silver stripes. The flowers are almost totally silver in color and appear in profusion in early summer. Each flower is star-shaped and extremely spiny, great for cutting. Needs excellent drainage. Great for the rock garden.

1GAL \$9.45 #1934

***Eupatorium maculatum* 'Gateway', Gateway Joe Pye Weed.** (sun)(Zones 5-8)(8x5 feet)

For those looking for impact in the perennial garden, look no further. Giant, leafy stems rise slowly in spring and summer and finally culminate in late summer with huge, rounded clusters of soft purple-pink flowers. Will grow just about anywhere, but reaches its greatest proportions in wet soil. Easily grown.

3GAL \$17.45 #1303

***Euphorbia amygdaloides* var. *robbiae*, Mrs. Robb's Spurge.** (sun/sh)(Zones 5-8)(15x 36 inches)

What a fantastic plant this is for cold climates. Low mounds of spoon-shaped, evergreen, glossy foliage that hugs the ground and looks good almost all year. In early spring the plant produces clusters of green and chartreuse flowers that demand attention. This will be much better behaved in sun than shade. Easily grown and tolerates wet soils in full sun or dry, dusty soils in shade.

1GAL \$6.95 #2685

***Euphorbia myrsinites*, Myrtle Euphorbia.** (sun)(Zones 5-8)(10x 30 inches)

A very exotic-looking plant for dry, tough areas of the garden. Long, trailing stems of wedge-shaped powder-blue foliage that bear flat clusters of chartreuse flowers in early spring. Individual plants can be short-lived, but Myrtle Euphorbia tends to keep itself going through reseeding. Excellent in rock gardens or cracks in pavement.

1GAL \$7.45 #0559

***Filipendula rubra* 'Venusta', Robust Queen of the Prairie.** (sun)(Zones 3-9)(6x4 feet)

A choice prairie native for a wet spot, this moisture lover is extremely adaptable. Stems of bright green, scalloped foliage give rise to tall stems culminating in gigantic heads of thousands of tiny pink flowers. The inflorescence looks for all the world like cotton candy, but don't eat it.

3GAL \$14.95 #1742

***Filipendula ulmaria* 'Aurea', Golden Meadowsweet.** (psh)(Zones 4-8)(30x30 inches)

To my way of thinking, one of the best golden-foliaged plants in existence. Low mounds of neatly divided foliage are stunning throughout the season if kept well watered in rich soil. The clusters of white flowers are OK, but I mainly just cut them off. Who needs 'em anyway?

1GAL \$9.45 #1743

***Gaillardia* 'Fanfare', Fanfare Blanketflower.** (sun)(Zones 4-8)(12x18 inches)

This may be the longest blooming perennial in our collection. Our original plants were started in the greenhouse and began blooming in February, were planted in May while in bloom and continued to bloom

until it began to freeze very hard. Forms exceptionally tight mounds of rough foliage with a non-stop display of red and yellow daisy-like flowers with quilled petals. Outstanding.

1GAL \$7.45 #2784

***Gaillardia aristata* 'Burgundy', Burgundy Blanketflower.** (sun)(Zones 4-8)(20x24 inches)

This seed selection of the Blanketflower is noteworthy for its very long-lasting display of wine-red flowers. This taller selection is good for a mid-border position and contrasts well with lighter colored companions. Rich soil in full sun.

1GAL \$7.45 #2930

***Gaura lindheimeri* 'Crimson Butterflies', Gaura.** (sun)(Zones 5-9)(18x18 inches)

A red-leaved, dark-pink flowered form of this wonderful native plant. This seems to bloom endlessly through summer if sited in full sun with well-drained soil. Wes says this can be tricky to establish in overly amended soils. Drainage is paramount.

1GAL \$7.45 #1957

***Gentiana cruciata*, Gentian** (sun/psh)(Zones 5-8)(15x15 inches)

Rosettes of fat, glossy, rounded leaves that sit flat on the ground. From the center come lazy, sprawling spikes bearing upward-facing, tubular, blue flowers. A most interesting plant and very tolerant of drought. Very unique among the many plants we grow.

1GAL \$9.45 #1351

***Gentiana paradoxa*, Relict Gentian.** (sun/psh)(Zones 5-7)(6x 15 inches)

I made up the common name, but it seems fitting. This looks for all the world like one of the ungrowable high-elevation members of the genus, but this species hails from the hot limestone slopes of Abchasia. Sprawling stems with needlely, long, green leaves culminate in small clusters of upward facing gentian blue trumpets with white speckling. Likes good drainage, but is otherwise very easy to grow.

SOLD OUT - Call for future availability.

***Geranium maculatum* 'Espresso', Espresso Cranesbill.** (sun/sh)(Zones 3-9)(18x24 inches)

A new twist on an old favorite and treasured native. Very acceptable in the garden for its bronzy-brown leaves that are different from any other hardy plant. This also has the typical display of five-petaled, pink flowers in mid-spring. Cut back the whole plant after it is done blooming and it will quickly regrow a clump of leaves that turn brilliant scarlet in late autumn.

1GAL \$9.45 #0874

***Geranium pratense* 'Albiflorum', White Cranesbill.** (sun/psh)(Zones 5-9)(24x24 inches)

Tall stems of lacy, maple-like foliage bear prodigious quantities of pure white flowers in spring and often again in the fall. This is the favored Geranium of English cottage-style gardens and blends well with other perennials.

1GAL \$7.45 #0552

***Geranium pratense* 'Johnson's Blue', Johnson's Blue Cranesbill.** (sun/psh)(Zones 5-9)(24x24 inches)

The most well-known and utterly confused Cranesbill on earth. There are many plants parading around under this name and I'm not really sure if I've ever seen the real thing. Our plants form lusty mounds of lacy leaves with quantities of blue-purple flowers in spring and sporadically throughout the summer. Benefits from being sheared back after its initial bloom.

1GAL \$7.45 #1356

***Geranium pratense* 'Striatum'(Splish-Splash), Bicolor Cranesbill.** (sun/psh)(Zones 5-9)(24x24 inches)

Exactly the same as the other two selections of this plant except it bears flowers that are white, splashed irregularly with light purple. Attractive in its own right, this will perform best if sheared to the ground immediately after the initial bloom.

1GAL \$9.45 #1585

***Geranium sanguineum* 'Vision Violet', Violet Bloody Cranesbill.** (sun/psh)(Zones 4-9)(20x24 inches)

The Bloody Cranesbill is one of the hardiest and most long-lived perennials in our area. This cultivar forms low mounds of ferny foliage that are smothered in purple-red flowers throughout spring. Will grow in extremely dry conditions and tolerates some shade.

1GAL \$7.45 #2020

***Geranium sanguineum* var. *striatum*, Light Pink Cranesbill.** (sun/psh)(Zones 4-9)(18x30 inches)

A charming form of this species with light-pink flowers veined in blood-red. This seems to be lower-growing than other cultivars and may work as a small-scale groundcover.

1GAL \$7.45 #2806

***Geranium sanguineum* f. *nanum*, Dwarf Bloody Cranesbill.** (sun/psh)(Zones 4-9)(8x12 inches)

A microform of the species that works well in rock or trough gardens or anywhere space is limited. Flower color is a retina-burning magenta. Very cute.

1GAL \$9.45 #2808

***Geranium x oxonianum* 'Katherine Adele', Cranesbill.** (sun/psh)(Zones 5-8)(15x24 inches)

One of the best new Geraniums we currently grow. Beefy mounds of attractively bi-colored foliage with copious amounts of shell pink flowers. The foliage is edged in green, and dark brown in the middle. The effect is unlike that of any other Geranium, but when people see this for the first time, they always want it. A good doer in our gardens in sun and shade.

1GAL \$7.45 #0788

***Geranium yoshinoi* 'Confetti', Variegated Cranesbill.** (sun/psh)(Zones 5-9)(8x24 inches)

An outstanding plant grown for its heavily-variegated foliage. Upon emergence, the foliage is pure white and slowly fades to green and white speckled, then to pure green. While this is happening the plant is producing liberal amounts of pretty pink flowers. This does very well in our shaded woodland beds and appreciates a haircut after the initial bloom. Very heat tolerant.

1GAL \$11.45 #1751

***Geum triflorum*, Prairie Smoke.** (sun)(Zones 3-8)(10x20 inches)

This prairie native gets little attention from gardeners. Rosettes of fuzzy, lance-shaped leaves that cluster close to the ground bear spikes of inconspicuous, small red flowers. The real show lies in the seedheads that look like puffs of smoke as they ripen. Easily grown in poor, dry soils.

1GAL \$7.45 #0578

***Gypsophila paniculata* 'Bristol Fairy', Baby's Breath.** (sun/psh)(Zones 4-9)(3x3 feet)

Marvin has long claimed this as the best of the Baby's Breaths for the open garden. Now you can have the chance to try this enchanting perennial. Needs good drainage and is perfect for cut flowers.

2GAL \$11.45 #2219

***Helenium autumnale*, Sneezeweed.** (sun)(Zones 4-8)(3-5x3 feet)

An easily-grown US native perennial valuable for its burst of late season color. Pretty yellow daisies with wide petals from August until frost. Excellent as a cut flower.

2GAL \$11.45 #0442

***Helenium hoopesii*, Western Sneezeweed.** (sun)(Zones 4-8)(4x3 feet)

The western counterpart to the above plant, this species is grown for its late spring display of golden yellow flowers and glossy, bright green leaves. Comes from the western mountains, but is quite easy to grow in the east.

1GAL \$7.45 #0446

***Helianthemum nummularium* (Evergreen), Rock Rose.** (sun)(Zones 5-9)(6x24 inches)

A seed strain from Jelitto that has persistently evergreen foliage in colder climates. Most, if not all, Rock Roses are evergreen and hardy here, but this one sounded good for its prolific production of saucer-shaped pale yellow flowers. Needs good drainage and may rebloom in late summer or fall if deadheaded after the initial spring bloom.

1GAL \$9.45 #2574

***Helianthemum rhodanthum* 'Dazzler', Dazzler Rock Rose.** (sun/psh)(Zones 5-9)(6x24 inches)

Another excellent Rock Rose for our area, these plants are good examples of why you can't trust everything you read. This is often listed as zone 7 but has sailed through several winters virtually unscathed. Flat mats of extremely glossy, needle-like foliage that bear prodigious quantities of ruby-red saucers in spring and fall. Very beautiful and very easily grown, even in heavy, rich soils.

1GAL \$7.45 #1656

***Helianthus grosseserratus*, Perennial Sunflower.**

(sun)(Zones 5-9)(5x3 feet)

Perennial Sunflower is perfect for people looking to naturalize an area, or for the cut-flower garden. Late blooms of golden yellow signal the coming of fall and end of another summer.

3GAL \$14.95 #0553

***Helianthus salicifolius*, Willow-leaved Sunflower.**

(sun)(Zones 5-9)(7x5 feet)

For anyone with a large perennial garden, you need this plant. Soaring stems densely cloaked in long, narrow leaves provide a highly textural component to the garden even without flowering. Late in the season, the top of the plant becomes covered with myriads of small, yellow sunflowers that last until the first hard freeze. Can have the tendency to lean as the flowers open, so site next to neighbors that don't mind being crowded.

1GAL \$7.45 #0703

***Helleborus*, Lenten and Christmas Roses.**

(sun/sh)(Zone varies)(varies)

What better genus of plants is there for gardens? Lenten Roses offer the collective punch of early, long-lasting flowers, enticing evergreen foliage, and durability in the garden, not to mention the dizzying array of flower colors, texture, and form. We try to offer an expanding range of these remarkable plants, but they sell out so quickly we constantly find ourselves having to propagate more. We will begin to offer more and more seed strains as well as selected cultivars from tissue culture or vegetative propagation. These are tremendously long-lived in our zone and plants at the Cincinnati Nature Center are over 80 years old. The 2005 perennial of the year, so of you haven't ever tried one of these plants, now is the time. We offer several selections.

***A. H. argutifolius (corsicus)*, Corsican Hellebore, 'Janet Starnes'.** A member of the caulescent group with tall stems of jagged, toothed leaves in a shade of gray-blue that is distinct among other hardy perennials. Large, conical clusters of chartreuse saucers appear in very early spring. Requires some protection for best performance, but very hardy. Needs good drainage. 30x30 inches.

1GAL \$14.95 #3035

***B. H. foetidus*, Stinking Hellebore, 'Wester Flisk'.** I was not very enamored with this plant at first, but have been impressed with its performance of late. This is one of the earliest Hellebores in Cincinnati. Stems of ferny, cannabis-like leaves that form large clumps bearing lime green, pendent, bell-shaped flowers in late winter and early spring. The plant has an odor similar to that of boxwoods. Easily grown on well-drained soils and often reseeds politely where happy. 24x24 inches.

1GAL \$12.95 #0047

***C. H. x hybridus 'Blue Lady'*.** This seed strain was developed by Gisela Schmiemann and Jelitto Seeds. Exceptionally dark purple blooms appear almost black from a distance. The most desired color, but the least prominent in the garden.

1GAL \$11.45 #2559

***D. H. x hybridus 'Red Lady'*.** Another seed strain, this one was selected for its uniformly rich, red flower coloration. Very beautiful and shows up well in the garden.

1GAL \$11.45 #2558

***E. H. x hybridus 'Double Vision'*.** An exciting range of colors in fully double and anemone-flowered forms. Still quite rare, these will be seedlings of unknown coloration.

1GAL \$16.45 #0449

***F. H. x hybridus 'Mrs. Betty Ranicar'*.** One of the most treasured and beautiful of Hellebores. This produces snow white, fully-double flowers in early spring. Originated in Tasmania.

1GAL \$16.45 #0445

***G. H. x hybridus 'Winter Queen Strain'*.** Another Jelitto seed strain in colors ranging from pink, to red, to white. These plants are known for their unusually robust foliage and vigorous garden constitution.

1GAL \$13.45 #0444

***H. H. x nigercors 'Honeyhill Joy'*.** A choice and unlikely hybrid between two very different Hellebores. Leafy mounds of jade-green foliage with red petioles and prodigious quantities of pure white, single

flowers with large petals. A new plant to us that is listed as zone 6, but should be quite hardy here.

1GAL \$14.95 #0443

Hemerocallis, Daylily.

(sun)(Zones 3-9)(24x24 inches)

Certainly by now everyone should know what a Daylily is. Even if you don't know what a Daylily is, you should know what 'Stella de Oro' is. The people devoted to this genus have created a cult-like following that shows no sign of waning and the number of Daylily cultivars on the market are almost uncountable. Easily grown in a variety of soils and exposures. We offer a few selections.

A. H. 'Frances Joiner'. A most un-Daylily like Daylily that boasts orange-yellow rounded petals that form full, double flowers. The picture in the buyers catalog is enough to make anyone drool.

1GAL \$11.45 #0565

Heuchera, Coral Bells.

(sun/sh)(Zones 4-9)(varies)

Who says you need flowers to have a colorful garden? Even the fabled Hosta cannot match the range of colors currently represented by this genus, and who knows what the future holds. Generally, these form short, round clumps of crisp, colorful leaves that bear long spikes consisting of hundreds of tiny flowers, much loved by hummingbirds. The real show lies in the leaves which can range from pewter, to purple, to bronze, to orange. We offer many of the newer, easier to grow hybrids from Terra Nova.

A. H. 'City Lights'. This is a bronze-leaved, clumping hybrid that was selected for its showy display of luminescent, creamy-yellow flowers. This represents a new color for Heuchera flowers, but the foliage needs no excuses. The clump of leaves will be 12x18 inches.

1GAL \$9.45 #2224

B. H. 'Green Spice'. One of the most colorful Heucheras, each leaf starts green and is overlaid with hues of white, silver, maroon, and purple in liberal quantities. The entire leaf appears to be frosted and provides a unique contrast to purple-leaf types. The colors are best with a half day of sun. The clump of leaves will reach 9x16 inches.

1GAL \$9.45 #2225

C. H. 'Gypsy Dancer'. This is one of the best Coral Bells for areas with hot summers and mild winters. Small, showy clumps of purple foliage with a silver sheen bear multitudes of soft pink flowers in spring and throughout the summer. The best repeat bloomer. 8x12 inches.

1GAL \$9.45 #2506

D. H. 'Lime Rickey'. A brand-new introduction and a plant of great promise. Rounded clumps of electric-yellow foliage that will make any dark, shady area in the garden a place of prominence. The intensity of coloration does not seem to diminish in the heat of summer. 8x12 inches.

1GAL \$9.45 #2047

E. H. 'Marmalade'. So much a better plant than 'Amber Waves'. 'Marmalade' forms lusty clumps of orange-red foliage with an overall effect similar to the coloration of a ripe mango. The best coloration occurs with maximum exposure to sunlight. Prefers rich, moist and draining soil.

1GAL \$9.45 #2888

F. H. 'Ring of Fire'. Interesting for its jagged-toothed kaleidoscopic leaves in tones of maroon, silver, white, and green. As the temperatures cool in autumn each leaf develops a very thin, but very noticeable, orange border that it holds until spring. Very exciting. 8x16 inches.

1GAL \$9.45 #1866

Hibiscus, Hardy Herbaceous Hibiscus.

(sun)(Zones 5-9)(3-5x3-5 feet)

Talk about a group of plants that is experiencing a horticultural renaissance, these buxom beauties will delight gardeners of all levels with their exotic summer blooms. The Fleming brothers have led the way and selected many new cultivars that combine extreme hardiness with a new palette of flower color and foliage forms. These will perform best in rich, heavily composted soil with some supplemental moisture, although they are quite tolerant of dryness once established. These bloom through the heat of summer and get better with each passing year. Though they are late to emerge in spring they're not dead!

A. H. 'Kopper King'. What a plant! This adds excellent folial contrast to summer gardens. Bold clumps

of jagged, copper-brown leaves that bear large quantities of huge, white flowers with a pastel-pink flush. A visual delight.

3GAL \$18.95 #2735

B. H. 'Moy Grande'. One of my favorite plants of 2004, this showstopper has some of the largest flowers of any known Hibiscus. Broad, bell-shaped blooms of tropical pink are large enough to wear as a hat. Seeing is believing.

3GAL \$18.95 #3023

Hieracium maculatum 'Leopard', Spotted Snakeweed. (psh/sh)(Zones 5-9)(18x12 inches)

A most peculiar shade plant forming fuzzy rosettes of gray-green leaves with liver colored spots and wispy stems of yellow, daisy-like flowers. This seems easy to grow given good drainage and a shaded position. Have noticed a few plants reseeded in the greenhouse, so we will watch this one closely for this habit outside in the garden.

1GAL \$9.45 #1986

Hosta, Hosta or Funkia or Deer Fodder. (psh/sh)(Zones 3-8)(varies)

There is hardly a person, gardener or not, that does not know the Hosta. They represent one of my earliest acquaintances with plants as I watched my mother throw large clumps of *H. lancifolia* into the woods by our house where they sat on the ground for 2 years and continued to grow and bloom, until finally she replanted them in the yard. Few plants are this durable, and it is from this functional format that breeders have selected hundreds of named forms and created a frenzy of popularity over the past 10-15 years. Few shade perennials offer such a long season of interest and require such little care that even beginning gardeners are soon addicts. We offer a modest range of cultivars. All plants are large divisions with 3-12 eyes.

A. 'Betchers Blue'. This Hosta tokudama seedling is noteworthy for its deep, blue-green leaves that become cup-shaped as the plant matures. 16x40 inches.

1GAL \$7.45 #0025

B. 'Blue Vision'. Lusty mounds of large, blue-green foliage with heavy substance and intense corrugation on mature plants. Will grow quite large with optimal fertilization and moisture. Grows 25x46 inches. The mostly white flowers occur in late June and early July.

1GAL \$7.45 #0039

C. 'Coquette'. Another variegated-leaf type with a creamy margin. This seems to hold up better than some other variegated types in dry situations. The purple flowers are born in August. 16x40 inches.

1GAL \$7.45 #0045

D. 'Crusader'. This is considered to be one of the best variegated types for its dense mounds of good green leaves with a narrow, creamy edge and compact flower spikes in August. A very clean looking Hosta that provides a burst of late summer color.

1GAL \$7.45 #0064

E. 'Curls'. This sport of 'Green Piecrust' produces large clumps of exceedingly rippled, dark green leaves. 32x56 inches.

1GAL \$7.45 #0065

F. 'Edge of Night'. A seedling of 'Halycon' with dark green foliage. Forms a medium sized mound 18x40 inches.

1GAL \$7.45 #0070

G. 'Elvis Lives'. This Tony Avent hybrid is notable for its name and excellent characteristics. Upright, cascading mounds of narrow, rippled, blue foliage quickly produce a clump 18x40 inches. The lavender flowers are produced in early August.

1GAL \$7.45 #0072

H. 'Flower Power'. For those of you that grow Hosta for their flowers, this is your plant. Large mounds of bright green leaves bearing 48-inch tall flower spikes with pale lavender, fragrant flowers. Impressive and might make a good cut flower.

1GAL \$7.45 #0078

I. 'Fried Green Tomatoes'. A very large-growing, vigorous sport of 'Guacamole' with dark green leaves. Forms a large mound 25x60 inches. Late-flowering.

1GAL \$7.45 #0084

J. 'Golden Anniversary'. One of the first cultivars to be registered in the USA, this distinctive Hosta produces large mounds of shiny green foliage that emerges chartreuse in spring. Each leaf also develops a frilly margin that adds to the beauty of the plant. Produces pale lavender flowers in July. 24x50 inches.

1GAL \$7.45 #0087

K. 'Green Fountain'. This forms large clumps of narrow, shiny green leaves that resemble *H. lancifolia*. The lavender flowers appear late in the season, August-September, and are carried on green stems with intense, burgundy-red spotting. This provides a different angle to ornamentality of Hostas and large clumps always impress.

1GAL \$7.45 #0095

L. 'Hirao Supreme'. This forms large clusters of floppy green leaves of limp character. The lavender flowers occur in July. Distinctive.

1GAL \$7.45 #0098

M. 'Invincible'. This was supposed to be sun and slug resistant, but neither turned out to be completely true. The plant still impresses, though, with its flat, layered clumps of exceedingly glossy, dark green leaves. This also produces a noteworthy show of fragrant, pale lavender blooms in August. Available in high gloss.

1GAL \$7.45 #0109

N. 'Lady in Waiting'. This forms loose, spreading clumps of blue-green, heart-shaped leaves. The flowers are white with pale purple stripes and appear in June and July.

1GAL \$7.45 #0139

O. 'Permanent Wave'. Another sport of 'Green Piecrust' that forms large clumps of green leaves with wild, wavy edges. Pale purple flowers appear from mid-June to mid-July.

1GAL \$7.45 #0166

P. 'Pineapple Pole'. The name comes from the dense spikes of lavender flowers that appear in August. The green leaves are very narrow and undulate ever so slightly giving the whole plant appeal. 20x40 inches.

1GAL \$7.45 #0169

Q. 'Snowden'. This makes large, dense mounds of pointed, blue-green foliage that is exceptionally attractive. Forms a mound 25x50 inches with white flowers in June and July.

1GAL \$7.45 #0182

R. 'Something Blue'. This forms large mounds of deep blue-green leaves of heavy substance. The pale purple flowers are formed in June and July. Forms a clump roughly 25x60 inches.

1GAL \$7.45 #0186

S. 'Sugar and Cream'. One of the most popular of the white-variegated, fragrant-flowered types. This excellent grower produces rounded, floppy leaves with deeply impressed veins and pure white edges. The flowers appear in August.

1GAL \$7.45 #0190

T. 'Sum and Substance'. One of the most popular Hostas, this dramatic plant deserves a place in every garden. Enormous clumps of huge chartreuse leaves that fade to pale lime green in summer. A mature clump is a sight to see as it matures to 40x100 inches. The leaves display heavy substance and good slug resistance. The pale purple flowers appear in July and August and do little justice to the leaves.

1GAL \$7.45 #0196

U. 'Summer Fragrance'. The first variegated Hosta with fragrant flowers. Large clumps of leaves with white margins sporting tall spikes of fragrant, pale-purple flowers. The scent reminds of citrus blossoms.

1GAL \$7.45 #0197

V. 'Sweet Tater Pie'. This forms small mounds of foliage that emerge golden in spring and fade to green in summer. The purple flowers occur in July. Grows 16x40 inches.

1GAL \$7.45 #0200

W. 'Glory'. This seedling is similar to its parent 'August Moon' in most ways, but differs in its narrow, dark green margin on each leaf. Purple flowers appear from July into August and the plant grows 20x42 inches.

1GAL \$7.45 #0231

X. 'Iron Gate Delight'. Distinctive among our other selections with its dark green leaves irregularly streaked with cream and white. This forms a medium sized plant with fragrant, purple flowers in August. Grows 16x36 inches.

1GAL \$7.45 #0232

Y. 'Gold Edger'. An excellent ground cover Hosta, this forms dense mounds of slightly puckered, chartreuse leaves and purple flowers in June and July. Grows 14x36 inches.

1GAL \$7.45 #0610

Z. 'Sweet Susan'. A large-growing, green-leaved type with tall spikes of fragrant, lavender flowers. Grows 24x50 inches.

1GAL \$7.45 #0687

AA. 'Second Wind'. This sport of 'Whirlwind' is grown for its dense mounds of very dark green foliage. Considered one of the best dark green Hostas. Grows 24x48 inches.

1GAL \$7.45 #0714

BB. *H. kikutii* 'Kifukurin Hyuga'. A golden-variegated cultivar of a diminutive Japanese species. Relatively small clumps of narrow leaves and a late season show of pale purple flowers. Grows 16x30 inches.

1GAL \$7.45 #0137

CC. *H. laevigata*. An interesting form we received years ago from Sunshine Farms that forms small, tight mounds of very narrow, emerald-green leaves. The true beauty of this plant is in its extraordinarily tall, dense flower spikes in August that are purple in color. The mound grows to 6 inches tall and 12 inches wide, but the flower spikes shoot to 3 feet tall.

1GAL \$7.45 #0792

DD. *H. montana*. 'Oba Giboshi' as it is known in Japan, is one of the most important Hosta species to horticulturalists for its extreme natural variation and abundance. In gardens, our plants form large mounds of elegant, ribbed, tapering, heart-shaped leaves with a mid-summer (July) display of very pale, purple flowers. Grows 25x70 inches.

1GAL \$7.45 #0006

***Humulus lupulus*, Common Hop.**

(sun)(psh)(Zones 5-9)(vining)

I don't know if Ohio is the right place for it, but if you want to make your own beer, from scratch that is, this is a plant you will need. This forms extremely aggressive vining stems of bristly green foliage that bear the curious clusters of inflated seedheads that are used in brewing beer. Better stake this one or it will consume its neighbors before you can even get drunk.

1GAL \$9.45 #1086

***Hyssopus officinalis* 'Pink Delight', Pink Delight Hyssop.**

(sun)(Zones 5-9)(3x2 feet)

A good plant for the herb garden, this plant does best in full sun with sharp drainage. An upright-grower with tall stems of fragrant, needle-like foliage and soaring spears of dainty, pink flowers that attract honeybees in droves. Would be a good companion plant for fruits and vegetables. Also good for the perennial border.

2GAL \$11.45 #0593

Iberis sempervirens 'Snowflake', Snowflake Candytuft. (sun)(Zones 4-9)(15x18 inches)

One of the first plants to bloom in spring, and just what everyone wants to see; a white-flowered plant which blooms so heavily it looks like it's covered in snow. Best in hot, sunny, elevated sites with good drainage where it will make tight mounds of dark evergreen foliage. The best plants I have seen here are in the parking lot at the local McDonalds where they get no water at all, and are growing in mounds of hardwood mulch.

1GAL \$7.45 #0793

Incarvillea delavayi, Pride of China or Hardy Gloxinia. (sun/psh)(Zones 5-8)(18x24 inches)

Certainly not a common plant, this has the potential to be extraordinary in our area. From a carrot-like rootstock comes the fretted, ferny foliage and clusters of huge, bright pink or pure white trumpet-shaped flowers. Quite an arresting site in early summer as they flaunt their flowers. The Dutchmen at the flower shows sell this as the Flowering Fern. I don't know about that. We offer both the pink and white flowered form.

1GAL \$7.45 #0827

Inula magnifica, Magnificent Elecampane. (sun)(Zones 5-9)(6.5x4 feet)

Magnificent indeed, this vigorous perennial is perfect for people looking for a plant with a 'wow' effect. Huge sword-shaped, bristly leaves grow in a large rosette that bears heavy stems culminating in large, yellow composite flowers. Excellent at the back of the border, but also looks good bursting out of the foreground. Grows best in rich, moist soil.

3GAL \$13.95 #2551

Iris cristata, Crested Iris. (sun/sh)(Zones 3-9)(8x30 inches)

One of our most easily grown native wildflowers, but often overlooked for the garden. This forms mats of highly textured sword-shaped foliage that contrast well with coarser textured, bold-leaved plants, such as Hosta. There are many forms becoming available and all make first-rate selections for shade or even rock gardens. We have begun collecting forms from the wild and may offer more as time goes on. Easily grown in well-drained soil.

A. I. *Cristata*. These are as close to the species as it gets. Low mats of foliage and very dainty dark violet, flat Iris flowers in spring. Very beautiful and a show stealer when in full bloom.

1GAL \$7.45 #3026

B. '*Alba*'. This is the white-flowered form of the species. This is the fastest growing I have seen and it quickly makes 3-foot wide clumps of arching foliage and masses of pure white Iris flowers with a yellow crest.

1GAL \$7.45 #0865

C. '*Powder Blue Giant*'. The largest form we have seen with foliage and flower two times the size of the species. The flowers are pale, purple-blue in color with intricate purple and yellow markings on the crest. Tends to go dormant a little earlier than other cultivars.

1GAL \$9.45 #0862

Iris fulva, Copper Iris. (sun)(Zones 5-9)(30x30 inches)

Belonging to the Louisiana Iris group, this demands wet or even standing water situations with rich soil. If these conditions are provided the plant will reward you with a generous display of burnt-orange flowers in early summer. The color is absolutely unique and the plant belongs in the garden of every Iris lover. Easily grown in the right position.

2GAL \$13.95 #0860

Iris germanica 'Mix', Mixed German Iris. (sun)(Zones 4-9)(30x30 inches)

These represent a mix of colors and sizes, and are perfect for people looking for cut-flowers or a few nice Irises for the perennial garden. Come and pick out the colors you like!

2GAL \$7.95 #0861

Iris pseudoacorus 'Variegata', Variegated Yellow Flag. (sun)(Zones 3-9)(48x48 inches)

Another excellent Iris for wet areas of the garden. This forms very erect clumps of sword-shaped leaves

that possess striking white variegation in early spring that fades with the heat of summer. The bright yellow flowers are produced in early summer. The regular species is commonly found growing in ditches throughout the state of Ohio.

3GAL \$16.95 #0863

***Iris pumila*, Dwarf Bearded Iris.**

(sun)(Zones 3-7)(15x18 inches)

The perfect choice for folks with small gardens who don't have the space for regular Bearded Irises. This forms charming small mounds of spiky foliage with a spring bloom of highly fragrant flowers in many colors. The plants prefer well-drained, but heavy soil and make congested clumps over time that require division for best flowering. We list a couple of cultivars that grow and flower well.

A. I p. 'Cherry Garden'. One of the most beautiful Irises we grow. Stocky clumps of blue green foliage producing the most beautiful, deep burgundy-red blooms with purple-red and yellow markings. So fragrant it makes you salivate.

1GAL \$7.45 #1721

B. I p. 'Pixie Princess'. An excellent bi-colored variety with white flowers showing a light purple picotee. Exceedingly fragrant and very popular at the nursery.

1GAL \$7.45 #0864

***Iris siberica*, Siberian Iris.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 3-9)(30-36 inches)

A wonderful and popular species for its adaptability to wet areas and early summer bloom period. This seems to tolerate quite a bit of shade and still put forth a garden-worthy display of blooms. The foliage looks fresh and green throughout the season and contrasts well with most plants. Divide every few years to ensure good bloom characteristics.

A. I s. seedlings. These are a mix of colors in violet, purple, and white. Excellent filler plants for wet areas and a good value!

1GAL \$7.45 #0867

B. I s. 'Pink Haze'. I think this represents a new color for this species with flowers of an intriguing clear-pink with a light-purple haze. These are robust plants that should bloom well this year.

1GAL \$9.95 #2281

***Iris versicolor*, Water Iris.**

(sun)(Zones 3-8)(48x30 inches)

An excellent native Iris that grows best in standing water or equally saturated conditions. Tall clumps of gently-arching spears and pretty, purple Iris flowers with white and yellow markings on the falls. Makes very large clumps over time.

3GAL \$16.95 #0869

***Isatis tinctoria*, Woad.**

(sun)(Zones 5-9)(30x24 inches)

A traditional blue dye and a top-notch plant for herb gardens. This forms loose rosettes of strappy, glossy green leaves that reach only 12 inches in height. The plants produce tall flower spikes with numerous yellow 'daisies' in summer. Easily grown in well-drained soil.

1GAL \$7.45 #1537

***Jovibarba arenaria* ex. *Murtal*, Hen and Chicks.**

(sun)(Zones 5-8)(cushion forming)

There are no finer plants for filling the cracks in walls and pavement than *Jovibarba* and *Sempervivum*. This plant forms shiny, bright green rosettes that are tinged red on the tips in summer and turn completely blood-red in winter. The mats are very dense and rival the tightest alpine out there. Occasionally produces spikes of pale yellow flowers. Needs excellent drainage.

4INCH \$2.95 #1502

***Jovibarba hueffeli*, Hen and Chicks.**

(sun)(Zones 5-8)(cushion forming)

These were raised from seed and variability in each plant is amazing. All plants form fuzzy rosettes of leaves, of which some are green, some green and red, and some green and purple. These are still young, but they develop more character with each passing day.

4INCH \$3.95 #2549

***Juncus effusus* 'Spiralis', Corkscrew Rush.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 5-9)(30x30 inches)

There is hardly a person that can walk by this without checking out its bizzarely-twisted stems. The overall effect is like a bad hair day gone totally awry. Grows best in wet areas and will grow in shallow standing water. Has the potential of taking over large areas of wet ground if left unchecked.

1GAL \$11.45 #2056

***Kirengeshoma palmata*, Yellow Waxbells.**

(psh/sh)(Zones 5-8)(4x4 feet)

A stately perennial for the shade garden that stands out amongst the Hostas and Ferns. Robust clumps of maple-like foliage and loose, airy clusters of relatively large, drooping, waxy yellow flowers in late summer. With some extra fertilizer and compost, this could easily become one the showiest plants in your garden. Intolerant of drought.

3GAL \$24.95 #0251

***Knautia arvensis*, Blue Buttons.**

(sun)(Zones 5-8)(24x24 inches)

Though mostly overshadowed by its more brazen cousin, this would be a good choice for cut-flower and cottage gardens. Rosettes of jagged-toothed, dagger-like foliage produce wispy, wiry stems terminating in baby-blue composite flowers. Prefers rich, well-drained soil for best growth.

1GAL \$7.45 #1931

***Knautia macedonica*, Knautia.**

(sun)(Zones 5-8)(15x15 inches)

There are few plants which possess such a rich coloration that they are worth all attempts to make happy. This plant will probably not require much coddling, but is worth growing for its summer display of chocolate-red flowers that seem to complement any perennial next to it. The color is very unique and is similar to that of *Coreopsis* 'Limerock Ruby', a plant that that is not hardy in our zone. This will reseed politely and the darkly hued flowers are always welcome in the garden.

1GAL \$7.45 #2794

***Kniphofia northiae*, Red Hot Poker.**

(sun)(Zones 5-9)(4x3 feet)

This is quite unlike any other Red Hot Poker you are likely to see. More like a tropical Aloe species than anything else, this denizen of alpine wetlands in the high Drakensburg of South Africa is sure to elicit comment from any one touring you garden. Huge rosettes of blue-green, strappy leaves form giant clusters that look like an octopus from afar. The flowers appear in summer and open a creamy orange, slowly fading to bright orange. This does not look hardy, but most definitely is. An excellent plant for those people seeking a tropical look in the landscape.

2GAL \$13.45 #2897

***Kniphofia uvaria* 'Border Ballet', Pastel Red Hot Poker.**

(sun)(Zones 5-9)(30x24 inches)

For those who cannot tolerate the flashy colors usually offered by this group, here is a toned-down version. Grassy clumps of semi-evergreen foliage seem to bear endless spikes of pale yellow and orange flowers throughout the summer. This has proved a very durable garden plant for us and works well with annuals.

1GAL \$9.45 #0886

***Lavandula angustifolia*, English Lavender.**

(sun)(Zones 5-9)(20x24 inches)

There is hardly a more requested plant than English Lavender, and with good reason. Few plants are as versatile for the garden and body, and the benefits derived from it by humans should be enough to make everyone want to grow it. In the landscape and herb garden it forms compact, silver mounds that give substance to the summer and winter landscape. The spikes of flowers occur in early summer, and if sheared back afterwards, the plant will rebloom in the fall, sometimes as late as November. The flowers are perfect for cutting and drying and the whole plant is exceedingly fragrant. Considering its origins, it is quite hardy and anyone seeking a "California feel" for their garden needs this plant. We offer several selections.

Prices vary.

A. I a. 'Hidcote Blue-Strain'. This Jelitto seed strain is perfect for people seeking compact, bushy plants and deep blue flower spikes. An excellent plant for cutting.

1GAL \$7.45 #0258

B. I a. 'Hidcote Superior'. A very popular selection from one of the most famous of all English gardens. This offers nearly white mounds of high-quality foliage with a consistent display of violet-blue flowers in summer and fall. Very consistent from seed and a good doer for us.

3.5" \$3.95 #2513

***Lavandula dentata*, French Lavender.**

(sun)(Zones 7-10)(24x24 inches)

This is very approximate to the Spanish Lavender, but differs in having bracts of charming light purple flowers and foliage that looks ribbed up and down either side. The fragrance is also very similar to Spanish Lavender.

4INCH \$2.95 #1759

1GAL \$7.95 #0954

Leucanthemum x superbum 'Becky', Becky Shasta Daisy.

(sun)(Zones 4-9)(36x36inches)

The perennial of the year in 2003, but a very popular plant every year. This makes low, vigorous clumps of succulent green foliage and tall stems of perfect, white daisies with yellow centers. If you're looking for a cut-flower daisy, look no further. Very easily grown, but needs dug and divided every few years to keep the plant blooming.

1GAL \$7.45 #2065

2GAL \$11.45 #2064

Leucanthemum x superbum 'Snowlady', Snowlady Shasta Daisy.

(sun)(Zones 4-9)(12x20 inches)

An excellent dwarf-growing cultivar that is well-suited to a frontal position in the perennial garden. Low mats of succulent green foliage and the same classic daisy flowers as the former.

1GAL \$7.45 #1893

***Liatis spicata*, Gayfeather.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 3-9)(varies)

A well known, US native fen and prairie plant that deserves a position in every perennial garden. Upon emergence, the plant bears much resemblance to a true lily with leafy clumps of very narrow foliage that appears very lush. In the heat of summer, the tall flower spikes develop and begin the show of pink or magenta blooms from the top of the spike down, differing from most plants that bloom from the bottom up. *Liatis* can tolerate some moisture, but also does well in dry soils where they will persist for years.

A. *L. s. 'Floristan Violet'*. A taller growing form to 36 inches that bears long spikes of violet-pink flowers in summer. Excellent for cutting.

1GAL \$7.45 #1625

B. *L. s. 'Kobold'*. The name is German for goblin. This plant stays smaller than its cultivar cousin, reaching only 24 inches in height. The flowers are a reddish-pink. A very popular selection.

1GAL \$7.45 #1878

***Ligularia dentata*, Golden Ray.**

(psh/sh)(Zones 4-8)(varies)

Yet another choice species from the mountains of Asia. Large, bold clumps of huge, rounded leaves in tones of dark green, burgundy, or purple are the main attraction, but the plant is grown for its golden daisy flowers as well. *Ligularia*, in general, are intolerant of drought and the foliage may wilt on hot days even when there is adequate moisture in the ground. Growing at the edge of water or in areas out of the midday sun will help relieve the problem.

A. *L. d. 'Britt-Marie Crawford'*. I'm not sure about the name, but the plant is fantastic. The new growth of the season emerges a very deep maroon-burgundy that appears almost black at first glance. The foliage fades as the heat of summer sets in, but always retains its deep purple cast. Very beautiful with flattened clusters of orangey-yellow daisies. 30x30 inches.

2GAL \$12.95 #0929

B. *L. d. 'Desdemona'*. A very colorful Golden Ray with deep green leaves with a purple tint on the top and stained blood red beneath. The flowers tend more towards yellow and give the plant a fresh appeal. 48x48 inches.

3GAL \$17.95 #0927

***Ligularia przewalskii*, Russian Ragwort.**

(psh/sh)(Zones 3-7)(36x36 inches)

I am quite smitten by this relatively unknown member of the Genus for its ragged-toothed, maple-like leaves with black petioles. This also produces tall, stocky spikes of pale yellow flowers, for an effect quite different from the aforementioned plant. The coarseness of the leaves makes this a standout among other shade perennials, although it does possess the caveat of requiring frequent supplemental waterings.

1GAL \$9.45 #2019

***Lilium formosanum*, Formosa Lily.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 5-10)(2-5 feet tall)

What a wonderful surprise this plant has turned out to be. I first heard of it through a seed catalog that said, "Blooms the first year from seed and looks like a hardy Easter lily with prominent red stripes on the sides", I couldn't believe what I was reading. Well the story checked out, and what we ended up with is a most exceptional group of Lilies that not only bloomed the first season from seed, but lilies that bloomed repeatedly throughout the course of summer. Each time the plant bloomed, the stems got a little taller, and by the end of the season we had excellent clumps of Lilies. I am not sure if this continuous blooming habit will continue after the winter, but the plant will still put forth a remarkable amount of flowers in late summer. Be one of the first to try something new.

2GAL \$9.95 #2805

***Lilium potaninii*, Mongolian Lily.**

(sun)(Zones 4-8?)(3 feet tall)

OK, I made up the common name, but you try finding some info on this one. The seeds were collected in Mongolia by Mojmir Pavelka and the catalogue offered little descriptive information on the plant. Judging by the bulb, I would say it is very close to *L. pumilum*, which forms rather short stems of very narrow foliage and has an early summer bloom of waxy, orange-red turk's cap flowers. Requires good drainage and deadheading for success, but these generalities may not totally apply to this species.

4INCH \$4.95 #2881

***Lilium pumilum*, Turk's Cap Lily.**

(sun)(Zones 4-7)(3 feet tall)

I basically just described this under *L. potaninii*. These are excellent, easily grown lilies with an unusual bloom time.

1GAL \$7.45 #2804

Lilium Hybrids, Hybrid Lilies.

(sun)(Zones 4-9)(varies)

There are few people that can resist the simplistic beauty and ethereal fragrance of Lilies. These hybrids bring together characteristics from across the Genus to provide the gardener with beautiful, but solid landscape plants that can be depended upon for a show every year. Some of these are popular cut-flower plants and can be grown for the same purpose, as long as you don't cut off too much of the foliage. These require rich, well-drained soil for maximum performance.

A. 'Casa Blanca'. One of the most popular lilies of all time for its fine display of exceedingly fragrant, pure white flowers with brown anthers. The plant displays hybrid vigor and is easily grown in the garden, where it outlasts and outshines many other perennials. To 4 feet tall.

2GAL \$11.45 #1522

B. 'Monte Negro'. A charming, small-growing lily with upfacing flowers of rich red-orange. This blooms ahead of the other selection here, in early to mid summer. To 2 feet tall.

2GAL \$11.45 #1608

C. 'Stargazer'. Perhaps the most popular Lily of all time, the Oriental hybrid Lily is noted for its white flowers with a vivid rose colored flare on each petal and intoxicating fragrance. To 4 feet tall.

2GAL \$11.45 #1579

***Limonium latifolium*, Sea-Lavender.**

(sun)(Zones 3-9)(30x30 inches)

It surprises me that this is not more popular, as it is essentially a light purple Baby's Breath. The plant forms attractive rosettes of glossy, spoon-shaped foliage that lay flat on the ground. The flowers appear in mid-summer and last for several weeks. Ideal as a cut-flower and seems to persist for years in dry soils.

1GAL \$7.45 #0894

***Liriope muscari*, Creeping Lilyturf**

(sun/sh)(Zones 5-9)(12x24 inches)

A landscape mainstay, there is hardly a place in the south where the plant is not in evidence. When grown well, it forms lush mounds of grassy green leaves, and if the summer was hot enough in our area, pretty purple-blue spikes of tiny flowers in late summer.

1GAL \$7.45 #1830

***Lychnis (Agrostemma) coronaria*, Rose Campion.**

(sun)(Zones 5-9)(30x20 inches)

This tall, brazen cousin of the Carnation always impresses with its fuzzy, silver rosettes of leaves and tall, gangly stems of shocking magenta (or white) flowers in early to mid summer. Once established, this will

endure considerable drought, and some of the best plants I have seen were the ones that reseeded and persisted in Marvin's pea-gravel driveway. Individual plants are not usually long-lived, but the plant is a mild self-seeder and will persist for years in this manner. We offer both the magenta and white flowered forms.

2GAL \$11.45 #0733

***Lychnis chalconica*, Maltese Cross.**

(sun)(Zones 3-9)(30x20 inches)

I have always considered this an old-fashioned perennial, and it is one of the first perennials I remember learning of from my Grandmother. Tall, wiry stems that bear pincushion clusters of cross-shaped, orange-red flowers. The plant prefers well-drained soils and thrives in relatively dry areas of the garden.

1GAL \$7.45 #0948

***Lychnis yunnanensis*, Chinese Campion.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 5-9)(30x24 inches)

More like a *Silene* than a *Lychnis*, the plant forms shiny, evergreen rosettes and a profusion of tall, wiry stems capped in bright pink flower clusters. This is a very obscure, but easily grown plant that attracted a lot of attention at the garden center last year. Easily grown.

2GAL \$11.45 #0729

***Lysimachia nummularia* 'Aurea', Golden Creeping Jenny.**

(sun/sh)(Zones 3-10)(2 inches tall)

This forms vigorous mats of eye-catching chartreuse foliage that lights up the landscape. Thrives in moisture retentive soils and is excellent among Hostas and other dark foliage plants. Also good for containers where it will cascade over the side and add a dramatic flair to a mixed planting. Very invasive in Ohio and restraint should be used when planting near water courses and other wet areas.

1GAL \$4.95 #2258

***Monarda* 'Petite Delight', Petite Delight Bee Balm.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 3-8)(12x18 inches)

One of the dwarfest of the Bee Balms and a good plant to boot. This forms low, luscious mounds of very dark green foliage and curious clusters of whorled flowers that look like they've been skewered. The flowers are a pleasing purple-magenta and seem to bloom non-stop through the summer. Easily grown and mildew resistant.

1GAL \$7.45 #2520

***Nepeta nervosa* 'Blue Moon', Blue Moon Catnip.**

(sun)(Zones 4-8)(15x18 inches)

Electric-blue spikes of flowers and aromatic foliage are perfect for tantalizing the neighbor's cat. A hardy, durable perennial that requires only good drainage and an occasional haircut to keep it happy. A good plant for attracting pollinators to the garden.

1GAL \$7.45 #1521

***Oenothera missouriensis*, Evening Primrose.**

(sun)(Zones 5-9)(15x18 inches)

A sprawling plant that is difficult to use, but is valuable for its generous display of cheery yellow saucer's that open fully only at night. This thrives in relatively dry soils and can consume a large area if overly happy where it is. One of the first plants I can remember, my Grandmother always made me and my cousins come outside on summer nights and watch it open its blooms.

1GAL \$7.45 #0997

***Oenothera speciosa*, Pink Evening Primrose.**

(sun)(Zones 5-9)(12 inches tall)

A departure from others in the group for its mat-like growth habit and white bloom with a pink border. A vigorous plant, this is good for large areas that need a quick cover and will even grow if planted in almost pure gravel. A choice groundcover plant for hot, dry areas. Hails from Texas and the lower plains states.

1GAL \$7.45 #0998

***Orchis graminifolia*, Hardy Orchid.**

(psh)(Zones 5-9)(10 inches tall)

Also known as *Oreorchis graminifolia*, these hardy little plants come in an array of flower colors and no two ever look the same. An excellent and easy hardy orchid for the trough or garden, these thrive in well-drained, but moisture retentive soil and must not stay overly wet during the winter. The plants emerge late in the season and bloom in mid to late summer. These set seed very easily and it is advised that the developing pods are cut off to help boost flower production for the next year. The flowers are similar to those of *Dendrobium*, but are much smaller and quite wildly colored.

4INCH \$18.95 #1330

***Origanum laevigatum* 'Hopley's Purple', Hopley's Purple Oregano.**

(sun)(Zones 3-8)(24x24 inches)

Although thought of primarily as an herb, there is a large contingent of this Genus that are grown for their wonderful ornamental attributes. This selection is grown for its low mats of purple-green, rounded foliage that give way in summer to tall, airy spikes of of tubular, reddish-purple flowers. The plant forms tidy clumps and is good for a dash of summer color.

1GAL \$9.45 #1003

***Osteospermum barberiae* from Mount Aux Sources.**

(sun)(Zones 6-9)(12x15 inches)

These originated from one of the first seed packets I ever sowed here at Marvin's, and they have proved to be hardy and durable plants for rock gardens and well-drained perennial borders. These form low, loose mats of glossy, lanceolate foliage, and in summer, prodigious quantities of magenta-pink daisies with orange centers. Quite hardy here, these have overwintered for years and often bloom late into the season. Draining soil a must.

1GAL \$9.45 #1005

***Pachysandra procumbens*, Alleghany Spurge.**

(psh/sh)(Zones 4-9)(10x36 inches)

Without a doubt one of our most underused natives and a world apart from it's Japanese counterpart. This displays a markedly clumping habit and is easier to use in tight places than *P. terminalis*. The leaves are are coarsley toothed and lush, dark-green in summer and as the cooler fall weather sets in, each leaf develops intricate madder-purple and silver markings that remain attractive straight through until spring. The columns of tiny white flowers arise from the center of the plant all in a bunch and have a fragrance that is similar to that of the Genus *Daphne*. Easily grown in any draining soil, though quite slow to make a large clump. Not to be without.

1GAL \$9.45 #1010

***Paeonia*, Herbaceous Peonies.**

(sun)(Zones 3-7)(varies)

We in the Midwest are in the heart of Peony Country, and most certainly, there is not a finer, more long-lived race of perennials to grace our gardens. Most often, the peonies remain even after the gardener has departed. They are known for their large flowers in a wide array of colors and forms, but what most people don't realize is that their potential is far from tapped. Recent renewed interest in the Genus and new importations of hybrids and species from far away lands have broadened the genetic horizon. Ahead lies all sorts of new hybrids to dream about. We have an active interest in these plants and are growing-on many new species from seed, as well as new and old cultivars, and hybrids that are selected for distinctiveness not only in flower and foliage, but also the tendency to hold their flowers in an upright fashion when in full bloom. There is nothing worse than waiting for your prized peony to open in the morning only to go outside and see it flopped over into the mud and dirt. Sick of seeing that happen? Try one of these on for size.

A. 'Alecia Kunkel'. A Japanese cultivar with its origins in *P. lactiflora*. Single pink flowers with a proliferation of staminodes (petaloids) in the center, giving the plant an Anemone-like appearance. Grows 28x 40 inches.

3GAL \$24.95 #2263

B. 'Bowl of Beauty'. A very popular cultivar for its clear-pink, cup-shaped flowers filled to the brim with a proliferation of white staminodes (petaloids). The outer row of petals has a jagged edge that gives the plant a unique appearance. Grows 30x36 inches.

3GAL \$22.95 #2215

C. 'Claudia'. A cross between *P. lactiflora* and *P. peregrina* with superb foliage and semi-double, pink flowers. Superb. Grows 26x32 inches.

3GAL \$24.95 #2247

D. 'Coral Charm'. Semi-double flowers that open a supreme sorbet-pink with melon tints for a stunning late spring display. The flowers age to pink as they open on a plant that is always in high demand. Grows 36x42 inches. Vigorous.

3GAL \$32.95 #2245

E. 'Early Scout'. Excellent, single, blood-red flowers with a prominent yellow center. The plant is a hybrid of *P. tenuifolia* and 'Richard Carvel', but inherited much of its personality from the former. Low mounds of finely dissected foliage that reach only 18x30 inches. Blooms early in the season.

3GAL \$22.95 #2214

F. 'Eliza Lundy'. Often considered a selection of *P. officinalis*, this form boasts rich red, semi-double flowers and distinctive foliage. Grows 24x36 inches. Early blooming.

3GAL \$24.95 #2248

G. 'Kansas'. Considered to be the best of the double red lactifloras and an APS gold medal winner. Will perform well in the south, where other Peonies struggle.

3GAL \$24.95 #2249

H. 'Lady Alexandra Duff'. An old, double-white lactiflora with a pink blush. Blooms are rather small, but born in abundance lending a unique overall appearance.

2GAL \$22.95 #2273

I. 'Mother's Choice'. A pure white, full-double lactiflora hybrid. A classic peony.

3GAL \$24.95 #1354

J. 'Paula Fay'. A choice, semi-double pink hybrid with a compact habit and superb foliage. This is a gold metal winner.

3GAL \$24.95 #2270

K. 'Pfeiffer's Red Triumph'. A double red lactiflora hybrid.

3GAL \$24.95 #2267

L. 'Red Charm'. A double red hybrid and a gold metal winner. Highly touted by peony expert Allan Rogers who says, "Every gardener should have this plant-it would be difficult to find a better peony."

3GAL \$24.95 #2268

M. 'Salmon Glory'. A double pink hybrid with glowing salmony overtones that render it irresistible to all who see it. 32x42 inches.

3GAL \$24.95 #2257

N. 'Sanctus'. A single white hybrid from complicated breeding lines. This forms a broad, dense bush with large foliage and has an early bloom time. Grows 24x40 inches. Very choice.

3GAL \$24.95 #2246

O. 'Sarah Bernhardt'. A classic Peony with fully-double, rose-pink flowers and lax stems. Abundantly planted in our area, but never looks good because the blooms flop quite readily. Requires support.

3GAL \$24.95 #1352

P. 'Westerner'. A Japanese form with pink petals forming a bowl-shaped flower filled with yellow staminodes (petaloids). Winner of the APS gold metal and highly revered for its dependability and excellent-quality cut flowers.

3GAL \$24.95 #2253

***Paeonia japonica*, Japanese Peony**

(psh/sh)(Zones 5-9)(18x30 inches)

Take everything you think you know about Peonies...and throw it away. This deviant species differs in its need for shade in the garden and blue-green foliage that bears upward-facing, ivory chalice with yellow and crimson centers. You can still tell it's a Peony, but people will always wonder what exactly it is and what makes it so beautiful. One of the most unique attributes are the horn-shaped seed pods that split open to reveal pearly-blue seeds imbedded in a crimson red receptacle. A good grower in rich moist soil and very hardy. These plants were originally imported from Japan and are true to name.

2GAL \$24.95 #1332

***Paeonia officinalis ssp villosa*, Peony.**

(sun)(Zones 4-8)(16x30 inches)

An excellent and easily grown 'wild' Peony from the south of France and northern Italy. This forms a squat bush with bright red flowers. The plant increases well in the garden and puts on an early display of flowers for those who just can't wait until Memorial Day. Well-drained, rich soil.

3GAL \$24.95 #2265

***Xpardancanda norrisii*, Blackberry Lily.**

(sun)(Zones 5-9)(30x30 inches)

An intergeneric hybrid between *Pardanthopsis dichotoma* and *Belamcanda chinensis* first made by the

legendary plant breeder Samuel Norris of Kentucky. The tall stems and upright leaves resemble an Iris and the flowers are similar to the *Pardanthopsis* parent in shape, but the flowers range in color from yellow to orange and salmon. The seedheads are perfect for cutting and drying and resemble ripe blackberries.

1GAL \$9.95 #1031

***Penstemon strictus*, Rocky Mountain Beardtongue.**

(sun)(Zones 3-8)(36x30 inches)

One of the most common of the western Beardtongues and an easily grown plant for dry gardens. This forms loose stems of the spatulate, glossy green leaves and tall, sprawling spikes of royal purple flowers in summer. Best grown without extra irrigation.

1GAL \$9.95 #1041

***Perovskia atriplicifolia*, Russian Sage.**

(sun)(Zones 4-9)(3-4x3-4 feet)

One of the most handsome of perennials and a valuable addition to the summer border. I never tire of the seeing the feathery plumes of lavender flowers set against the silvered foliage. Appreciates dry and stony soils and can be cut to the ground each year to maintain its shape and habit.

1GAL \$7.45 #0681

***Perovskia atriplicifolia* 'Little Spire', Compact Russian Sage.**

(sun)(Zones 4-9)(2-3x2-3 feet)

Exactly like the above, but with a more compact habit, lending itself to smaller landscapes. Very beautiful.

2GAL \$11.45 #2688

***Petasites gigantea*, Giant Butterbur.**

(sun/sh)(Zones 5-9)(2-3 feet tall)

This is one of those plants you either love or hate. The extremely large, rounded foliage always adds drama to the garden, but so does the wildly rhizomatous growth that quickly swallows smaller, defenseless neighbors. Requires very moist or wet soil, and only in these conditions does it become a serious pest. Excellent in drier areas with supplemental water where its vigor will be checked, and the gardener need not worry.

3GAL \$14.95 #1049

***Phlox divaricata*, Wood Phlox.**

(psh/sh)(Zones 3-9)(10x20 inches)

One of our most common wildflowers in the Ohio River valley, and a tremendously variable plant at that. These plants represent the form most commonly seen with low candelabras of blue-violet flowers and loose tufts of evergreen foliage in winter. With a little extra water and fertilizer, these will bloom much better than in the wild, and a large drift through a shady area is a sight to behold. We offer the straight species and 1 cultivar.

A. 'P. d. 'White Perfume'. I absolutely love this plant for its pure white bloom with a small purple eye at the center. The plant is a good grower and thrives in shady gardens with little attention.

1GAL \$9.45 #1383

***Phlox paniculata*, Tall Phlox.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 3-9)(36x30 inches)

One of the delights of summer and a common wildflower through the Cincinnati area. Tall, bold clumps of green foliage with huge, conical clusters of fragrant flowers in an array of colors. These thrive in good garden soil and full sun and will grow best if not allowed to dry out too severely. The name of the game with phlox is mildew resistance, which is what we have selected the following cultivars for. Try to provide maximum air circulation around your plants and avoid wetting the leaves at night to ensure healthy, vigorous plants with no fungus. We offer a few selections.

A. 'David'. The perennial of the year a couple years ago and an easy to please garden plant. Tall stems of light-green foliage and very fragrant clusters of snow white flowers. Mildew resistant.

2GAL \$14.95 #1587

B. 'Nicky'. This selection is something more like the wild species, but with excellent dark green foliage and flowers of a more intense magenta-purple. The color looks different depending on whether it's sunny or overcast, I know it sounds funny, but its true. Buy one and find out for yourself.

2GAL \$14.95 #0280

C. 'Orange Perfection'. Tall stems of foliage with pumpkin orange clusters of flowers. I have not actually seen the plant bloom, so I cannot vouch for it, but Leslie says it's to die for. We'll see.

1GAL \$9.45 #0312

D. 'Starfire'. An excellent colored form boasting vibrant, cherry red flowers to brighten the border.
1GAL \$9.45 #0311

Phygelius, Cape Figwort.

(sun/psh)(Zones 6-9)(3-4x3-4 feet)

What a treat it has been to grow these plants. They are everywhere in abundance out west and in the UK, but are not seen in the east due to conflicting hardiness data. These are usually rated as zone 7 or 8 but if you can bear to see them get killed to the ground every winter, they make excellent, long-blooming cut-back plants with a tropical flair. Tall, wiry stems of glossy spade-shaped foliage and enormous clusters of waxy, tubular flowers in warm colors. Very attractive and unlike anything else. We have not had a hard winter here in a while, but these have overwintered for the past three years here and in Cleveland and Youngstown. Be one of the first in your neighborhood to try one of these South African beauties.

A. 'Devil's Tears'. The best of the cultivars we have tested so far, producing tall, lax stems of the glossy foliage and enormous clusters of bright red, waxy flowers with a yellow throat. Absolutely beautiful and quite hardy for us so far.

2GAL \$11.45 #2445

Physostegia virginiana, Obedient Plant.

(sun/sh)(Zones 3-8)(2-4x2-4 feet)

An old-fashioned garden plant that forms lush green mats of foliage and dense stems of outward facing violet-pink, tubular flowers. Can be quite showy in moist, rich soil and it is suggested that the plants are divided every few years to maintain a good show. We offer the regular species and the variegated form.

1GAL \$7.45 #2195

A. P. v. 'Variegata'. The same as the above but with attractive, white variegated foliage that stands out when the plant is not in bloom.

1GAL \$9.95 #2092

Podophyllum, Mayapple.

(psh/sh)(Zones (5)6-9)(varies)

These represent some of the most sensational of woodland plants to know and grow. If you think I'm talking about the native Mayapple, your sadly mistaken, for although it is a beautiful plant in its own right, it is the Asian contingent of the Genus that holds the most promise for our present and future gardens. For those unacquainted, these are among the most dramatic of shade plants with huge, exceedingly glossy, parasol-like leaves that burst forth early in the season and last until the last vestiges of autumn. Some forms have leaves that are as attractively mottled as any variegated plant on the planet, and the transformation from emergence to fully expanded is a site to behold. We have been trying these in our own gardens for a couple of years now, and the results have been most encouraging, lending an air of tropicality to the woodland setting and setting the mind adrift at the new plants and possibilities awaiting in Southwestern China. Oh, yeah, they do flower and Chinese botanists have recognized a number of new Genera based on these characteristics. Whatever the final decision is (botanists have to make their living somehow), these are the crème de la crème of the woodland garden, so don't miss your chance to be one of the first to grow these remarkable plants.

A. P. 'Kaleidoscope'. We have waited 2 years to get these plants and you're lucky were selling any at all. One of the finest foliage plants to be released in some time, this produces large, angular leaves that are intricately marked in varying tones of gray, green, and charcoal for an effect that is certainly distinct. This will eventually grow to 2 feet tall and wide, forming sensational large clumps. A hybrid of obscured origin, and best planted in a protected, coveted spot of the shady garden. A loose mulch in fall after the plant goes dormant will be of great benefit.

1GAL \$26.95 #1103

B. P. 'Spotty Dotty'. An apparent hybrid involving the lusty *P. delavayi* (veitchii) that presents an unrivaled show of foliage in spring and summer. The leaves emerge showing a black and green checkerboard pattern that give them an eerie sheen. As the leaves expand, the coloration becomes more prominent and develops russet-red overtones for an absolutely scrumptious appeal. This is brand new this year, but the good folks at Terra Nova say it's a solid Zone 5. I'll plant some and we'll see what happens. Grows 18x24 inches.

1GAL \$26.95 #0387

Pulmonaria, Lungwort.

(psh/sh)(Zones 4-9)(10x30 inches)

I kind of get the feeling that the Heyday of the Lungwort may be coming to a close. They just don't seem to elicit the interest of Heucheras or Hostas, as least from my perspective. We have never grown a great number of these at any one time, but those we have are beautiful and distinct, while all hinging on the same basic design. Generally low clumps of strappy, tongue-shaped leaves, very dark green with irregular silver and gray. The leaves are always quite bristly, and, at least in our gardens, very deer resistant. Best in the shade with some moisture, although a plant of 'Sissinghurst White' has thrived in my mother's garden between two very closely growing, very large Pin Oaks that make for absolutely bone dry soil in summer. Easily grown.

A. P. 'Berries and Cream'. An older selection that stills merits a place in every shade garden. More rounded leaves of medium green with a heavy mottling of silver dots and streaks. The flowers start out bright pink and age to electric blue, and most often, both colors are present on the plant. Very attractive and easily grown.

1GAL \$11.45 #2127

B. P. longifolia 'Diana Clare'. A new selection with almost pure silver leaves and ruffled leaf margins. The flowers are clear blue aging to blue-purple over time. The leaves are exceptionally narrow and impart a unique texture to the shady garden.

1GAL \$11.45 #2502

Pulsatilla, The Pasque Flowers.

(sun/psh)(Zones 4-8)(15x18 inches)

This is one genus that I am tremendously excited about. A harbinger of spring, the Pasque Flower unfurls it's silky, nodding blooms in late March or early April. The flowers come in a range of colors from red to purple to yellow to blue, and everything in between. The overall habit is low and mounding, with finely filigreed, fretted foliage that is covered in silky hairs when emerging. We have some excellent selections of these remarkable plants coming down the pipeline, and all seem very easily grown and excellent garden plants. Long-lived and durable in reasonably well-drained soils.

A. P. vulgaris 'Heiler Hybrids'. A hybrid seed strain from Germany with good vigor and showy flowers in a range of colors from deep maroon to purple, and white. The plants form tidy mounds of deep green foliage, and seedlings we put into the garden last year bloomed sporadically throughout late summer.

1GAL \$7.45 #1927

B. P. vulgaris 'Papageno' (Double Frills Mix). One of the most exciting plants in our inventory. Lush, double flowers in tones of red, pink, and purple that remind of double flowered Helleborus. It's lust at first sight with this one.

1GAL \$7.45 #2213

Ratibida pinnata, Globular Coneflower.

(sun)(Zones 3-9)(2-4x2-4 feet)

This prairie native forms tall, airy clumps of lacy foliage and boasts a mid-late summer display of dainty yellow flowers with drooping petals surrounding a green 'cone'. This tolerates extreme drought, but thrives in rich soils in perennial border beds and makes an excellent late summer cut-flower.

2GAL \$11.45 #1140

Rheum palmatum var. tanguticum, Ornamental Rhubarb.

(sun/psh)(Zones 5-8)(6x5 feet)

A perennial of gargantuan proportions with huge, jaggedly lobed, maple-like leaves and stems of tiny, reddish-pink flowers. Quite a show-stopper in spring as the new leaves unfurl and display their gigantic nature, lending a tropical feel to the landscape. It's worth going to extra effort to prepare the soil as deeply as possible to encourage the largest possible leaves and longest lasting display. In all honesty, this performs best when grown like a vegetable. We offer the regular species and 1 cultivar.

A. R. p. var. t [Red Selection]. A seed strain from Germany with deeply saturated, red flowers and red-tinged leaf petioles. The overall effect is quite stunning.

1GAL \$9.45 #2018

Rudbeckia hirta, Common Black-eyed Susan or Gloriosa Daisy.

(sun)(Zones 3-9)(varies)

One of the most common roadside wildflowers of the Midwest, the Black-eyed Susan is a showy garden plant, though it is often short-lived. This produces rosettes of thin leaves covered with bristly hair and 24-20 inch tall stems capped in vivid yellow flowers with a chocolate brown center. The name Gloriosa Daisy generally refers to the tetraploid forms of this plant, which are more often seen than the wild type. Tolerates

poor, dry soils, but thrives in rich, well-drained soils.

A. R. h. 'Prairie Sun'. Another tetraploid form with flowers boasting a lime green center and edges dipped in gold. The effect is quite outstanding when viewed en masse and the plant keeps a low, tidy habit. Used very effectively and abundantly at the Missouri Botanic Garden a couple of years ago. There were crowds surrounding the plants. They're just that good.

2GAL \$11.95 #1165

***Rudbeckia laciniata*, Cutleaf Coneflower.**

(sun/sh)(Zones 3-8)(4-8x3-5 feet)

Quite an adaptable native plant, I have observed this numerous times in the wilds of Ohio, in a wide array of ecological niches. It grows best in meadows and the margins of woodlands where it can get quite large, thrusting its feathery leaves skyward and bearing its prominent clusters of pale yellow petals surrounding a green cone. The effect can be quite dramatic in the garden, but the plant is not often used, too bad, really. Appreciates rich, moist soil and will grow in sun or shade.

3GAL \$14.95 #1166

***Rudbeckia maxima*, Great Rudbeckia.**

(sun)(Zones 5-9)(3-6x3-4 feet)

The 'black sheep' of the Genus and a remarkable garden plant at that. The main interest lies in the large, paddle-shaped, powder blue leaves that form a large clump over time. The foliage contrasts well with medium green and finely textured perennials. An added bonus are the dramatic flower spikes carrying pale yellow flowers with an initially green cone that turns dark brown as it ages. Very tolerant of drought and poor soils, but thrives when planted in rich, well-drained garden soil, where it will form a stately, long-lived perennial.

2GAL \$13.45 #1169

***Rudbeckia nitida* 'Herbstonne', Herbstonne Black-eyed Susan.**

(sun)(Zones 3-9)(3-4x2-3 feet)

Similar to *R. laciniata*, but with thicker, less finely divided leaves and paler yellow flowers with a mid-summer bloom period. An excellent perennial with plenty of character to stand out in the garden. Appreciates good garden soil, but is very adaptable.

2GAL \$11.45 #1170

***Sagina subulata*, Corsican Pearlwort or incorrectly, Irish Moss.**

(sun)(Zones 4-7)(2-4x12-36 inches)

There is hardly a soul that can resist touching this as they walk by. Ground-hugging cushions of emerald green adhere to the ground and follow its contours as it slowly grows. The plant is not a true moss and requires full sun and moisture to perform well. Excellent when used between pavers and stepping stones. It does produce a proliferation of tiny white flowers that look like pebbles caught in moss.

1GAL \$7.45 #1474

4" \$3.95 #0057

***Salvia nemorosa*, Garden Sage.**

(sun)(Zones 4-9)(varies)

Some of the most well-known perennials, the Garden Sage even has a Perennial of the Year award under its belt for one of its cultivars. Easily grown clumps of aromatic foliage that give rise to squatty spires of deep blue, white, lavender or purple flowers in May, and if deadheaded, again in the late summer or fall. Some plants are more promiscuous in this regard and will flower on and off all summer if kept deadheaded and evenly moist. Good perennials for people new to gardening and always in demand.

A. S. n. 'May Night'. The winner of Perennial of Year several years ago for its generous display of exceedingly deep purple flowers. The plant reaches 18x24 and will rebloom if deadheaded after the initial bloom.

1GAL \$7.45 #1188

B. S. n. 'Snow Hill'. A white flowered form of great beauty that is also a little taller than other varieties. Pure white spikes of flowers that grow 21x28 inches at maturity. A first rate border plant.

1GAL \$9.45 #2226

C. S. n. 'Eastfriesland'. A compact selection with violet purple spikes that grow 16x24 inches. A popular selection.

1GAL \$7.45 #2782

***Santolina chamaecyparissus*, Lavender Cotton.**

(sun)(Zones 5-9)(15x24 inches)

A quintessential plant for herb and knot gardens, valued for its needle-like, fragrant ever-gray foliage that forms very dense mounds, even without pruning. The yellow-orange, pompom-like flowers are also impressive in May and June. Seems to do well here if adequate drainage is provided. Always very popular, we have plants in a display bed we have been pinching and the result is a 10x12 inch dome that looks like the tightest, cushion forming alpine you've ever seen.

1GAL \$7.45 #1561

***Saponaria ocymoides*, Soapwort.**

(sun)(Zones 5-9)(12x24 inches)

A very pretty plant which requires good drainage and air circulation to thrive. Forms loose mats of needle-like foliage that quickly expand in spring and produce an abundant display of sugar pink, phlox-like blooms. The effect is not far off from the Moss Phloxes, although the floral display commences in early summer, not early spring. Can be used effectively as a front of the border plant or even in the rock garden or trough.

A. S. o. 'Snow Tip'. An excellent pure white flowered seed strain from Germany. Exactly the same as the above, but with white flowers.

1GAL \$7.45 #2022

***Saxifraga fortunei* 'Silver Velvet', Silver Velvet Saxifrage.**

(psh/sh)(Zones 5-9)(15x20 inches)

One of the choicest woodland plants to be seen. This comes from Japan where it grows on cliffsides and in crevices and the Japanese have made many selections from the wild. The forms small clumps of semi-evergreen, maple-like leaves that are so intricately and wildly colored that they appear to be fake. This cultivar possesses burgundy-purple leaves with silver stripes running from the base of the petiole to the end of the lobes. The airy spikes of flowers occur very late in the season and surprise the gardener when they least expect it. Apparently this does not like peat moss, and requires a well-drained, humus soil for best growth.

1GAL \$11.45 #1567

***Scabiosa columbaria* 'Misty Butterflies', Pincushion Flower.**

(sun)(Zones 4-9)(18x24 inches)

This is the seed grown strain that is the answer to vegetatively propagated cultivars. This forms squat clumps of spoon-shaped leaves that give rise to wiry stems bearing pastel pink, purple, or blue flowers that resemble little pincushions, go figure. An easily grown race of plants perfect for the perennial garden or someone who just wants a little color for their yard.

1GAL \$7.45 #1980

***Scutellaria orientalis* 'Eastern Sun', Eastern Sun Scullcap.**

(sun)(Zones 4-8?)(8x18 inches)

I can't remember where this came from or really what the flowers look like, but I do know they are tubular and shaped like a single Penstemon flower, and maybe yellow. The plant itself forms a prostrate, gnarled miniature woody shrub that is very cool. Prefers full sun and relatively dry soils. A good specimen for the rockgarden.

1 GAL \$9.45 #1050

***Scutellaria pontica*, Pontic Scullcap.**

(sun)(Zones 5-8)(8x16 inches)

Another very choice member of this little-known Genus. This forms low, mounding mats and produces an abundance of reddish-purple tubular flowers, but I'm not quite sure when, this is a new plant to us. Requires good drainage to persist.

1GAL \$9.45 #1062

***Sedum*, Stonecrops**

(sun/psh)(Zones 4-9)(varies)

There are few gardeners who are not familiar with succulent Sedum, whether a perennial or succulent lover. There is hardly a genus that is more widespread around the globe and every gardener in the world stands a chance with some of these beauties. They are relatively easily grown and will thrive just about anywhere there is adequate drainage. If you are new to perennial gardening, try some of these plants, you will be impressed with their hardiness and vigor.

A. S. aizoon 'Aurantiacum'. A Russian species with very pretty, flattened clusters of yellow flowers that open from reddish buds in mid summer. The plant grows 15-20x18-24 inches and possesses curiously shiny, apple green leaves that are attractive before the flowers are formed.

1GAL \$7.45 #1216

B. S. oregonum. It was quite a delight to see this in full bloom on and in vertical cliffs and crevices on the Washington state seashore. The effect was magnificent with shiny mats of plump foliage with a red tinge and small, but dramatic spikes of sulfur yellow flowers that were at their peak at the beginning of August. A first rate rock garden Sedum.

1GAL \$7.95 #1909

C. S. reflexum (rupestre), Crooked Stonecrop. Whatever the name, this is a neat little groundcover or cushion forming Stonecrop. The clumps are composed of numerous stems bearing gray-green, needle-like foliage. The true look is hard to describe, and I have also heard rumors of the plant being invasive in the right setting. We put some plants into one of our rock gardens last year and they made tight cushions of evergreen foliage growing in pure, crushed gravel. The plant originates in Europe, where it was used in medieval times as a salad crop. I like to try new foods, so I tried this and was amazed at how truly disgusting it is. I'm glad I wasn't born 100 years ago.

1GAL \$5.95 #2482

D. S. 'Autumn Joy'. The most commonly planted Sedum in the Midwest. Lush mounds of sea-green foliage that produce rounded clusters of sugar pink flowers in early autumn that begin as lime-green buds.

2GAL \$11.45 #1292

E. S. 'Purple Emporer'. One of the coolest new perennials to hit the scene of late. Very much like 'Autumn Joy' in regards to growth habit, but with foliage that is so intensely colored purple that the stems appear black as they emerge. The color fades a little in the heat of summer to plum purple, and the richness and intensity of coloration always amaze. Rounded clusters of purple-pink flowers in late summer and autumn.

2GAL \$13.45 #0764

***Silphium perfoliatum*, Cup Plant.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 4-9)(4-7x3-5 feet)

A large and imposing Ohio native that frequents prairie openings and other out of the way areas. Tall, beefy stems with large leaves that form a 'cup' where the petiole meets the stem. I'm not sure why the plant has this feature, but it makes it fun and easy to identify. The yellow, daisy-like flowers are born in summer and fit well into the palette of summer blooming perennials. This reseeded into our gravel parking lot, so I would say it's drought tolerant.

3GAL \$13.45 #1913

Sisyrinchium angustifolium 'Lucerne', Compact Blue-eyed Grass

(sun/psh)(Zones 3-9)(18x24 inches)

A good selection of one of our most underused native plants. Wait, I think I've said this about every native plant in this catalog...picking up what I'm putting down? Grass-like clumps of bluish-green foliage that resembles miniature Iris foliage, and a profusion of dainty, upward facing sky blue flowers that bloom over a long period. This plant is utterly drought resistant and hardy. The idiots at my apartment complex weed-whipped this into oblivion and it still came back and bloomed the same year, despite no extra care.

2GAL \$13.45 #1370

Solidago rugosa 'Fireworks', Fireworks Goldenrod.

(sun)(Zones 4-9)(3-4x3-4 feet)

One of the most popular selections of Goldenrod for its graceful, arching spikes of slender flowers that look like a firecracker in mid-show. Can be cut back by half in mid-June if a shorter plant is required. Grows in nearly any soil that is not too wet.

2GAL \$11.45 #1232

Solidago sempervirens, Seaside Goldenrod.

(sun)(Zones 3-9)(2-3x2-3 feet)

One of the most beautiful features on the beaches of the eastern seaboard, this is often found growing on sand dunes and other very well-drained, dry places near the ocean. The plant forms lax clumps of leathery leaves and a mid-late summer display of small yellow daisies held in loose clusters. This prefers similar well-drained positions in cultivation, but will grow in a rich soil, though its character may be lost.

3GAL \$13.95 #2157

Solidago speciosa, Showy Goldenrod.

(sun)(Zones 3-9)(2-4x2-3 feet)

A wide-ranging species in the US, though the form found in the east is the preferred one for gardens. The flowers of this species are more spire-like than open and airy and lend a different look to the garden than most other Goldenrods. The plant can grow to 5 feet, though 2-3 feet is more typical. Prefers rich, well-

drained soils.

2GAL \$11.45 #1929

651. *Solidago sphacelata*, False Goldenrod.

(sun)(Zones 4-9)(2-4x2-3 feet)

A lower growing Goldenrod than most, forming spreading mats of spade-shaped leaves that send up narrow flower spikes from each point. The effect is quite different from other species and this is a good garden plant. We offer two forms that are more compact than the typical species.

A. S. s. 'Gold Spangles'. More compact than the species, but not as compact as the next selection.

2GAL \$11.45 #1224

B. S. s. 'Golden Fleece'. The most compact form of the species on the market, reaching only 18 inches tall. A good, well-behaved garden plant.

1GAL \$7.45 #1236

***Stokesia laevis* 'Omega Skyrocket', Stoke's Aster.**

(sun)(Zones 5-8)(3-4x1-2 feet)

A very cool plant for the perennial or cut-flower garden. Leathery rosettes of evergreen foliage produce tall, lanky stems capped in large 3-4 inch, pastel pink or powder blue, ragged daisy-like flowers. The plant prefers rich, well-drained soil and will tolerate dry conditions.

2GAL \$13.45 #0583

***Symphyanandra zanzegur*, Bellflower.**

(sun/sph)(Zones 4-8)(18x18 inches)

These came from Germany last year and produced pretty mounds of coarsely toothed foliage, and this year, we hope, pyramidal clusters of dangling blue-purple bells in spring or early summer. Seems to be relatively easily grown, we'll see how perennial it is after this winter. Appreciates good drainage.

1GAL \$7.45 #2304

***Teucrium chamaedrys*, Germander.**

(sun)(Zones 5-9)(15x18 inches)

The perennial substitute for Boxwood and an essential ingredient of herb and knot gardens. This forms low, dense mounds of shiny, deep green foliage with deeply impressed veins and squat spikes of purple flowers in early summer. A plant with a very formal appearance that also lends itself to borders and edging. Requires good drainage and a sunny position to thrive.

1GAL \$7.45 #1374

***Thalictrum*, Meadow Rue.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 4-8)(varies)

The Meadow Rues are not a widely grown group of plants, but they do have a sort of cult-like following in certain plant circles. They are grown for their feathery, fine-textured foliage that appears so light and airy, it seems to hover over the ground. The flowers are the real reason to grow them, for they are so tiny and numerous, it appears as though the planted is foaming from the top. Maybe that's reaching, but you at least get the point that the floral display is nothing to shake a stick at. All of these selections will do well in sun or part shade in evenly moist soil. Some are so tall they may need staking.

A. T. *flavum* ssp. *Glaucum*. This is one of the best and easiest in the group, forming large clumps almost wherever it is planted. This grows 4-6 feet tall 3-4 feet wide and produces an exceptional display of creamy yellow flowers in June. We had a cultivar called 'True Blue', but after comparing this to the seed strain from Jelitto, we feel they are the same.

2GAL \$11.45 #1920

***Thermopsis caroliniana*, False Lupine.**

(sun/sph)(Zones 3-8)(24-48x24-36 inches)

This and the next species are very similar to Baptisia, and are a good replacement for Lupines, which are difficult to grow in areas with hot summers. This forms robust clumps of pea-like foliage and spires of yellow flowers in late spring or early summer and will grow in relatively poor, infertile soils. Long-lived and durable.

3GAL \$13.95 #2456

***Thermopsis montana*, False Lupine.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 3-8)(24-48x24-36 inches)

This is very similar to the above, with pinnately compound leaves and showy spires of cheery, yellow flowers. Very easy to grow and a good substitute for the Lupine.

1GAL \$7.45 #2441

Tiarella, The Foamflowers.

(psh/sh)(Zones 4-8)(12x20 inches)

These are some of our most popular native plants right now, due to the recent influx of so many new and exciting cultivars. Many plant breeders have been busy trying to improve upon the vast folial variation inherent in the species. What they have produced are plants forming low mounds of intricately colored and scalloped leaves with a spring display of candle-spires composed of tiny white flowers. These prefer even moisture through the summer, though will be more tolerant of drought when established. These are long-lived additions to the shade garden.

A. 'Ninja'. An older selection, but still worthy for its lacy, maple-like leaves with charcoal markings and spring display of white flowers.

1GAL \$9.45 #1282

Tradescantia virginiana 'Concord Grape', Spiderwort.

(sun/psh)(Zones 4-8)(20x30 inches)

A good plant for tough areas where little else will grow. Dense, upright mounds of strappy, succulent foliage that bear three-petaled, bright purple flowers in summer. Will tolerate and even thrive in dry conditions when established.

2GAL \$11.45 #1612

Tricyrtis, The Toad Lilies.

(psh/sh)(Zones 5-8)(varies)

These are always admired in the fall as their curiously colored, orchid-like blooms begin to open and attract attention. There are now many selections of these wonderful plants on the market that provide interest until very late in the season, helping to extend the gardeners bloom calendar. They prefer moist, well-drained soils and will thrive in conditions that suit Hostas. If they dry out too many times during the growing season, their bottom leaves may become ragged and fatigued, but the blooms will carry on. One of these should be in every shade garden.

A. 'Moonlight Treasure'. A new hybrid from Terra Nova that exploits the best features of some rare species. This makes small clumps of succulent, mottled gray foliage that reaches only 10 inches tall. The flowers are a luminous, pale yellow and develop late in the season. This may be a good plant for a trough or a prominent place in the woodland garden.

1GAL \$9.45 #1293

B. T. oshumiensis. Very similar to 'Moonlight treasure', but a little larger in all its parts and with paler flowers with very faint purple flecking. Grows 12x12 inches.

1GAL \$9.45 #1294

Veronica, The Speedwells.

(sun)(Zones 4-8)(varies)

One of the true workhorses of the Midwestern perennial garden, these rugged beauties will thrive on years of neglect and still put forth a worthy show. Indeed, they are long-lived and adaptable and many bloom over a ridiculously long time with prominent spears of blue-purple, purple, or white flowers. They can be used for cutting and make excellent companions to other low-maintenance garden perennials. We have a few forms, some of which are new to us, but seem like they will be first-rate garden plants. Good choices for people new to gardening.

A. V. longifolia. This is from seed and in its first year produced 18x20 inch clumps of tapering, serrated foliage and dramatic spikes of blue-purple flowers with a characteristic twist at the tip. The plant bloomed from June through September and provided an unrivalled show of color. An excellent new plant for us.

1GAL \$9.45 #2306

B. V. spicata. The typically seen Speedwell that graces many a garden. Clumps of bristly foliage bear spikes of rich purple flowers in summer. Grows 18-24x24-30 inches.

2GAL \$11.45 #1895

C. V. spicata 'Icicle'. The white-flowered form of this species. The foliage is also lighter green. Grows 18-24x24-30 inches.

2GAL \$11.45 #1965

D. V. spicata nana 'Blue Carpet'. A dwarf form of this species that could be very useful. Low mats of bristly, evergreen leaves produces copious quantities of blue-purple flower spikes throughout the

summer. Not well known, but a real showstopper in our garden last year. Who couldn't use a good, low-growing perennial like this to go in front of their foundation shrubs? 8x15 inches.

1GAL \$7.45 #2293

E. V. subsessilis-hybrids 'Blue Pyramid'. A seed grown strain from Germany with some of the best foliage in the Genus. Beefy clumps of heavy stems with very thick, leathery, glossy leaves that are almost succulent. The flowers spikes are pale lavender in color and are composed of comparatively large individual flowers. Worth growing just for the foliage, we have to see how hardy this, although I think it will winter with no incident. Grows 18x24 inches.

1GAL \$7.45 #1310

***Veronicastrum virginicum*, Culver's Root.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 3-7)(3-7x3-4 feet)

This species has been highly regarded in Europe for many years, and is currently undergoing a surge in popularity in the USA, where it is indigenous. This forms tall clumps of stems with layered, whorled foliage that look like lily leaves. The flowers are born in spikes like Veronica, but are born several to each cluster, producing a bigger show than their single spiked cousins. These are adaptable to dry conditions and thrive in the garden even with little care. These are sure to impress you.

2GAL \$11.95 #2191

***Waldsteinia fragarioides*, Barren Strawberry.**

(sun/sh)(Zones 4-7)(6x30 inches)

A little known native groundcover that is easy to grow and durable. Preferring partly shaded areas, the Barren Strawberry forms low mats of ruffled evergreen foliage that bear yellow, strawberry-like flowers that bear no fruit. Good for out of the way areas and a good 'weaver' for tying Hosta and other shade plantings together.

1GAL \$7.95 #1338