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Plant items offered in the live auction are selected shortly before the event and are chosen from the most desirable plants listed in the catalog. A list of live auction items will be available at the registration table. The live auction will be held during dinner in McGinley Pavilion. When bidding, please hold your bid number high so the auctioneer and spotters can see it clearly. The auctioneer will announce the winning bid number and amount to the audience. The highest bidder acknowledged by the auctioneer is the purchaser.

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Silent Auction results will be posted in the cashier area in the East Greenhouse Gallery at 9:15 p.m. Live auction results will be posted at regular intervals during the live auction. Cash, check, Discover, MasterCard and Visa will be accepted. Volunteers will be available to assist you with checkout, and help transport your purchases to the valet area. All purchases must be paid for at the event.

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Plants may be picked up at the Chicago Botanic Garden between 9 and 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 30. Please notify the Gatehouse attendant that you are picking up your plant purchases and ask for directions to the Buehler parking lot. If you are transporting your purchases in an open vehicle, bring a tarp to protect the plants.

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AUCTION ITEMS

Annuals and Tropicals

BEGONIA COLLECTION I

Begonia heracleifolia

This rhizomatous species has star-shaped green leaves and clear pink or white flowers held in large clusters. 18" h.

Begonia ulmifolia

A shrub-like species from Brazil, this plant has elm-like leaves that are covered with short, white hairs. Expect an abundance of delicate white flowers. 15-18" h.

Begonia 'Phoes Cleo'

The bright green, star-shaped leaves of this rhizomatous begonia have copper-red highlights. Clusters of pink flowers are held above the foliage. 12" h.

Begonia 'Red Fred'

The very large, maroon leaves of this rhizomatous begonia are the perfect foil to clusters of tiny pink and red flowers. 15-18" h.

BEGONIA COLLECTION II

Begonia 'Boomer'

This shrub-like begonia has rounded and puckered, 6-to-10"-wide bronze-green leaves, with pale green veins and stiff hairs. It produces clusters of small, white flowers that are born on 8 to 12" stems.

Begonia 'Golden Glow'

This rhizomatous begonia has bright, chartreuse leaves that require good light to maintain its color and has lovely pink flowers.

Begonia 'Cowardly Lion'

The large, green-to-brownish gold leaves of this rhizomatous plant are highlighted with brownish-green veining. Sprays of white flowers with red spotting are held well above the foliage.

Begonia 'Pigskin'

The large green leaves of this rhizomatous begonia are reddish underneath and have an interesting, puckered texture.

Begonia 'Plum Gorgeous'

Clusters of pink blossoms are held on stems above the large, shiny plum-colored leaves of this rhizomatous plant.

Begonia 'Hashdoorf'

DAHLIAS

Plant loads of dahlias and get ready for waves of enormous, absolutely stunning flowers from midsummer until frost. They do best in sunny parts of the garden where the soil is well-drained. Some may require staking. In this area, tubers should be dug about two weeks after a hard frost. After cutting stalks to about 6", gently lift the tubers, allow them to dry, and store them in a slightly dampened medium such as peat moss or sand, in a cool, dry place. Tubers should be replanted into containers at a depth of 2 to 3" approximately six weeks before putting them back in the garden. Provide water and move them into the garden when the danger of frost has past. Zones 9-10.

Dahlia 'Dreamcatcher'

The exceptional 6" blooms of 'Dreamcatcher' are a wistful mix of rose, peach, and soft yellow. An upright growth habit makes this cultivar both an outstanding choice for the garden and a superb cut flower. 4' h.

Dahlia 'Fabulous'

Living up to its name, the hot fuchsia petals of this 4.5" bloom are highlighted with a tiny touch of white at the center of the flower. 4' h.

***Dahlia* ‘I Do’**

You'll love and cherish the exquisite 6" white flowers of 'I Do'. They make exceptional cut flowers and add elegance to arrangements for all occasions, including weddings! 4.5' h.

***Dahlia* ‘Lemonade’**

Find refreshment in the 4" soft, yellow blooms of this lovely dahlia. 4' h.

***Dahlia* ‘Vixen’**

This early blooming dahlia features 4" flowers with petals of gorgeous deep, rich velvet red. The blooms, borne on a sturdy, 3.5' bush, are excellent for cutting. 3.5' h.

***Paphiopedilum* Orchid Clones**

Arnold Klehm, a nationally recognized grower and breeder, will handpick top selections for an outstanding collection of Paphiopedilums.

***Phalaenopsis* Yu Pin ‘Fairlady’**

A very complex hybrid with differing percentages of six wild species in its ancestry. Registered with the International Orchid Society on February 13, 2007, by Yu Pin Biotech with the breeder identified as Neng-I Chang. Parentage is *Phalaenopsis* Yu Pin ‘Lady’ × *Phalaenopsis* Sogo ‘Yukidian’.

Nematanthus* *nervosa

Formed from fused petals, the orange, pouch-like flowers of this selection resemble goldfish and are the source of its common name, ‘the goldfish plant.’ This easy-to-grow plant has a trailing habit and is an excellent choice for hanging baskets.

Nematanthus* *teixieranus

Resembling candy corn, the bright orange flower of this plant has a yellow lip. Blossoms emerge from a cascading mound of tiny, thick leaves with dark stems. This easy-to-grow plant is an excellent choice for hanging baskets.

Primulina* *tamiana

Vietnamese Violet

Perched above small, round leaves, the white flower of this lovely violet has a striped purple throat. 3" h.

***Primulina* ‘Stardust’**

The subtle, silver variegated leaf of this compact plant provides a lovely complement to the abundant mauve flowers with pale purple striping. 3" h.

***Streptocarpella* ‘Blue Horizon’**

False African Violet

Abundant, pale blue flowers with a white throat appear over round, fuzzy leaves on this very tough and sturdy plant.

***Streptocarpus* ‘Harlequin Lace’**

Cape Primrose

This beautiful flower is a collage of color and pattern. The lower lobes feature violet-blue lace patterns projected over a yellow background while the upper lobes are a lovely pale blue.

***Streptocarpus* ‘Rip Tide’**

Cape Primrose

Dazzling and mysterious, this azure blue flower has dark, almost black stripes that spill from the throat on to the lower lobes. In contrast, a subtle wash of light highlights extends from the throat on to the upper flower lobes.

***Dendrobium kuniko* ‘Tower Grove’**

This *Dendrobium* grows in intermediate temperatures (58 degrees Fahrenheit at night, and 70 degrees during the day) and likes bright, indirect light. It blooms at variable times throughout the year, and the flowers are purple. It is part of the Missouri Botanical Garden’s living collection of orchids.

Art of Foliage

Buxus microphylla* var. *koreana

‘Wedding Ring’ ○▶

Wedding Ring Korean Boxwood

This very hardy, compact boxwood has green foliage with a lime margin that matures to gold as summer progresses. It holds its color well through winter. This selection makes a wonderful hedge since it tolerates heavy pruning but does not require it and is an excellent size for borders. Salt tolerant. 36” h. Zones 5-9.

***Cornus* ‘Celestial Shadow’** ○▶

Celestial Shadow Dogwood

This sensational hybrid dogwood features yellow and green variegated foliage that becomes neon red with darker burgundy edges in the fall. Elegant, large white flowers appear in spring and create an impressive display against layers of bicolor foliage. This specimen should be sited in a protected part of the garden. Rare in the trade and absolutely stunning! 20’ h. x 10-15’ w. Zone 6.

***Cornus alternifolia* ‘Bachone’**

Gold Bullion Pagoda Dogwood™ ○▶

This outstanding and very reliable cultivar of a Midwest native features golden yellow foliage that gradually turns chartreuse in the heat of the summer. White umbel-type flowers appear in spring and later give way to dark berry-like

drupes. Site this plant in a partially shaded part of the garden with moist, neutral soil for best results. This exciting introduction was discovered by plantsman Kris Bachtell at the Morton Arboretum. 10’ h. x 10’ w. Zone 5a.

***Eupatorium fortunei* ‘Pink Frost’** ○▶

Pink Frost Joe-Pye Weed

The dark green-and-yellow variegated foliage of this diminutive Joe-Pye weed make it a dazzling addition to any sunny border with moist soil. Expect lovely small clusters of deep pink flowers on 36” stems in late summer and fall. This exciting new selection works well in containers and makes a great cut flower. 36” h. x 30-36” w. Zones 4-7.

***Fagus sylvatica* ‘Striata’** ○

Striped European Beech

The bright green leaf of this selection has an intriguing creamy yellow variegation that radiates out from the midrib. 40’ h. Zones 4-7.

***Ilex glabra* ‘Tin Mine’** ○▶

Tin Mine Inkberry Holly

Ilex glabra is a slow-growing, upright rounded evergreen shrub in the holly family. It is native to the southeastern United States and Nova Scotia. ‘Tin Mine’ is a new introduction collected in the wild by plantsman Tom Dilatush. It spreads by root suckers to form colonies. Spineless, glossy dark-green leaves remain attractive in winter unless temperatures dip well below zero. It prefers rich, consistently moist, acidic soil in full sun, but it will adapt to shade in the woodland garden. 4’ h. x 8’ w. Zone 5.

Iris × robusta ‘Gerald Darby’ ○
Gerald Darby Water Iris

Grown in the Chicago Botanic Garden’s Waterfall Garden. From May to June the slender, violet-blue flowers of this unique and appealing iris are borne on unusual dark purple stems. Adding to this colorful composition, leaves emerge with a flush of purple that fades as they age and are spotted with purple red at their base. 30” h. Zones 4-9.

Liquidambar styraciflua
‘Silver King’ ○
Silver King Variegated Sweetgum

Sweetgum is valued as a landscape plant for its interesting, almost star-shaped leaves and its fruit that resembles a spiny ball changing from green to brown with age. This cultivar has the added attraction of having variegated foliage. The dark, glossy green leaves have uneven creamy-white margins that flush rose in late summer and autumn, and exude a camphor odor when crushed. Unlike other variegated plants, this one will not burn in full sun. Having a shallow root system, it prefers deep, moist soil. 30’ h. Zones 5-9.

Pinus thunbergii ‘Ogon’ ○
Ogon Japanese Black Pine

The eye-catching yellow needles of this dwarf upright plant turn vivid gold in winter. Create a bright spot in your landscape with this striking selection that combines well with other garden plants. 3-6’ in 10 years. Hardy to Zone 5.

Sambucus racemosa ‘SMNSRD4’ ○
Lemony Lace™ Elderberry

The deeply cut, lacy foliage of this striking elderberry opens chartreuse, tinged with red. Mature foliage is gold and green and stands up well to the heat of the summer. The small white flowers it produces are followed by deep red

berries, a favorite of autumn songbirds. This selection is very cold hardy and performs best in well-drained soil. 6’ h. x 4-6’ w. Zones 3-7.

Classy Conifers

Chamaecyparis pisifera ‘Gekko’ ○●
Gekko Sawara Cypress

“Gekkō,” the Japanese word for moonlight, is an apt name for this exceptional dwarf conifer that produces whitish new growth well into the growing season. It is a slow-growing plant with a rounded habit that has demonstrated both drought and heat tolerance. This is an exceptional choice for smaller spaces but can be difficult to find in the trade. 7’ h. x 4’ w. Zones 4-8.

Larix decidua ‘Lanark’ ○
Lanark European Larch

The dense branches of this dwarf rounded larch are adorned with soft pale-green needles that turn golden yellow in the fall before dropping. 3-6’ h. x 3-6’ w. Zone 3.

Picea abies ‘Lemon Flare’ ○
Lemon Flare Norway Spruce

The gold needles and spreading habit of this dramatic Norway spruce are unique and intriguing. It makes a wonderful accent plant in a border or focal point in a smaller landscape. 36” h. x 24” w. in 10 years. Zone 3.

Picea pungens ‘Copeland’ ○
Copeland Colorado Blue Spruce

This small upright, pyramidal spruce has short needles that are an unusual shade of bright blue. 12-15’ h. in 12 years. Zones 2-8.

***Picea abies* ‘Farnsburg’** ○
Farnsburg Norway Spruce

‘Farnsburg’ is a dwarf selection with an irregular, weeping form. It makes a wonderful accent plant and is best sited near an entrance, patio, or walk where its unusual form can be fully appreciated and admired. 6’ h. x 3’ w. in 10 years. Zone 2.

***Pinus banksiana* ‘Pendula’** ○
Weeping Jack Pine

This dramatic conifer has an upright main leader and pendulous side branches. It is an exceptionally hardy plant that is very easy to grow. 6-8’ h. x 8-10’ w. Hardy to Zone 2.

***Pinus bungeana* ‘Silver Ghost’** ○
Silver Ghost Lacebark Pine

The spectacular, exfoliating bark of this multistemmed conifer exhibits more whitish and light grey patches than that of the straight species; hence the cultivar’s name. ‘Silver Ghost’ is a selection made from a specimen at the Dawes Arboretum in Newark, Ohio. It does best in well-drained, slightly acidic soil. 15’ h. in 10 years. Zones 5-7.

Pinus contorta* var. *latifolia
‘Taylor’s Sunburst’ ○
Taylor’s Sunburst Lodgepole Pine

This difficult to propagate variety sports brilliant golden foliage on top of blue-green foliage with red cones. 5’ h x 2’ w at 10 years. Zone 4.

Pinus parviflora
‘Bonnie Bergman’ ○
Bonnie Bergman Japanese White Pine

This is an excellent small, upright shrub, with dense silvery-blue needles that have a slight twist. Red cones that emerge in summer provide additional ornamental interest. 5-8’ h. x 3-5’ w. Zones 4-8.

Pseudotsuga menziesii
‘Glauca Pendula’ ○
Weeping Blue Douglas Fir

This exceptional blue-green weeping conifer will create a majestic focal point in any garden. It possesses a strong, upright central leader and should not require staking. 10’ h. x 3’ w. in 10 years. Zone 5.

***Sciadopitys verticillata* ‘Tsai Cheng’**
Tsai Cheng Japanese Umbrella Pine

A globe-shaped dwarf form pine with very short, olive-green needles. This pine is slow growing and compact with ascending branches. Zones 4-7.

Collections for the
Connoisseur

AFRICAN VIOLET COLLECTION

Fill your house with African violets for a delightful and rewarding year-round gardening experience. They provide colorful and charming flowers through the winter months and are relatively easy to grow. During the summer, find a windowsill where plants will receive bright, diffused light rather than direct exposure to the sun. Direct sun in the winter is recommended, and natural light can be augmented with fluorescent bulbs. In the wild, most African violets are found in rocky sites with little soil, so a potting soil that provides good drainage is recommended. These plants prefer to be slightly pot-bound so don’t use oversized containers. To ensure an abundance of flowers, fertilize these plants every two weeks.

***Saintpaulia* ‘Allegro Winsome Pink’**

This selection features double-to-semidouble wavy pink flowers that bloom over miniature foliage.

***Saintpaulia* ‘Berry Splash’**

The double pink-and-fuchsia flowers of ‘Berry Splash’ emerge over variegated foliage, creating a striking composition.

***Saintpaulia* ‘Champagne Pink’**

This is a semi-miniature trailer that sports double, light-pink flowers borne over variegated foliage.

***Saintpaulia* ‘Rob’s Humpty Doo’**

The semidouble, white flowers of this selection have a bright blue edge.

AMARYLLIS COLLECTION

These are wonderful indoor bulbs with long, strap-like foliage and large, trumpet-shaped flowers. Planted indoors from October through April, these bulbs should bloom within six to twelve weeks. Plant in a deep, well-drained pot, 2 to 3” wider than the bulb. Cover $\frac{3}{4}$ of the bulb with soil, leaving $\frac{1}{4}$ of the bulb and its neck exposed. Water sparingly until a bud forms; then gradually increase the amount of water. Provide a warm environment to encourage blooming. Stake flower stems for support. Cooler room temperatures prolong the flower show. Fertilize twice a month and move the plant outdoors in summer. When foliage yellows, or prior to the first frost, bring the pot indoors and store the bulb in a dark, cool, dry location for six weeks before beginning the growth cycle again.

**Bulbs will be shipped directly to the auction winner in October 2015.*

***Hippeastrum* ‘Misty’**

Slightly fragrant, ‘Misty’ can produce up to three stems per bulb with up to six delicate flowers per stem. The luminous flowers are pinkish-ivory with raspberry-pink striations feathering from a green throat and a long, greenish-white neck. 12-18” h.

***Hippeastrum* ‘Naranja’**

Warm up to the deep orange shades of these large, audacious flowers. The perfect antidote to winter in Chicago! 20” h.

***Hippeastrum* ‘Neon’**

Light up dark winter nights with this extraordinary amaryllis that can produce up to six flowers per stem. Its almost trumpet-shaped flowers are varying shades of fuchsia pink with a white throat, a luminous citrus green eye, occasional white striations, and matching pink anthers. 18-24” h.

***Hippeastrum* ‘Samba’**

This energetic newcomer is lipstick-red with a brilliant white star, ruffled white petal edges, and a pale green-flushed center. 19-24” h.

***Hippeastrum* ‘Terra Cotta Star’**

The flowers of this outstanding new variety reveal shades of orange, brick, salmon, peach, and pink, in winter’s raking light. Marked with brick-red veins, the petals meet at a chartreuse-green, central interior star. 20-24” h.

***Hippeastrum* ‘White Nymph’**

These pure white, fully double flowers measure up to 6” in diameter, and make an elegant choice for winter arrangements. 14-16” h.

BAPTISIA COLLECTION

***Baptisia* ‘Purple Smoke’** ○▶ **Purple Smoke False Indigo**

This stunning cultivar, also introduced by the North Carolina Botanical Garden, features smoky-violet flowers accented with a purple eye, held on charcoal-grey stems. An extremely profuse bloomer, ‘Purple Smoke’ can bear more than 50 strongly vertical flowering stalks each spring. Blooms give way to appealing seed pods, approximately 2½” in length, that extend the plant’s ornamental season and are lovely when used in dried arrangements. Drought-tolerant and long-lived, this cultivar thrives in average, well-drained soil. Matures to 4’ in height. Zones 4-9.

***Baptisia* ‘Carolina Moonlight’** ○▶ **Carolina Moonlight False Indigo**

Expect 40 to 50 spikes of gorgeous, soft yellow flowers on this wonderful *Baptisia* introduced by the North Carolina Botanical Garden. Blooms emerge in May on strong vertical stems reaching 3 to 4’, and last for the better part of a month. Subsequent seed pods turn charcoal black and provide terrific ornamental interest while in the garden, or when used in dried flower arrangements. Although a bit slow to establish, this plant is easily grown in average, well-drained soil. It prefers full sun but will tolerate some shade. Zones 4-9.

***Baptisia* × *varicolor* ‘Twilite’** ○▶ **Twilite Prairieblues™ False Indigo**

Introduced by Chicago Botanic Garden’s own Jim Ault, Ph.D., the flowers of this spectacular *baptisia* are deep violet purple with lemon-yellow highlights. An extremely prolific bloomer, this plant—in three years—can produce more than 100 flowering stems. Emerging in late May, blooms can be expected to continue their impressive display through the first few weeks of June. Fading flower turn a lovely violet purple. Plants mature to 3-5’ h. x 4-5’ w. Zones 4-8.

***Baptisia* ‘Solar Flare’** ○▶ **Solar Flare Prairieblues™** **False Indigo**

Another wonderful introduction from Jim Ault, Ph.D., the unique and captivating flowers of ‘Solar Flare’ are lemon yellow when they open and develop an orange-to-violet blush as they age. Flowering begins in May to early June and continues for two to three weeks. At maturity, this plant exhibits a striking upright, vase-shaped habit and can produce more than 100 stems, creating a truly impressive display. In cool temperatures, emerging stems are an appealing purple color. This is a long-lived and drought-tolerant selection that reaches 36 to 48” in height and width. Zones 4-8.

DAYLILY COLLECTION

Hemerocallis

'Happy Days Are Here Again' Happy Days Are Here Again Daylily

○▶

You'll be singing the praises of this lovely soft yellow flower all summer long. Like most daylilies, it is a tough and reliable performer in the garden, but exceeds all expectations in producing blooms from June to September.

16-18" h. x 14-16" w. Zones 4-9.

Hemerocallis

'Happy Enchantment' ○▶

The lightly ruffled petals of this captivating flower are rich, rosy pink with white-and-dark-pink highlights that draw your eye toward a vibrant yellow-green throat. These gorgeous blooms appear in June and continue into September. Enjoy these gorgeous blooms in your garden from June into September. 22-24" x 14-16" w. Zones 4-9.

DIRECT-SOW SALAD COLLECTION

Runaway Arugula

The Rainbow Carrot Mixture

Ashley Slicing Cucumbers

The Gourmet Rainbow Radish Mixture

Regiment Spinach

Blushed Butter Oak Lettuce

Flashy Troutback Romaine Lettuce

Merveille des Quatre Saisons Lettuce

Merlot Batavian Lettuce

Midnight Ruffles Loose-Leaf Lettuce

Red Glacier Iceberg Lettuce

Rouge d'Hiver Romaine Lettuce

DIRECT-SOW THANKSGIVING ROOT VEGETABLE COLLECTION

The Unbeatable Beet Mixture

YaYa Carrots

Korist Kohlrabi

Borettana Cippollini Onions

Panache Parsnips

Long Island Cheese Pumpkins

American Purple Top Rutabaga

Mammoth Sandwich Island Salsify

De Milan Rouge Turnips

Bugle Butternut Winter Squash

Fairy Winter Squash

Zeppelin Delicata Winter Squash

GEUM COLLECTIONS

Throw a party in your perennial border with these outstanding *geums* introduced by Intrinsic Perennial Gardens. Borne on wiry stems over attractive mounds of green foliage, these lovely flowers will bloom all summer if cut back, although dried seedheads are also ornamental.

Geums require full sun and while they prefer humus-rich, well-drained moist conditions, they do well in average garden soil. Three collections of five plants are offered below. Zones 4-8.

COLLECTION I

Geum × ‘Alabama Slammer’ ○ **Alabama Slammer Avens**

The ruffled petals of these single and semidouble flowers are deep orange with blazing red-orange markings. Supported by a purple calyx, these striking 1½” blossoms are held atop burgundy-purple stems from late spring to early summer. 18” h.

Geum × ‘Banana Daiquiri’ ○ **Banana Daiquiri Avens**

An early bloomer and great performer, the clear, lemon-yellow, semi-double blossoms of this floriferous plant emerge by the end of April on wiry stems, and continue blooming through May. 18” h.

Geum × ‘Gimlet’ ○ **Gimlet Avens**

The petal edges of this semidouble, light yellow flower lighten as the flowers fade, giving this selection a frosted appearance. Blooming begins in early May and continues for three to four weeks. Flowers are held on green stems. 18” h.

Geum × ‘Spanish Fly’ ○ **Spanish Fly Avens**

Tipped in red, the single gold flowers of ‘Spanish Fly’ also display hints of orange. Red stems are the perfect complement to these complex and intriguing flowers that bloom in May. 18” h.

Geum × ‘Wet Kiss’ ○▶ **Wet Kiss Avens**

The abundant vermilion red-to-orange semidouble flowers of this appealing selection appear on burgundy- red stems in mid to late spring. Blooming continues for three to four weeks. 18” h.

COLLECTION II

Geum × ‘Champagne’ ○ **Champagne Avens**

A 2015 introduction worth celebrating, ‘Champagne’ has creamy white, nodding-to-side-facing flowers that sit atop a substantial, vigorous plant. 24” h.

Geum × ‘Cosmopolitan’ ○ **Cosmopolitan Avens**

Drink in the delicious ivory to rosy pink shades of this beautiful, semidouble flower. Resembling miniature roses, these flowers appear on burgundy stems in May. 18” h.

Geum × ‘Mai Tai’ ○ **Mai Tai Avens**

An outstanding selection, expect ‘Mai Tai’ to produce abundant, single to semidouble vermilion-red blooms, with peachy-pink undertones. Flowers, approximately 1½” in diameter, are borne on burgundy stems in May. 18” h.

***Geum* × ‘Sangria’** ○

Sangria Avens

The vivid red, semidouble flowers of this vigorous selection are especially long-blooming. Emerging toward the end of May, they continue to flower through June and into July. Create bright, punchy highlights in a summer border with this exceptional *geum*. 36”-42” h.

***Geum* × ‘Tequila Sunrise’** ○

Tequila Sunrise Avens

These lemon-yellow, single and semidouble flowers are brushed with grenadine red and borne on burgundy stems. Blooms create a refreshing display from May into June. 15-18” h.

COLLECTION III

***Geum* × ‘Cintronge’** ○

Cintronge Avens

Don’t miss the chance to add this delightful, new creamy-orange offering to your garden! The flowers of ‘Cintronge’ are composed of wide, overlapping petals and emerge in May atop wiry red stems. This is a prolific bloomer that may provide some additional flowering later in the season. 18” h.

***Geum* × ‘Dark and Stormy’** ○

Dark and Stormy Avens

The semidouble red-orange flowers of this intriguing selection fade to shades of apricot orange, creating a beautiful, multicolored effect on a single plant. The attractive green foliage is semi-evergreen and shows some red fall color. 18” h.

***Geum* × ‘Limoncello’** ○

Limoncello Avens

Your thirst for these marvelous single, deep lemon-yellow flowers will become insatiable! Held on wiry stems, these flowers are perfect at the front of a border. This is a vigorous plant and a prolific bloomer. 12-15” h.

***Geum* × ‘Peach Daiquiri’** ○

Peach Daiquiri Avens

A 2015 introduction, Peach Daiquiri has nearly semi-double, peach-colored flowers that bloom throughout May on red stems. 18” h.

***Geum* × ‘Sea Breeze’** ○

Sea Breeze Avens

Composed of bright orange petals, these 2” flowers can take on a reddish hue in cooler temperatures. Petal edges are rolled back and wavy, as if caught in a soft summer breeze. Flowers are held on red stems from late spring into early summer. 18” h.

GRAPEVINE COLLECTION

***Vitis* ‘Seyval Blanc’** ○

Seyval Blanc Grapevine

‘Seyval Blanc’ is a French-American hybrid grape that makes a semi-dry, medium-bodied white wine with flavors of fruit and berries. The reliably hardy vine produces greenish flowers in spring, followed by bunches of medium-sized grapes that ripen in late midseason. While this plant prefers a humus-rich soil, it will tolerate average garden conditions. Full sun and well-drained soil, however, are a must. Protection from winter winds is also beneficial. 15-20’ h. x 8-15’ w. Zones 5-7.

MEADOW COLLECTION

The perfect garden plant, sneezeweed is compact and bushy, provides spectacular flowers from June to September, and is well suited to our cold winters. Developed in the Netherlands, these selections from the Mariachi™ series have strong stems, making them excellent cut flowers, and show increased resistance to mildew. For best results, plant them in a sunny part of the garden with moist soil that has been liberally amended with organic matter. Dense clumps should be divided every three to four years.

18-20" h. x 20-24" w. Zones 3 to 9.

Helenium autumnale 'Fuego' ○ **Fuego Mariachi Helen's Flower**

Set your border ablaze with these dazzling flowers, composed of gold and red petals encircling a rich brown, dome-like disk.

Helenium autumnale 'Salsa' ○ **Salsa Mariachi Helen's Flower**

You'll be tempted to devour these rich, deep-red flowers with chocolate-brown centers, although bees and butterflies may beat you to the punch.

Helenium autumnale 'Siesta' ○ **Siesta Mariachi Helen's Flower**

The deep red petals of this outstanding flower surround a maroon-and-yellow cone, creating a lovely two-toned effect.

Phlox paniculata 'Jeana' ○► **Jeana Garden Phlox**

These dazzling 6" lavender-pink flower clusters appear all summer long on mildew-resistant foliage. An excellent performer in the garden, 'Jeana' is a favorite of hummingbirds and butterflies, and is sure to win your heart as well! 48" h. Zones 3-8.

Rudbeckia fulgida

'Early Bird Gold' ○

Early Bird Black-Eyed Susan

This is an early and longer-blooming selection of 'Goldsturm,' an old garden favorite. In mid June, 3 to 4" daisy-like flowers, composed of bright yellow petals and surrounding a domed, dark-brown center cone, emerge on 2' upright stems. Flowering continues into fall. 24" h. x 18-24" w. Zones 3-9.

PEONY COLLECTION

The large, showy flowers of this garden mainstay appear in late spring to early summer. Strong stems make these blooms excellent for cutting. Plants are long-lived if given rich, well-drained soil in a sunny part of the border. When planting, position the "eyes" (buds) facing up, 2" below the soil surface in a hole large enough to accommodate the entire root. Refill the hole, water thoroughly, and add mulch the first winter. It is safe to plant right up until the time that the ground freezes.

Paeonia 'Athena' ○►

This stunning, 5-to-6" single flower is composed of ivory-pink petals marked with vivid pink flames that surround a showy cluster of yellow stamens. The ivory-pink petal color fades to a lovely creamy buff over time. 'Athena' is a very early bloomer, which is an added bonus. 30" h. Zones 4-8.

Paeonia 'Friendship' ○►

You'll form a lasting bond with the lovely single flowers of this charming peony. Each of the pink petals lightens to white at the base and sports a hint of white along the petal edge. A 2012 recipient of the Award of Landscape Merit from the American Peony Society, this early blooming peony is sure to please. 32" h. Zones 3-8.

***Paeonia* ‘Krinkled White’** ○●

The broad, white petals of this dazzling single peony have a unique, crinkled appearance and surround an intriguing mass of yellow stamens. Borne on strong stems in midseason, these flowers are long-lived and excellent for cutting. Given the Award of Landscape Merit in 2009 by the American Peony Society, this is an outstanding selection for any garden. 24” h. Zones 2-8.

***Paeonia* ‘Myrtle Gentry’** ○●

Resembling a rose in both form and fragrance, this large, rosy-white double flower is tinged with shades of pink and salmon, and slowly fades to white over time. These superb flowers are borne on strong stems in late-midseason. 24” h. Zones 2-8.

STONECROP COLLECTION

The Plant Lover’s Guide to Sedums
(signed copy) by Brent Horvarth

Sedum tatarinowii

‘Thundercloud’ ○

Like a late-season storm, this sensational sedum produces clusters of star-shaped white flowers that emerge from cloud-like mounds of uniquely pointed, grey-green foliage in late August and September. 12” h. x 12-15” w. Zones 4-9.

***Sedum* ‘Pure Joy’** ○

The massive clusters of star-shaped pink flowers that cover this plant in September are a joy to behold. Supported by compact clumps of serrated, blue-green foliage, these blossoms eventually give way to attractive, deeper-pink seedheads. 12” h. x 16-20” w. Zones 4-9.

***Sedum* ‘Firecracker’**

(Sunsparkler® series) ○

Dense and robust, the burgundy-red foliage of this striking sedum holds its color well throughout the growing season, making it a wonderful groundcover. Small, emerging leaves have a touch of green that creates a lovely highlight against the darker, mature foliage. Vibrant pink flowers, which provide a fitting finale to this visual feast, emerge in late summer to early fall. 6-8” h. Zones 4-10.

***Sedum* ‘Plum Perfection’** ○

You can’t argue with the perfection of this lovely, pink-flowering sedum. Clusters of star-shaped blossoms appear in late August to September over dense, compact mounds of foliage. The uppermost leaves are grey-green, while those below are plum in color. 6-8” h. x 8-12” w. Zones 4-9.

***Sedum* ‘Petrified’** ○●

This exciting selection produces significant clusters of bicolor pink flowers in September. Its smoky gray foliage is held on upright plum-red stems, and in fall, the entire plant turns a lovely shade of burgundy red. 15-18” h. x 15-18” w. Zones 3-9.

***Sedum* ‘Kay’s Little Joy’** ○●

New this year, ‘Kay’s Little Joy’ sports medium-pink flowers that appear in late summer over light gray-green foliage. This is a wonderful, compact garden plant that shows terrific disease resistance.

SPRING BULB MIX (100 EACH)

Bulbs will be shipped in October 2015 to the auction winner. Tim Johnson Landscape will plant the bulbs upon a mutually agreed date and within a 25-mile radius of the Chicago Botanic Garden.

Galanthus elwesii ○▶ Giant Snowdrop

This vigorous plant with broad glaucous foliage is topped with enormous white flowers accented by lovely green inner segments. 4-6" h.

Crocus 'Majestic Mix' ○

A sensational mix of three *Crocus vernus* cultivars in harmonious shades of purple including 'King of the Striped', an amethyst-violet flower with pale stripes; 'Grand Maitre', a lavender-violet flower with pale margins; and 'Flower Record', a pale-violet flower with a darker base. 5" h.

Narcissus 'Tete-a-Tete' ○▶ Tete-a-Tete Daffodil

Division XII Early. These small, bright yellow flowers produce multiple stems. An heirloom bulb that is great for rock gardens, borders, and forcing. 6-8" h.

Narcissus 'Pheasant Eye' ○▶ Pheasant Eye Daffodil

Division IX Late. A wonderful variety with white, reflexed petals and a small, yellow cup, edged red with a green eye. 14" h.

Muscari latifolium ○▶ Giant Grape Hyacinth

Free-flowering and large, the bicolor spikes present in April through May are smoky, dark violet-blue on the bottom and soft lilac blue near the top. The flowers are accompanied by one large leaf. Combines beautifully with tulips in mid- to late-spring. 8-10" h.

Tulipa 'Sun Lover' ○▶ Sun Lover Tulip

Double Late. These outstanding large, double flowers burst into shades of golden yellow, with orange-red accents. A dazzling and vigorous selection that won't disappoint. 18" h.

COMPACT CULTURE

Abies koreana 'Kohouts' Icebreaker' *Kohouts' Icebreaker Korean Fir* ○

This distinctive Korean fir has strongly curled needles that are silvery underneath, giving the plant an overall silver-white sheen. Young plants are rounded but eventually develop into narrow, upright dwarf trees. It will tolerate most soil as long as it is well-drained. Expect a growth rate of 1 to 6" per year. In 10 years, this plant should be 3-6' in height. Zone 5.

Antirrhinum hispanicum 'Roseum' ○ Roseum Perennial Snapdragon

These charming rose-pink flowers will steal your heart and earn your devotion. Unlike its annual cousins, this perennial is undeterred by heat and produces an impressive floral display on a low-growing mound of silver blue foliage throughout the summer. It prefers well-drained soil and will perform best in drier conditions. 12-15" h. and 12-18" w. Zones 5-9.

Baptisia minor ○ Dwarf Wild Indigo

This midwestern native produces 12-to-18" spikes loaded with blue-purple, pea-like flowers from April into May. Blossoms give way to ornamental seedpods that add visual interest to the garden from late summer into fall. The foliage is more delicate than that of its *Baptisia australis* cousin, but it shares the tough, drought tolerant qualities of the *Baptisia* clan. This is an excellent choice for a smaller garden or a spot toward the front of a perennial border. Zones 4-9.

***Chamaecyparis obtusa* ‘Chirimen’
Chirimen Hinoki Cypress** ○

The dense and irregular foliage of this intriguing, upright plant incorporates a variety of textures and colors. Needles are mostly green but can take on bluish or grayish tones in varying conditions. It makes a terrific focal point in a small garden and performs best when planted in full sun, although it will tolerate some shade. Good soil drainage is a must. 18” h. x 12” w. after 10 years. Zone 5.

***Chamaecyparis pisifera*
‘Baby Blue Ice’** ○
**Baby Blue Ice Japanese False
Cypress**

Gardeners with small spaces will appreciate this marvelous dwarf conifer with lovely silvery-blue foliage and an upright habit. 4’ h. Zone 3.

***Ginkgo biloba* ‘Snow Cloud’** ○●
Snow Cloud Maidenhair Tree

The leaves of this exciting, new selection emerge pale blonde and gradually become whitish with overall green streaking. The variegation can be irregular with some leaves remaining entirely whitish in color and others turning almost completely green. In fall the foliage is a brilliant golden color. Zone 4.

***Ginkgo biloba* ‘Troll’** ○●
Troll Maidenhair Tree

Aptly named, this tight, bushy dwarf has an irregular growth habit and is sure to become a conversation piece in any garden it occupies. It has excellent yellow fall color and its diminutive presence makes it especially well suited to small garden spaces. 36” h. x 36” w. Zones 4-8.

***Ginkgo biloba* ‘Sky Tower’** ○●
Sky Tower Maidenhair Tree

This upright tree has dense, fan-shaped green foliage that turns golden yellow in the fall. 15-20’ h. x 6-10’ w. Zone 5.

***Mertensia primuloides*
Himalayen Bluebell**

A small, compact *Mertensia* that is native to the Himalayas.

Patrinia siberica ○
Siberian Golden Lace

From May to July, this plant produces small, fragrant yellow flowers that are held in flat-topped clusters over narrow, lance-shaped leaves. An alpine plant native to Russia, Mongolia and Japan, it does best in full sun and well-drained, evenly moist soil. 6-12” h. Hardy to Zone 3.

***Pinus banksiana* ‘Mini Kingdom’
Mini Kingdom Jack Pine**

This new Jack pine was found by Brent Markus as a witch’s broom in Maine. Found near the Schoodic peninsula of Acadia National Park on a pine with a “Schoodic”-like form, it will likely be a miniature of the phenomenal *Pinus banksiana* ‘Schoodic’—though its ultimate form is too early to tell. We can tell you that it has very short, dark-green needles, grows about 1” per year, and has excellent multiple bud formations. It’s a very slow-growing variety with many buds emerging from all along the twigs, giving it a very dense form. Dark-green needles give it a handsome, sturdy appearance.

***Picea abies* ‘Hillside Upright’ ○**
Hillside Upright Norway Spruce

This upright spruce has stubby, horizontal branches and makes a very dramatic statement in any garden. Needles are a lustrous dark green, and young cones appear purple to greenish before turning light brown. Plant this specimen in acidic, moist, well-drained soil for best results. Rare in the trade. 20’ h. x 8’ w. Zones 3-7.

***Picea omorika* ‘Roter Austrieb’ ○▶**
Red Shoots Serbian Spruce

The emerging, bright-red growth on this small pyramidal tree packs a punch in spring, before returning to shades of green in summer. 48” h. x 48” w. in 10 years. Zone 3.

Mixed Sedum Trough

A composed group of sedum and sempervivum with varying textures and colors. The trough includes *Sedum album* ‘Coral Carpet’, *Sedum sexangulare* ‘Golddigger’, *Sedum sperium* ‘Red Rock’, *Sedum* × ‘Bertram Anderson’, *Sedum* × ‘Thundercloud’, *Sedum rupestre* ‘Angelina’, and a *Sempervivum tectorum* mix.

Crème de la Crème

***Bletilla striata* ‘Tri-Lips’**
Hardy Asian Ground Orchid ○▶

The exquisite dark-purple flowers of this plant are unusual in having three lips instead of one, which is more typical of Japanese ground orchids. Plant this fascinating and unique selection in well-drained, evenly moist soil, in a part of the garden that receives partial sun. 24”. Zones 6-9.

Clivia miniata
‘Longwood Debutante’
Natal Lily

‘Longwood Debutante’ has luminous yellow flowers that rise above dark-green foliage. Her flowers are slightly fragrant with petals that overlap to produce a beautiful floral display. Released in 2011, this is the first in a series of *Clivia* cultivars from Longwood Gardens. Clivias appreciate bright light more than direct exposure to sun. Keep the plant on the dry side, watering only when the top inch of soil is dry, and avoid misting. In the fall, allow the plant to rest by moving it into a cool room and watering it only if the plant begins to wilt. After two months, place the plant back in a warm setting and begin watering it.

***Hydrangea quercifolia* ‘JoAnn’ ○▶**
Gatsby Pink™ Oakleaf Hydrangea

Emerging white, the blooms of this new introduction quickly age to pink during the summer months. The attractive gray-green foliage similarly transforms to dark green and then red in the fall. These intriguing elements combine on a lovely, rounded shrub with brown, exfoliating bark. A work of art, this plant deserves a place in every garden. 6’ h. x 6’ w. Zone 5.

***Hydrangea macrophylla* ○▶**
Let’s Dance® Diva!

Let’s Dance® Diva! sports plate-sized lace-cap blossoms that are pink or bluish in more acidic soils. Flowers are borne on both old and new wood, ensuring a strong showing every season. 36-48” h. x 36-48” w. Zones 5-9.

***Iris* ‘Better Together’** ○●

Better Together Tall Bearded Iris

The expansive pitch-black falls of this lovely bearded iris support white standards that are subtly washed with shades of purple and gold. A true work of art, the beautifully contrasting colors of this flower will create an impressive display in any garden. This is a vigorous grower that blooms midseason. 40” h.

***Iris* ‘Blackwater’** ○●

Blackwater Tall Bearded Iris

This stunning flower, composed of dark purple and black hues, will bring plenty of intrigue to your border. The dark velvety color is the perfect complement for other garden flowers in shades of yellow, orange, and blue. Flowers appear in midseason. 38” h.

***Iris* ‘Blue My Mind’** ○

Blue My Mind Tall Bearded Iris

Make room in your garden for this marvelous, heavily ruffled, purple-blue iris with falls that are heavily flushed with cerulean blue-violet. This is a robust grower that is a late-season bloomer. 35” h.

***Iris* ‘Coastal Memories’** ○

Coastal Memories Tall Bearded Iris

The ruffled edges and silver-to-purplish shades of this astonishing flower conjure up the foamy turbulence of crashing waves. An exuberant addition to any garden, this iris blooms mid-to-late season. 40” h.

***Iris* ‘Redneck Girl’** ○

Redneck Girl Tall Bearded Iris

Velvet brick-to-crimson falls set an elegant stage for the lovely claret standards of this sensational iris. Mid-to-late bloom season. 36” h.

***Iris* ‘Skirting the Issue’** ○

Skirting the Issue Tall Bearded Iris

The standards of this charming flower are an inviting pale apricot that is echoed in the lavishly ruffled edges of the ruby red falls. Warm, engaging colors and perfect form make this an exceptional selection for any garden! Midseason blooms. 40” h.

***Iris* ‘Swing Velvet’** ○

Swing Velvet Tall Bearded Iris

This superb flower is composed of creamy standards with pale yellow highlights that stand majestically atop velvety magenta falls with a sinuous lavender edge. In addition, a whiff of wisteria touches the midribs. Blooms appear mid-to-late season. 38” h.

Iris—Kelly’s Top Picks Collection

A special collection of top-performing favorites from Kelly Norris, farm manager at Rainbow Iris Farm. Kelly will select six beautiful, hardworking irises from across the bearded iris spectrum—miniatures to tall.

**This item will be shipped to the winner in late July.*

Magnolia sieboldii ○●

Oyama Magnolia

The flowers of this magnolia are simply stunning. Composed of white petals that surround a striking cerise red-and-gold center, they have a lovely fruity fragrance and a long bloom period (May to July). The blossoms are followed in fall by crimson fruit clusters. Well-drained soil with some acidity is recommended as well as some protection from winter winds. This specimen was grown at the Chicago Botanic Garden from wild collected seed from northeast China—truly a rare offering! 25’ h. x 13-20’ w. Zones 4-8.

***Paeonia daurica* ssp.
wittmanniana ○▶**

This vigorous tetraploid produces ivory flowers with a yellow boss from April to June. In its native Caucasian habitat, it inhabits forest margins and high altitude meadows. 3' h. Zone 6.

Historical Heroes

***Dahlia atropurpurea* ○**

The dark-maroon single flower of this heirloom dahlia is held over lacey foliage. This plant is closely related to *D. pinnata*, one of the first three wild dahlias to reach Europe from Mexico in the eighteenth century. This species dahlia has stood the test of time and deserves a prominent spot in any sunny border. 4-5' h. Zones 8-11.

***Franklinia alatamaha* ○
Franklin Tree**

John Bartram and his son William discovered the Franklin tree growing along the banks of Georgia's Altamaha River in 1765. They named the tree in honor of their friend Benjamin Franklin and the river beside which they had found it. The Franklin tree was last recorded in the wild in 1803. Fortunately, the Bartrams had taken plants and seeds home to Philadelphia, where they propagated the plant. All Franklin trees today are descendants of the Bartrams' specimens. Today efforts are being made to restore the tree to the wild. *Franklinia* is a deciduous small tree or large shrub with elongated, dark green leaves that turn red, orange, or pink in the fall. Its showy 2-to-3-inch snow-white flowers with clusters of golden yellow stamens in the centers appear from late summer until frost. It dislikes wet sites. 10'h. Zone 5.

***Gladiolus* 'Boone' ○▶
Boone Heritage Gladiolus**

This hybrid of *Gladiolus dalenii* has a gorgeous apricot flower, with a yellow center and red streaked throat. It appears in June on 4' stalks and is especially attractive to hummingbirds. Collected from an abandoned homestead in the mountains near Boone, North Carolina, this is officially a Zone 6 plant, although many report its hardiness in Zone 5. 4' h.

***Hemerocallis lilioasphodelus* ○▶
Lemon Lily**

Once ubiquitous, this graceful and sweetly fragrant daylily has become a rarity in the trade. Fashioned of narrow, lemony-yellow petals, the flower is held aloft on tall stems. This plant will slowly spread, eventually forming a colony. This is an early bloomer and a hummingbird favorite! 40" h. Zones 3-9.

***Jeffersonia diphylla* ▶
Twinleaf**

This rare and desirable native woodland perennial was named to honor Thomas Jefferson in 1792 by the "Father of American Botany" Benjamin Smith Barton. Historical records from 1807 indicate that Jefferson grew the plant in one of Monticello's oval flowerbeds. The attractive white flowers last only a few days, often appearing around the time of Jefferson's April 13 birthday. Twinleaf is well worth growing for its lush green foliage, which makes a beautiful groundcover for a shaded site. It is easy to grow but is very slow to propagate and takes five to eight years to bloom from seed. Mature plants will reach 12" in height. Zones 5-7.

***Nymphaea* × ‘August Koch’**

August Koch Tropical Waterlily

This medium-blue cup-like blossom was named for the head horticulturist, August Koch, of the Garfield Park Conservatory in 1922. The green, leathery leaves are compact, and the flower is very fragrant. Koch discovered the seeds and worked with George Pring, hybridizer of the Missouri Botanical Garden, to market the plant in the trade.

***Pelargonium inquinans* ○**
Species Geranium

Imported from South Africa into Britain by the early 1700s, this species geranium was an exciting novelty that became one of the parents of our modern bedding geraniums. It is thought to be the species grown by Thomas Jefferson in the President’s House. Upon Jefferson’s retirement in 1807, Margaret Bayard Smith, a Washington socialite, asked for a geranium he was growing, and Jefferson replied, “It is in very bad condition, having been neglected latterly, as not intended to be removed...if plants have sensibility, as the analogy of their organization with ours seems to indicate, it cannot but be proudly sensible of her fostering attentions.” The species geranium is portrayed in a famous painting: Rembrandt Peale’s 1801 portrait of his brother Rubens holding a geranium. This plant is a cutting grown from plants that have been in the collections at Monticello for more than 30 years. Expect plants to reach 2 to 3’ in height. Zones 7-11.

Polianthes tuberosa

‘Mexican Single’ ○

Mexican Single Tuberose

Let yourself be intoxicated by the sweet fragrance of this old-fashioned tuberose. These plants come to us from an old Illinois family farm where they’ve been cultivated since the 1930s, and will produce clusters of simple white flowers on 3 to 4’ foot stalks.

***Vigna caracalla* ○**

Caracalla Bean, Snail Vine

In 1792, Thomas Jefferson wrote the following to Benjamin Hawkins: “The most beautiful bean in the world is the caracalla bean which, though in England a greenhouse plant, will grow in the open air in Virginia and Carolina.” Imported from tropical South America, it was being grown in American gardens by the 1830s, when Robert Buist wrote in *The American Flower Garden Directory*, “Snail-Flower is a very curious blooming plant, with flowers... all spirally twisted, in great profusion when the plant is grown well.” This spectacular flower was popular in florists’ corsages by the late nineteenth century. The caracalla has been propagated from seeds and cuttings and maintained at Monticello for more than 25 years. It produces showy purple flowers in midsummer to early fall and reaches 15 to 20’ in height. Zones 9-10.

Perennial Palette

Adonis amurensis ‘Fuku Jukai’ ○►

The 2” semidouble, bright, golden-yellow flowers of this very early spring ephemeral are borne atop fern-like foliage. This plant prefers a hummus-rich soil and does best if some shade is provided. A native of Manchuria, Japan, and Korea. 6” h. x 12” w. Zones 3-7.

Aruncus ‘Horatio’ ○► **Horatio Goatsbeard**

This outstanding hybrid produces breathtaking panicles of small cream-colored flowers borne on reddish stems in June and July. The dissected foliage turns bronze in the fall, and the plant retains its form well in winter, unless buried in snow. This is truly an all-season plant that is well utilized in the Lurie Garden in Millennium Park. 4’ h. x 3’ w. Zones 4-7.

Cynanchum ascyrifolium ○ **Mosquito Trap Plant**

This Asian introduction produces beautiful clusters of delicate, pure white flowers in late spring. It’s a clump-forming plant with fuzzy-backed, light green leaves that has proven to be incredibly heat and drought tolerant. 24” h. x 36” w. Zones 4-8.

Eriogonum allenii ‘Little Rascal’ ○ **Shale Barrens Buckwheat**

This underutilized, easy-to-grow perennial is the perfect choice for a rock garden or any consistently dry spot in your landscape. It produces carpets of golden-yellow umbels that appear in June above attractive, gray green foliage. The flowers turn bronzy-orange in late summer, and ornamental seedheads persist into fall. Although this makes an excellent cut flower, you may want to leave it for the many butterflies, honeybees, bumble bees, and hummingbirds that are attracted to these charming blossoms. 16” h. Zones 5-10.

Geranium pratense ‘Purple Ghost’ ○► **Meadow Geranium**

A breathtaking study in contrasts, the dark purple foliage of this plant is adorned with darkly veined, soft lavender flowers in June and July. It is a vigorous grower that requires little maintenance. 20” h. Zones 4-8.

Geranium ‘Orion’ ○► **Orion Cranesbill Geranium**

This exceptional hybrid geranium from Holland produces a generous display of large, lavender-blue flowers that first appear in early June to mid July. Subsequent blooming is somewhat sparser but continues into mid September. Attractive, deeply cut foliage is vigorous throughout the growing season and does not require pruning to maintain its mounding habit. Plant ‘Orion’ in a site with average, well-drained garden soil that receives full sun to light shade. 24” h. Zone 5.

Helleborus × *hybridus*

'Painted Doubles' ◐

Painted Doubles Hybrid Lenten Rose

These exceptional, double white blossoms are highlighted by heavy red-burgundy spotting toward the center of each flower. Expect some variation in this hybrid seed strain. This is an exquisite hellebore and one that's difficult to find in the trade so don't miss this rare opportunity! 15". Zones 4-8.

Hemerocallis citrina **'Yao Ming'** ○

Yao Ming Daylily
This daylily, of Chinese origin, produces 5' tall flower spikes in midsummer that are well-branched toward the tip and topped with large, sweetly fragrant golden-yellow flowers. The blossoms that open in the afternoon are especially attractive to hummingbirds. The long bloom time, sturdy stems, and great branching make this a superb garden specimen. 5' h. Zones 3-9.

Ligusticum scoticum
Scot's Lovage

Produces low compact clumps of thick, shiny leaves above, from which arise purple stems carrying sprays of white-to-pale-pink flowers, followed by golden seedheads. *Ligusticum scoticum* is a very adaptable plant, growing in most soil conditions, in full sun, partial shade, and even full shade. 20" h x 15" w. Zones 4-7.

Lilium martagon **'Claude Shride'** ○◐

This martagon hybrid produces sturdy stems laden with marvelous copper-red, downward-facing flowers in mid-June. A vigorous grower and long-lived perennial, this plant does well in partial shade and requires well-drained soil. 4' h. Zones 3-9.

Lilium martagon **'Manitoba Morning'** ○◐

These stunning, dark reddish flowers with yellow-and-brown spotting are lightly fragrant. Like all martagon lilies, this is a long-lived perennial that does well in partial shade and requires well-drained soil. 3-5' h. Zones 3-9.

Lilium martagon **'Pink Morning'** ○◐

The downward-facing flowers of this martagon lily are mauve pink and lightly scented. They appear in mid-June, and at maturity, up to 50 blossoms are held on a single stem. This plant does well in shade or partial sun and requires well-drained soil. 4' h. Zones 3-9.

Paeonia **'Bartzella'** ○◐

Hybrid Tree Peony
This peony has a large, bright yellow semidouble flower with red flares. The blossom appears in midseason and is held above deeply dissected, dark green foliage. A truly beautiful and vigorous selection, this Itoh hybrid won the American Peony Society Gold Medal. 24-42" h. x 24-42" w. Zones 4-8.

Paeonia **'Murad of Hershey Bar'** ○◐

Hybrid Tree Peony
The large, single dark maroon petals of this flower surround a showy cluster of yellow stamens. These exceptional blossoms appear early in the season on a sturdy, woody shrub with medium green foliage. 3-4' h. x 3-4' w. Zones 4-8.

Phlox paniculata **'Cleopatra'** ○◐

Garden Phlox
This newer cultivar of an old garden favorite produces an abundance of bright, cherry pink flowers in mid to late summer. The sweetly scented blossom is an excellent choice for cutting and makes a wonderful addition to a butterfly garden or perennial border. This is a vigorous plant that shows excellent disease resistance. 22" h. Zones 3-8.

***Sporobolus airoides* ○**

Alkali Sacaton Grass

Beginning in June, a cloud of airy, pinkish seedheads rise above the foliage of this warm season bunch grass. This versatile plant is drought resistant and tolerant of sandy, clay, and average soil. 40-48" h. x 24" w. Zones 4-9.

Veronica spicata

'Pink Marshmallow' ○▶

Speedwell

Create a lovely texture in your garden with these spikes of soft-to-dark-pink flowers that bloom all summer. The upright dark green foliage of this new hybrid shows excellent mildew resistance. 18' h. Zones 3-6.

***Vitex agnus-castus* 'PIIVAC-I' ○**

First Editions® Delta Blues™

Chastetree

Spikes of fragrant, dark bluish-purple flowers adorn this compact shrub and eventually give way to small, shiny reddish fruit. The shrub dies back in the winter but remains root hardy. The dark green leaves of this selection are fragrant and more refined. This plant prefers well-drained soil. 8-10" h. x 8-10" w. Zones 6-9.

Shady Characters

***Acer griseum* ○▶**

Paperbark Maple

This small maple has exquisite, exfoliating cinnamon-to-red-brown bark that provides visual interest throughout the year and should be planted near a patio or deck where its ornamental qualities can be fully enjoyed and appreciated. While it thrives in full sun, it also is a good choice for an understory or woodland garden and tolerates a variety of soil conditions.

Although its fall color is somewhat inconsistent, the dark green leaves of this maple can turn bronze to brilliant orange red. 20-30' h. x 15-25' w. Zones 5-7.

***Acer saccharum* 'Newton Sentry' ○▶**

Newton Sentry Sugar Maple

This unusual sugar maple is strikingly columnar in habit. Although a slow grower, it will ultimately reach 45' in height but spread only 15' in width. Like most sugar maples, it has excellent yellow, orange, and red fall foliage. This dramatic specimen prefers full sun to partial shade and will tolerate most average, well-drained soils, as long as they are not compacted. Introduced in 1885, it was first discovered near the entrance to the Newton Cemetery in Newton, Massachusetts. Zones 3-8.

***Acer shirasawanum* 'Jordan' ○▶**

Jordan Full Moon Maple

The brilliant foliage of this stunning, smaller maple will make it the star of any landscape. Spring leaves emerge orange then change to a marvelous bright yellow in summer. Bright red seeds create dramatic sparks through the layered foliage backdrop. The fall finale features rich shades of orange and red. Plant this vigorous upright tree in a site with slightly acidic, well-drained soil. It will tolerate full sun but prefers some afternoon shade. This showstopper was introduced by Italian nurseryman Fratelli Ghiradelli and named after his son Jordan. 15'-30' high and wide. Zones 5-9.

***Acer × conspicuum* 'Mozart' ○▶**

Mozart Snakebark Maple

The deep purple-red bark of this stunning smaller maple is highlighted with sinuous white lines, creating a dramatic composition, particularly in the winter landscape. Emerging bright green foliage is flushed with reddish tones before

turning dark green, and later in the fall, a lovely shade of yellow. Snakebark maples do well in sites with full sun or partial shade, and in well-drained, fertile soil. Protection from strong, desiccating winds is recommended. Expect a mature height and width of 20'.

***Actaea arizonica* ▶**
Arizona Bugbane

This uncommon species produces showy 3-6' spikes of petal-less white flowers positioned above compound, toothed foliage from July into August. Endemic to Arizona, it is found primarily in woodland sites, along streams and in forested wetlands. A number of specimens have just been planted on the Chicago Botanic Garden's Evening Island, so one need only cross the bridge to enjoy this lovely plant. For best results, a shaded site with moist, well-drained soil loaded with humus is recommended. Unavailable through nurseries, this selection is indeed a rare find. Zones 4-5.

***Anemone nemerosa* 'Vestal' ○▶**
Vestal Wood Anemone

The pure white flowers of this early spring ephemeral are composed of six ray petals that encircle a cluster of petaloid stamens. The elegant 1" blossoms are held above mats of fern-like foliage that emerge with a purplish sheen and later die back, making way for early summer rivals in the garden. Create an elegant carpet with this hard-to-find woodland gem or fill in areas under shrubs and trees for a magical early spring display. 4-5" h. x 12" w. Zone 4.

***Asarum caudatum* ▶●**
Wild Ginger

Forming attractive mats of evergreen foliage, the heart-shaped leaves of this hard-to-find wild ginger conceal a unique and exquisite three-petaled maroon flower. A western variety that is also hardy in the Midwest, this wild ginger is adaptable to sandy or clay soils. Like all gingers, once established, it will thrive in dry, shady locations, which can be difficult to fill. 6-8" h. x 12-18" w. Zone 5?

***Astilbe biternata* ▶**
False Goatsbeard

This plant features large panicles of creamy white flowers that appear in late spring to early summer over bright green, fern-like foliage. While it resembles *Aruncus* (goatsbeard), it is the only true *Astilbe* that is native to North America. 6" h. Zones 4-8.

Cypripedium kentuckiense
Kentucky's Lady Slipper Orchid ▶

The large, creamy flowers of this exquisite lady slipper orchid have twisted, dark purple sepals that are highlighted with yellow flecking. They appear in early to mid-May, and the plants, over time, will form attractive clumps 18" in height. For best performance, choose a site with slightly moist, well-drained, organically rich soils that provide part sun to light shade. These plants were grown from seed in a nursery setting. 18" h. Zones 3-8.

***Cypripedium japonicum* ▶
Japanese Hardy Lady Slipper
Orchid**

This woodland species from Japan and China has an exquisite pink slipper flower, with greenish sepals and tepals. The flower emerges from a pair of strongly pleated green leaves that resemble Japanese hand fans held horizontally on the stem. A somewhat challenging plant to grow, it requires humus-rich soil and may take a year or two to establish before flowering. 10" h. Zones 4-7.

***Glaucidium palmatum* ▶●
Japanese Wood Poppy**

This highly prized and much sought-after plant produces 3" lavender-pink single flowers in early spring over clumps of rich green, anemone-like foliage. It resents being moved so place it in a well-drained site with humus-rich soil and light to part shade, and watch this garden gem shine. 24-30" h x 24" w. Zones 3-7.

***Iris tectorum* 'Slippery Slope' ○▶
Japanese Roof Iris**

The blue-purple, six-petaled flowers of this gorgeous iris have white-highlighted falls that are etched with purple lines. Introduced from China, this vigorous, clump-forming iris blooms in late April. 24" h. x 30" w. Zones 5-9.

***Pachyphragma macrophylla* ▶
Caucasian Pennygrass**

Clusters of delicate white flowers appear in spring over the luxuriant, semi-evergreen foliage of this underutilized plant. It makes an excellent groundcover and performs best in moist, well-drained soil. 1' h. x 3' w. Zones 5-9.

***Polygonatum odoratum*
'Goldilocks' ▶●
Goldilocks Solomon's Seal**

The leaves of Goldilocks are heavily streaked golden until the heat of summer turns them uniformly green. These plants are incredibly vigorous, and unlike most variegated Solomon's seals, produce a heavy crop of dark blue, marble-sized fruit. 18" h. Zones 4-9.

***Polygonatum falcatum*
'Tiger Stripe' ▶●
Tiger Stripe Solomon's Seal**

The creamy veins that highlight the leaves of this intriguing Solomon's seal make it a welcome addition to any shady border. The variegation fades as summer's heat intensifies. Attractive fruit clusters that change from green to purple-black emerge in September and October and provide additional visual interest. 18" h. Zones 4-9.

***Polystichum braunii* ▶●
Braun's Holly Fern**

This delightful fern forms semi-evergreen clumps of lustrous, dark-green, lance-shaped fronds that have ruffled edges. It makes a wonderful addition to any shade garden with evenly moist, well-drained soil. 18-24" h. Zones 3-8.

***Polystichum rigens* ▶●
Rigid Holly Fern**

This smaller fern has leathery, lance-shaped fronds that form an attractive arching mound. If the weather cooperates, the semi-evergreen foliage can provide ornamental interest into the winter months. 12"-16" h. Zones 5-9.

***Primula sieboldii* ‘Ice Princess’** ◐

The fragrant blue flower buds with light blue-white centers and ruffled edges bloom in spring and go dormant in the summer. 12". Zones 5-8.

***Rhododendron* ‘Framingham’** ◐
Framingham Azalea

This deciduous azalea has deep-pink buds that open to reveal apricot-pink blooms with a yellow flare. The foliage is a shiny blue-green in color. 3' h x 4' w. Zone 5.

***Rhododendron* ‘LAVJ2011’** ○◐
Dandy Man™ Purple Rhododendron

In spring, an abundance of bright pink, bell-shaped blossoms emerge on this sturdy, evergreen shrub. Deep green leaves create the perfect backdrop for an impressive display of flowers. This is a tough and hardy plant that shows good disease resistance. It will do best in well-drained, acid soil. 6-8' h. Zones 5-9.

Rhododendron cumberlandense ◐
Cumberland Azalea

Sensational clusters of funnel-shaped blooms are held on this tall, busy shrub from June into August. Flower colors range from orange to orange-red, salmon, apricot, and clear yellow. This plant does best in well-drained, acid soil. 3-8' h. x 3-4' w. Zones 5-7.

***Rhododendron yedoense* var.**
***poukhanense* ‘Pink Discovery’**
Pink Discovery Korean Azalea

This Korean azalea is a spreading, low-to-medium-sized shrub. Evergreen in mild winters but deciduous in cold winter climates, this azalea has dark green foliage that turns an attractive orange-red in autumn. The lavender flowers are slightly fragrant and appear in early spring. This azalea is an important parent in the development of many of the hybrid evergreen azaleas in commerce today. 3-6' h x 8-12' w.

Smilacina japonica

‘Snow Dragon’ ◐●

This plant produces gracefully arching stems of alternating gold-edged leaves that age to creamy white. Each stem is topped with a small cluster of frothy white flowers. Fleshy red fruits follow and turn purple with age. This rare perennial makes a lovely addition to any shade garden. 2-4' tall x 12-24" w. Zones 4-9.

Tellima grandiflora ○◐
Fringecups

Held aloft on 2' stalks, the delicate white flowers of this unusual perennial fade to dark pink over time. They appear in spring over attractive clumps of green-lobed foliage that turns burgundy in the fall. This plant is best sited out of full sun and makes an excellent groundcover for moist, shady spots in the garden. 28-32" h. x 10-12" w. Zones 4-8.

Trautvetteria caroliniana ◐
Carolina Bugbane

This lovely East Coast mountain native produces dense umbels of foamy white flowers that are held on tall, sturdy stems from June through August. The deeply lobed foliage has enormous basal leaves. Found growing in open woods, it does best in rich, moist soil. 36" h. Zones 3-8.

Trillium grandiflorum
‘Flore Plenum’ ◐●
Double White Trillium

Layers of overlapping petals make this large white flower a stunning variation of the beautiful trilliums that populate North Shore woodlands in early spring. This plant does best in moist, humus-rich, well-drained soil. 12"-18" h. Zones 5-9.

Signature Containers

Agave parryi var. *huachuensis*

Huachuca Agave

Blue-green wedge-shaped leaves form a rosette. Small black leaf tips. Zones 7-10.

Hydrangea macrophylla

Let's Dance® Diva!

Let's Dance® Diva! sports plate-sized lace-cap blossoms that are pink or bluish in more acidic soils. Flowers are borne on both old and new wood, ensuring a strong showing every season. 36-48" h. x 36-48" w. Zones 5-9.

Hydrangea macrophylla 'Robert'

Let's Dance® Moonlight

Let's Dance® Moonlight produces exuberant mophead blooms in shades of pink or blue in more acidic soils. Flowers are borne on both old and new wood, ensuring a strong showing every season. 24-36" h. x 36-48" w. Zones 5-9.

Hydrangea macrophylla

Let's Dance® Rave

Let's Dance® Rave produces exuberant mophead blooms that are pink, or violet-purple in more acidic soils. Flowers are borne on both old and new wood, ensuring a strong showing every season. 24-36" h. x 36-48" w. Zones 5-9.

Hydrangea macrophylla 'Lynn'

Let's Dance® Starlight

Let's Dance® Starlight produces delicate lace-cap blooms that are pink, or violet-purple in more acidic soils. Flowers are borne on both old and new wood, ensuring a strong showing every season. 24-36" h. x 36-48" w. Zones 5-9.

Hydrangea macrophylla

Let's Dance® Blue Jangles

Let's Dance® Blue Jangles produces exuberant mophead blooms that are pink or rich blue in more acidic soils. Flowers are borne on both old and new wood, ensuring a strong showing every season. 24-36" h. x 24-36" w. Zones 5-9.

Hydrangea macrophylla 'Berner'

Let's Dance® Big Easy

Let's Dance® Big Easy produces large and exuberant mophead blooms that are rich pink or blue in more acidic soils. Flowers are borne on both old and new wood, ensuring a strong showing every season. 24-36" h. x 36-48" w. Zones 5-9.

Hydrangea macrophylla 'ES14'

Let's Dance® Rhythmic Blue

Let's Dance® Rhythmic Blue produces mophead blooms that are pink or amethyst blue in more acidic soils. Flowers are borne on both old and new wood, ensuring a strong showing every season. 24-36" h. x 24-36" w. Zones 5-9.

Ilex opaca 'Morris Arboretum' ○

Morris Arboretum American Holly

A broadly conical, broadleaf evergreen tree with glossy dark green, spiny leaves. Flowers open in May as tiny, white stalked clusters in the leaf axils. Egg-shaped fruits ripen yellow by late summer and persist into winter. Discovered in the wilds of North Carolina circa 1920. Requires a male pollinator to ensure fruiting. 15-20' h.

Penstemon pinifolius 'Magdalena

Sunshine' ○

The exuberant, bright yellow flowers of this perennial appear from late spring to midsummer on light green, needle-like foliage. Attractive to butterflies and hummingbirds, this plant is also drought resistant, making it an excellent choice for a rock garden. 8-10" h. x 15" w. Zones 5-9.

***Rosa* ‘Radtkopink’** ○
Pink Double Knock Out® Rose Standards

This new introduction features a fully double, bubble gum-pink blossom on a plant with all the qualities of its tough and dependable predecessors. Grown as standards, this vibrant pink rose will become the focal point of any landscape it inhabits. Zones 5-11.

***Rosa* ‘Radtko’** ○
Red Double Knock Out® Rose Standards

These fully double red roses truly live up to their name! This new introduction is as disease-resistant as its predecessors and slightly more winter hardy. Make a dramatic statement at the entrance to your home or your garden with these wonderful rose standards. Zones 5-11.

***Thuja Occidentalis* ‘Art Boe’** ○●
North Pole Arborvitae

This columnar selection is fast growing, hardy, and burn resistant. It thrives in average soil conditions and tolerates clay, but should not be sited in overly exposed, windy sites or in too much shade. 10-15’ h. x 5-7’ w. Zones 3-7.

***Vaccinium corymbosum* ‘ZF06-079’**
BrazelBerries® Pink Icing™ Blueberry

This small shrub produces white flowers in spring that are followed by blue fruit. New growth in spring is a colorful mix of pink, blue, and green. A site with full sun and well-drained, acid soil is recommended for best performance. 3’-4’ h. x 3’-4’ w. Zones 5-8.

Zizyphus jujuba ○
Jujube Tree

Small white-to-yellowish-green flowers appear in late spring to early summer on this deciduous tree or large shrub, and give way to elongate drupes. The red fruit becomes brownish and wrinkled at maturity and can be eaten fresh, dried, canned, or candied. The plant is easily grown in average well-drained soil. 15-30’ h. x 15-25’ w. Zones 6-9.

Sweetly Scented

LAVENDER COLLECTION

Lavender angustifolia
‘Momparler’ ○
Platinum Blonde™ Lavender

A semi-evergreen shrub, this lavender has aromatic, gray leaves with creamy white margins. Exceptionally fragrant, violet-blue flowers appear on this well-branched bushy plant throughout the summer. Provide full sun and well-drained soil for best results. 16-24” h. x 18” w. **Not hardy here.**

Lavandula dentate ○
French Lavender

Named for its toothed and scalloped foliage, this aromatic lavender has light purple flowers. 3’ h. **Not hardy here.**

Lavandula multifida ○
French Lace Branched Lavender

This selection has violet-blue flowers that bloom all season over beautifully dissected, green-gray foliage. This species has a distinctive scent, similar to oregano. 2’ h. x 4’ w. **Not hardy here.**

***Lavandula pinnata* var. *buchii* ○**
Jagged Lavender

This lavender has fern-like, gray-green foliage and tall branching spikes of purple flowers. It is a tough and reliable garden performer that does well in borders and rock gardens. 2-3' h. x 2-4' w. **Not hardy here.**

***Lavandula* 'Goodwin Creek' ○**
Goodwin Creek Lavender

This bushy lavender has velvety-toothed, silver-grey foliage that is topped by blue-purple flowers from June to September. 2' h. **Not hardy here.**

***Magnolia virginiana* ○▶**
Sweetbay Magnolia

Appearing in late spring, the fragrant white flowers of this magnolia are up to 4" in width. Glossy green leaves have whitish undersides and are somewhat evergreen, although yellow to orange fall color can occur. This tree does not do well in compacted soils or open exposures so, for best results, plant it in a site with good drainage where some protection against desiccating winds is provided. 25' h. x 15' w. Zones 5-9.

Wisteria macrostachya
'Betty Matthews' ○▶
First Editions® Summer Cascade™
Wisteria

This wisteria cultivar features long, showy racemes of fragrant, dark lavender flowers that emerge from new growth in June. Blossoms give way to interesting seedpods in late summer, providing multiseasonal interest on a plant that is more reliably cold hardy than other wisteria. 15-20' h. Zones 4-8.

Wild About Woodies

***Betula ermanii* ○▶**
Erman's Birch

Known for its white peeling bark tinged with pale pink and cream, this tough and adaptable birch will quickly become the highlight of any landscape it inhabits. The leaves turn bright yellow in the fall, providing additional pizzazz. This birch performs well in full sun or partial shade. This is a real gem that's difficult to find in the trade. 25-30' h. x 15-20' w. Zone 4.

***Betula occidentalis* ○▶**
Rocky Mountain Birch

This small, multistemmed birch has attractive, nonpeeling, dark-reddish-brown-to-bronze bark. Lovely spreading and pendulous branches hold coarsely toothed green leaves that turn yellow in the fall. This plant does best in moist soil. The seed source of this specimen is a rare, native population found growing along a creek in the canyon lands of northwest Nebraska. Rare in commerce, this water birch specimen has a very unique provenance! 20' h. x 15' w. Zones 4-6.

***Carya laciniosa* ○▶**
Shellbark Hickory

As it ages, the smooth gray bark of this lovely ornamental shade tree begins to exfoliate in long strips—a characteristic it shares with its larger cousin, the shagbark hickory. It produces large egg-shaped nuts enjoyed by a variety of wildlife, and the fall leaf color is a rich yellow to golden brown. Generally found in wet bottomlands, flood plains, and along streams and rivers, this tree is best grown in rich, moist-to-wet soil in full sun to part shade. This is an excellent plant for difficult, wet sites and is not commonly carried in nurseries. 60' h. x 40' w. Zones 5-8.

Cercidiphyllum magnificum

Wild Collected Katsura Tree

The foliage of this tree is slightly larger and more deeply serrated than that of its more common cousin, *Cercidiphyllum japonicum*. Autumn leaf color can range from yellow to orange, and is more brilliant when this tree grows in slightly acidic soil. It will perform well in moist, well-drained soil and should be sited in a protected part of the garden with full sun or light shade. 60' h. x 40' w. Zone 5.

Cercis canadensis 'Alley Cat' ◐

Alley Cat Eastern Redbud

The leaves of this distinctive plant are embellished with white variegation, and emerge with tinges of dark pink that fade as they mature. Unlike other variegated plants, the foliage of this redbud will not burn or fade as the season progresses. Delightful dark pink blooms appear in early spring and are borne in clusters on bare branches. 20' h. x 30' w. Zones 5-9.

Cercis canadensis 'Ruby Falls' ◐

Ruby Falls Weeping Redbud

Find a special place in your garden for this marvelous dwarf redbud that has a graceful, weeping habit. In spring, new leaves emerge maroon-red, turning a dark purple color as they mature. The foliage holds this color through the hottest part of summer and into fall. Delightful lavender-red flowers appear in early spring before the leaves come out. Although not picky, this plant prefers well-drained soil in a part of the garden that receives full sun or partial shade. This absolutely stunning selection would make a wonderful focal point in any garden. 6-8' h. x 4-6' w. Zones 6-8.

Cornus kousa × *nutalli* 'Venus' ◐

Venus® Hybrid Dogwood

This award-winning Rutgers hybrid dogwood produces exceptionally large snow-white flowers that hold for three weeks or more in spring and early summer. The blossoms of this vigorous upright tree give way to attractive fruit that turns red in the fall. 20' h. x 20' w. Zones 5-9.

Cornus kousa 'Blue Shadow' ◐

Blue Shadow Kousa Dogwood

This broad, upright dogwood produces abundant four-part white flowers in June. Later in the season, the blossoms give way to red fruits, and in fall, the glossy, deep-green foliage turns lovely shades of orange and red. This is a superb smaller tree that provides exceptional ornamental qualities all year. 30' h. x 30' w. Zones 5-8.

Cydonia oblonga ○

Edible Quince

This versatile quince makes a wonderful hedge but when properly pruned, can also become an excellent small specimen tree. Pale pink-to-white blossoms appear on new growth in April to May, and are followed by green fruits that turn yellow when ripe. When harvested before the first frost, the quince fruit may still be somewhat acerbic but are marvelous when cooked for jellies, preserves, and pies. Best flowering in full sun; adapts to wide range of soil conditions. 15' h. x 12' w. Zones 5-8.

Chaenomeles speciosa

‘Orange Storm’ ○

Double Take™ Orange Storm Quince

Like a seasonal storm, this quince bursts with large double, intensely orange flowers in early spring. Lacking both thorns and fruit, this shrub is easy to care for and extremely drought tolerant, once established. 4-5’ h. x 4-5’ w. Zones 5-8.

Dichroa aff. yaoshanensis

Uo Meng Chang Shen

This interesting rounded shrub produces blue flowers in summer that are followed by iridescent blue fruit. It prefers shade and evenly moist soil. It was collected in the wild in 2012 by JC Raulston Arboretum on Shi Keng Kong in the Nanling Mountains of China. 4’ h. x 4’ w. Hardiness unknown.

Fagus sylvatica ‘Red Obelisk’

Red Obelisk European Beech

The name “obelisk” comes from the Greek for needle to describe the fastigate habit of this uncommon beech; the name “red” refers to the deep red-purple color of its handsome deeply cut foliage. 40’ h x 5’ w. Zones 4-7.

Fagus sylvatica ‘Roseomarginata’

Tri-Color Beech

A purple leaf form with an irregular pink, green and white variegated leaves. Does best with some shade—creamy/pink areas can scorch. Copper fall leaf color. 30’ h x 20’ w. Zones 4-7.

Forsythia × intermedia

‘White Gold’ ○

Variegated Border Forsythia

The green foliage of this rounded shrub is painted with creamy-white markings that are more pronounced on new growth. Abundant gold flowers appear in spring. 5’ h. x 6’ w. Zones 5-10.

Hamamelis mollis

‘Princeton Gold’ ○►

Princeton Gold Chinese Witchhazel

Clusters of fragrant, golden-yellow flowers appear on the bare branches of this upright shrub between January and March, creating a most welcome midwinter display. These appealing flowers are composed of 1” strap-shaped petals that are tinged with red at the base. Place this witchhazel near a walk or doorway to take full advantage of these wonderful ornamental qualities. Although moist, acidic, and organically rich soils are preferred, this selection is easily grown in average, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. For best flowering chose a site with full sun. 4-6’ h. x 4-6’ w. Zones 5-8.

Hydrangea macrophylla ‘PIIHM-II’ ►

Endless Summer® BloomStruck®

Hydrangea

Like its predecessors, the newest introduction to the Endless Summer® series, BloomStruck®, is a reblooming selection that flowers on both old and new wood. The mophead flowers are an intense rose-pink but change to shades of violet-blue in more acidic soils. 3-4’ h x 4-5’ w. Zones 4-9.

Magnolia stellata

‘Centennial Blush’ ○

**First Editions® Centennial Blush™
Star Magnolia**

In spring, the pink buds of this prolific bloomer open to wonderfully fragrant pale pink blossoms. Flowering is followed by the emergence of attractive, medium-green foliage that turns yellow to bronze in autumn. This charming magnolia makes an excellent plant for small urban gardens. 12-18’ h. x 10-15’ w. Zones 4-9.

***Magnolia stellata* ‘Dawn’** ○

Dawn Star Magnolia

The lovely pink blossoms of ‘Dawn’ are late arrivals in spring, an advantage in northern Illinois as the flowers of other star magnolias can be damaged by late season frosts. 15-20’ h. Zones 4-8.

***Magnolia* ‘Butterflies’** ○

Like clouds of yellow butterflies, upward-facing, double yellow blossoms appear on the branches of this stunning magnolia before the leaves have fully emerged. Their late spring arrival helps protect them from damaging frosts. 15-18’ h. x 8-10’ w. Zones 5-9.

***Magnolia* ‘Petite Royal Whisper’** ○

In spring, this lovely magnolia produces upright, rich royal-purple blossoms that are 4-5” wide. Tepal interiors are lighter in color, darkening somewhat at the base, and are highlighted with purple veining. 8-10’ h. x 6-8’ w., in 10 years. Zones 4-8.

***Magnolia* ‘Spring Petticoats’** ○

The exuberant blossoms of this magnolia are composed of layered white tepals with soft pink undersides and inner rose accents. Appearing in spring, they are lightly scented and adorn a small upright tree with good branching. 12-15’ h. Zones 4-9.

Magnolia virginiana

‘Green Mile’[™] Sweetbay Magnolia ○

The fragrant white flowers of this magnolia are set in clusters of dark green leaves that are silver underneath. Blooming begins in June, continues for much of the summer, and is followed by attractive red fruit in the fall. This tree has a strong vertical habit and is an excellent selection where spaces are tight or a more formal effect is desired. Sweetbay magnolia prefers a more acidic soil that is moist to wet, and flowers best in full sun. 35’ h. x 15’ w. Zones 6-10 (possibly 5).

***Orixa japonica* ‘Aurea’** ㊦

The highly aromatic, glossy foliage of this shrub emerges lime-yellow and becomes greener during the summer. In fall, leaves take on shades of soft yellow. This plant has a mounded, spreading habit, ultimately growing wider than tall. 5’ tall in 10 years. Zone 5.

***Pyrus communis* ‘Sensation Red Bartlett’**

Sensation Red Bartlett is a highly red-colored strain of Bartlett pear that has all the same qualities as its parent. Sensation Red Bartlett originated in Australia about 1940 and came to the United States in 1959. 10-15’ h x 8-12’ w. Zones 5-8.

***Quercus dentata* ‘Pinnatifida’** ○▷
Cutleaf Daimyo Oak

This wonderful tree has large, grayish-green leaves that are deeply dissected, almost to the leaf midrib. The resulting texture is feathery and unique. Emerging foliage has a reddish flush. This is a narrowly upright, slow-growing tree that does best in well-drained soil. 20’ h. x 8’ w. Zone 5.

Staphylea trifolia

American Bladdernut ○▷

A fast-growing eastern U. S. native, American bladdernut commonly occurs in bottomlands, woodland thickets, and moist soils along streams, where it establishes dense colonies. White bell-shaped flowers in drooping clusters appear in early spring. Flowers give way to inflated, bladder-like, egg-shaped, papery seed capsules (1-2” long), which mature in late summer and often persist into early winter. Seed capsules add interest to dried flower arrangements. Rarely offered in commerce. 10-15’ h. Zones 3-8.

Floribunda

A Bouquet of Red

Case of red wine: 2010 Domaine du Tix Côtes du Ventoux Cuvee de Bramefan (Robert Parker – October 2012). This sensational offering from the Côtes du Ventoux, 2010 Cuvee de Bramefan is a blend of 92% syrah and 8% grenache from cool climate, limestone, and clay vineyards planted at an altitude of 350 meters. It possesses unbelievable richness for a wine from this appellation, as well as loads of blackberries, black currants, acacia flowers, licorice, and graphite. Aged in small oak for 10 months prior to being bottled, this full-bodied effort has so much richness, it is hard to believe it will fall apart anytime soon.

Compliments of Flickinger Wines

A Bouquet of White

Case of white wine: 2012 Domaine Barat Chablis also from the Côtes du Ventoux (Burghound – October 2014). This is aromatically ripe and complex with its pretty mélange of green fruit, sea breeze, and iodine suffused nose. Here, too, is good concentration to the silky textured medium-bodied flavors that possess good energy and ample chablis character on the pink grapefruit-influenced finale.

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Compliments of Holly and Ken Buchanan

Play Golf at the Dunes Club

Enjoy the exceptional experience of playing golf at the five-star certified course in New Buffalo, Michigan. Greens fees for four individuals are included in this package. Tucked away in the woods and dunes along Lake Michigan, the Dunes Club maintains a low-key, relaxing atmosphere. According to Michiana Golf, "The experience begins by entering the Dunes Club via an unmarked dirt drive and requires that the player find a parking spot among the tall trees of the surrounding woods." There are no golf carts, which helps to keep the course immaculate. A caddy leads you to each hole either walking through a stretch of sand or a wooded path. This is truly a unique and exceptional experience!

Compliments of the Dunes Club

(Good Monday through Thursday, except July and August. Caddies required. Caddy rate is \$60 plus tip for 18 holes. Caddy fee and lunch not included.)

The Ford Plantation

Two people will enjoy three luxurious days and two restful nights at Henry Ford's former antebellum estate on the grounds of the Ford Plantation. The Ford Plantation is a private luxury sporting club and residential community just 18 miles southwest of Savannah. It features golf, fishing, boating, horseback riding, swimming, hiking, biking, a spa, naturalist programs, and more, including fine dining. This special package includes two nights at the Main House, two rounds of golf on the Pete Dye-designed course, a scenic Ogeechee River cruise, use of the Fitness Center, and daily use of a golf cart. Club dining, spa treatments, and other club amenities are available at member rates.

Compliments of Lorill and Pat Haynes with Valerie and Michael Foradas

(Valid through May 29, 2016, and may be subject to certain blackout periods. Please call (912) 756-5666 to schedule your reservation. This gift certificate is non-transferable and must be presented for redemption.)

Story Time

Share with your children or grandchildren the wonders of the outdoors. Three children's books and a box of cards of garden activities are a great way to spend time with the children in your family. This is a wonderful way to share your love of gardening and nature, and introduce the next generation to a lifetime passion. *Compliments of the Book Stall at Chestnut Court, Winnetka*

Sunset Cruise

Enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime experience as you cruise the lakes of the Chicago Botanic Garden aboard a botanic-themed pontoon boat! Invite seven of your closest friends to enjoy refreshments as you glide across the water. Bob Kirschner, the Woman's Board Curator of Aquatic Plants and Urban Lake Studies, will be your tour guide and skipper. Can you think of a better way to experience a Garden sunset with friends?

Compliments of the Chicago Botanic Garden

(Date to be mutually agreed upon with donor. Valid Monday – Thursday in June, July, or August 2015. The excursion is 1.5 hours in length and must start no later than 6 p.m. Other restrictions may apply. Expires August 27, 2015.)

No Maintenance

Be delighted by a tussie mussie. This lovely, no-maintenance arrangement arrives fresh and needs no water. It should be allowed to dry. Put it in a special place and let it become a keepsake.

Compliments of Edwards Florist, Winnetka

The Merit Club

You and three guests will enjoy a round of golf at the Merit Club, a unique place where the game of golf can be enjoyed on a course that exists in total harmony with nature. Merit was the home of the U.S. Women's Open in 2000, which was won by Karrie Webb of Australia. Merit Club is a par 72 course and has four sets of tees with distances up to 6,960 yards. Have lunch with Don Pieper, head pro, and learn the history of Merit. Walk with caddies or ride on carts. A 2015 date to be mutually agreed upon.

Compliments of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Metzler

McLaughlin Glazeware Enamel Box

Treasure an enamel box painted in the Northfield studio of McLaughlin Glazeware. The top and the inside of the box feature scenes from the Chicago Botanic Garden. Mary McLaughlin is the only enamel box manufacturer in the United States She has been commissioned by the last three U. S. presidents to create gifts to be given to heads of state.

Compliments of Mary McLaughlin McLaughlin Glazeware

Orchids for the Home

Have the unique opportunity to gain early admission to the Orchid Show sale! Jump ahead of the long lines for this popular sale and take first pick of the beautiful orchids featured in the annual Orchid Show. Also enjoy a wonderful gift basket containing a tray, an apron, a tea towel, and two mugs—all decorated with orchids. These items will be a sunny addition to any home!

Compliments of the Chicago Botanic Garden and the Chicago Botanic Garden Shop

Phalaenopsis

Grace your wall with the outstanding orchid photography of Anne Belmont. This panel, a smaller copy of a piece displayed in Krehbiel Gallery during the 2015 Orchid Show, was one of the favorites of the installation. Local photographer Anne Belmont says of her work, “I do not want to merely document a scene in nature but rather to fuse my artistic vision with what I see through the lens of the camera in hopes of evoking an emotional response in others.” This photograph does exactly that.

Compliments of Anne Belmont Photography

Iron Flower

When nothing is blooming at home, enjoy the constant bloom of this iron lily sculpture. The flower sculptures are inspired by the nature of the sculptor’s native West Virginia. Beautiful in groups, dancing down a dining table, or in a sunroom, these hand-forged iron flowers are graceful yet strong and wonderfully unique.

Compliments of Sawbridge Studios, Winnetka

Party in the Garden

Gather up to 15 of your friends ages 4 and up to celebrate a birthday at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Choose from a variety of fun themes including birds, insects, or trains! Date choice subject to availability and must be scheduled at least three weeks in advance.

Compliments of the Chicago Botanic Garden

(Certificate is good for up to 15 participating children turning 4 and up. Additional children may be added for an extra cost. Date choice subject to availability and must be scheduled a minimum of three weeks in advance. Not applicable toward Wonderland Express-themed parties. All birthday party requirements and regulations apply. Please call (847) 835-8363 and refer to promotional code ARA2015BP to register. Expires November 2015.)

Windsor, Vero Beach

Windsor is a village by the sea. It is a place where you can play golf with no tee times or spend the afternoon finishing a good book. Windsor is a village where you can ride horseback for hours without crossing a street or play three sets of tennis on Har-Tru courts. Enjoy complimentary accommodations for up to four people for a two-night stay in a two-bedroom Village Suite. This stay includes two rounds of golf for four people and access to club amenities for dining, swimming, tennis, and other activities.

Compliments of Windsor

(Golf courses closed for maintenance May 12 to October 31, 2015—hence long redemption date of December 31, 2016.)

Three Sets of Botanical Prints

Originally hanging on the walls of the Woman's Board office at the Chicago Botanic Garden, these pen-and-ink botanical illustrations were artfully mastered by landscape architect Anthony Tyznik. Tyznik designed the master site plan for the Morton Arboretum and was an award-winning medalist of the Chicago Horticultural Society. There are three different sets of prints in this offering.

Crataegus mollis (downy hawthorn) paired with *Prunus Americana* (American plum)

Cercis canadensis (eastern redbud) paired with *Quercus macrocarpa* (bur oak)

Phellodendron amurense (amur cork tree) paired with *Castanea mollissima* (Chinese chestnut)

Bid on a pair to grace your home or bid on all six of these beautiful pen and inks.

Compliments of the Woman's Board

Fairy Garden

This whimsical Fairy Garden is certain to bring a smile to your face and brighten your day! A wonderful gift for those who are young (or young at heart), this miniature garden is easy to care for and thrives in moderately bright light. Water approximately twice a week, placing a small amount of water at the base of each plant so that the soil is kept the consistency of a slightly damp sponge. Enjoy the magical beauty that these fairies will bring to your home!

Compliments of Victor Hlavacek Florist, Winnetka

Framed Original Watercolor Painting

An elegant watercolor botanical drawing of an orchid by Claudia Lane, a member of the American Society of Botanical Artists, can grace your home. Lane received her certificate in botanical art at the Chicago Botanic Garden, having

returned to art study after a hiatus of several decades. What attracted her to the art form was its combination of disciplined scientific observation and creative artistic expression. Watercolor medium has a unique quality that enables the artist to capture the clear color, freshness, and luminosity of nature. The framing is museum conservation quality.

Compliments of Claudia Lane

A Season of Beauty

Get help designing the perfect containers from an expert! Kim Visokey, a member of the Woman's Board, will take you and your \$400 gift card to Chalet to help you select the best plants to fill two of your containers. She will guide you in arranging and planting your choices for a season of your choosing. Enjoy a season of spectacular color after learning some of the secrets to creating seasonal containers.

Compliments of the Woman's Board and Kim Visokey

Needlepoint Vase

This is a unique opportunity to add to your vase collection. This whimsical needlepoint vase will be a highlight of your home! Just place a glass cylinder inside the vase and arrange your favorite flowers to enhance the unique base. Hand stitched and constructed, this vase will not be found in any other collections. Don't forget to read about the blooms you can fill your vase with in your two new floral-themed books: *Seven Flowers and How They Shaped the World* by Jennifer Potter and *The Flower Recipe Book* by Alethea Haramopolis!

Compliments of Bean Carroll and the Chicago Botanic Garden Shop

Pinterest

Be the envy of your friends with this beautiful sterling silver floral pin. This circular pin holds a graceful floral spray in the center. A wonderful accent to any outfit at your next garden party!

Compliments of an Anonymous Donor

Wildflowers of New England

This is an exceptional opportunity to acquire two Edwin Hale Lincoln photographs from *Wildflowers in New England*, c. 1904 – 1914. Edwin Hale Lincoln, 1848 – 1938, was a transitional figure in the history of floral photography using the platinum process. His images show the first traces of a more pared-down and clean aesthetic quality. For many collectors of floral photography, the name Edwin Hale Lincoln will be a complete unknown. His only claim to fame is his project to document the many species of wildflowers found in and around Lenox, Massachusetts, in the early 1900s, before industrialization and expansion drove them all to extinction. These platinum prints on paper mount are titled “White Fringed Orchid” and “Large Purple Fringed Orchid.”

Compliments of an Anonymous Donor

A Basket of Gardening Treats

The A. M. Leonard Company is committed to providing professional gardeners and landscapers with well-built tools that are durable, multifunctional, and reliably attached to their belts. This useful basket is filled with some of these tools. Paired with these garden tools are three wonderful books that will help you plan your next garden project. They are *Fresh from the Farm, A Year of Recipes and Stories* by Susie Middleton, *Refresh Your Garden Design with Color, Texture and Form* by Rebecca Sweet, and *The Creative Shrub Garden* by Andy McIndoe.

Compliments of A.M. Leonard, Inc. and the Chicago Botanic Garden Shop

A Day at Wrigley Field

Enjoy a day at Wrigley Field with six tickets to the game on July 5, 2015. You will be able to remember this great day when you look in your yard and watch ivy from the wall at Wrigley Field growing in your yard.

Compliments of Valerie and Michael Foradas and Bean and Charlie Carroll

A Garden of Books for Your Coffee Table

These three wonderful books will be a beautiful addition to your coffee table and give hours of pleasure looking through them: *Veranda: The Art of Outdoor Living* by Lisa Newsom, *Flora Illustrata* by Susan M. Fraser and Vanessa Bezemer Sellers, and *Victoria, The Seductress, the Cultural and Natural History of the World's Greatest Water Lily* by Tamara Kilbane are a wonderful trio for the garden enthusiast.

Compliments of Chicago Botanic Garden Shop

Grapes, Original Watercolor by Celine Lillie

Enjoy this beautiful watercolor of grapes by the Woman's Board's very own Celine Lillie! This lovely painting will be a wonderful addition to any home.

Compliments of Celine Lillie

Lyric Opera

Enjoy an evening at the opera. You and a friend can choose an evening out during the 2015-16 season of the Lyric Opera. This package includes two main floor, center section tickets for your choice of one opera during the 2015-16 season, dinner for two at the William B. and Catherine Graham Room, and one free valet voucher.

(Winner will choose between four operas: Wozzeck by Berg, Thursday, November 12, 7:30 p.m., Nabucco by Verdi, Wednesday, January 27, 7:30 p.m., Der Rosenkavalier by Strauss, Monday, February 8, 6:30 p.m., Romeo and Juliet by Gounod, Wednesday, March 16, 7:30 p.m. You must contact the donor by August 15, 2015, with your choice of opera and your mailing address. Tickets will be sent after the Lyric mails out its season tickets, which is between mid-August and mid-September.)

*Compliments of Mr. and Mrs. Peter E.
Van Nice*

Learn Flower Arranging From an Expert

Don't overlook this great opportunity to learn the basics of flower arranging from an expert in this field. Ginny Noyes, a Woman's Board member, will teach you and two or three of your friends the basics of flower arranging. Use your own containers or one that has been selected for you. A gift certificate of \$125 to purchase flowers is included. Also included are two 1-year gift subscriptions to *flower Magazine* to continue your education in floral design.

*Compliments of Ginny Noyes,
the Woman's Board, and flower Magazine
(Date to be mutually agreed upon with
donor. Other restrictions may apply.)*

Step Out in Style

This beautiful floral scarf by Marimekko is a perfect accent for the woman who has exquisite taste in fashion and appreciation for Scandinavian design. Brighten up your day and those around you when you wear this colorful and contemporary piece!

Compliments of Skändal, Winnetka

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