

Shade and Part Shade Perennials

***Actaea japonicum* (Cheju Island Form)** - Cheju Actaea – Z4

A superior form of Japanese Bugbane collected by Darrell Probst. The basal, ternately-compound leaves emerge in early spring with purple hues turning green with age. In late summer spikes of graceful white flowers are held in long racemes. Requires part-shade to shade in moist, rich soils. – **4 pt \$12**

Actaea ramosa – Branched Bugbane – Z3

The nomenclature for *Actaea* has been the subject of many debates throughout the nursery trade. Until a consensus is reached, we are listing the following cultivars under the species *ramosa*. Arching, 5-6' tall flower stems hold fragrant, 6-12" long, bottlebrush-like inflorescences. The 2-3' tall, delicately cut foliage adds textural interest to the back of the perennial border. This Japanese native produces short, creeping rhizomes and is happiest in rich, moist, well-drained soils in part shade.

'Brunette' – Grown for its bronze-purple foliage that lasts throughout the growing season. The 3-4' tall stems produce many racemes of dense, fragrant white flowers from August to September. – **1 gal \$20**

NEW 'Hillside Black Beauty' PP 9988 – This introduction by perennial expert Mary Ann McGourty has the darkest foliage of all the selections. The new foliage emerges dark green but quickly turns deep, velvety purple-black. The 5-6' stems bear 12" long spikes of white, fragrant flower in late summer and early fall. – **1 gal \$25**

Actaea rubra – Red Baneberry – Z2

A wonderful addition to the shade garden that features creamy-white flowers held above delicate compound foliage in early spring. Bright, glossy-red fruits put on a long lasting show from mid to late summer. - **4 pt \$12**

Adiantum pedatum – Northern Maidenhair Fern – Z3

A native fern with thin black stipes that contrast against distinctive, graceful, soft green fronds. Maidenhairs produce short, creeping rhizomes that develop into broad patches of airy, 1-3' fronds. Grows best in rich, well-drained soil in partial shade. - **4 pt \$10; 2 gal \$18 (summer)**

Amorphophallus konjac – Voodoo Lily – Z6

A bizarre plant with dramatic, dark green, mottled stems that can reach 5' tall each one topped by a huge divided leaf. In May, mature tubers produce an unusual foul smelling flower consisting of a deep purple spathe and a striking purple-maroon spadix. After flowering the plant will "rest" for a month or so before the foliage emerges. Our tubers should flower this year. - **4 pt \$20; 2 gal \$30 (summer)**

Anemonella thalictroides **'Cameo'**– Cameo Rue Anemone – Z4 - This cultivar of our native rue anemone features fully double, pale pink flowers. Although a spring ephemeral, it will continue to flower into the summer if given sufficient moisture. Prefers moist, well-drained soils in light shade. - **24 fl oz \$32**

Anemonopsis macrophylla – False Anemone – Z4

This stunning, hard to find woodland shade perennial has glossy *Cimicifuga*-like foliage. Unusual, summer blooming, lavender-pink flowers hang from the 2-3' wiry stems. Needs moist, well-drained soil rich in humus. – **1 qt \$15; 4 pt \$20**

Aquilegia canadensis – Wild Columbine – Z3

Wild columbine will grow in a range of conditions from shady, moist, stream banks to sunny, dry, rocky slopes. In early spring nodding, red-spurred, tubular flowers with yellow lips adorn the 1-2' stems. An early season favorite of hummingbirds and some moths. - **4 pt \$10**

'Little Lanterns'– Smaller than the species, this little beauty only grows to 10". The dark, blue-green foliage shows good resistance to leaf miner. - **4 pt \$10**

Arisaema sp. – Cobra Lily, Jack-in-the Pulpit
Some of the most wild and wonderful creatures belong to this plant group. Mostly sought after by plant geeks, *Arisaemas* are choice novelties for the curious. Exotic, palmately compound leaves with three or more leaflets arise from a single stem. Each flower consists of a spathe or pulpit, which is usually the most colorful part of the flower and a spadix, a strange male extremity that emerges from the spathe. Good drainage is required while light requirements vary with each species. Our tubers are flowering size.

consanguineum – Himalayan Cobra Lily – Z5 - A jack-in-the-pulpit with many foliar variations. Petioles may reach 5-6' tall and hold leaves which can consist of 3 to 9 leaflets.

Flowers are either green or purple with white stripes and appear just below the leaf. The flower's hood ends in a fascinating long, thread-like appendage. These are flowering size tubers. – **4 pt \$25**

fargesii – Chinese Cobra Lily – Z5 - Impressive, huge, glossy tripartite leaves adorn stems reaching 2'. The equally gorgeous large, purple spathe with white vertical stripes appears in June. Prefers the shade of a woodland setting where the soils are rich with humus. – **4 pt \$35**

ringens - Japanese Cobra Lily - Z5 - Thick, lustrous, dark green, three-parted leaves surround a striking cobra-like flower with a fearsome black-purple color. A durable and easy to grow plant which will yield many offspring if given part sun to light shade in moist, rich, well-drained soil. - **4 pt \$35**

Arum italicum – Italian Arum – Z6
The simple, arrow-like leaves of this arum are embossed with a bizarre, silvery-white pattern and although it goes dormant during the summer months, new foliage will emerge in the fall. All is not lost, for this aroid's flowers emerge with their jack-in-the-pulpit-like features in summer followed by bright red berries. Plant amongst other shade loving woodland plants that need a moist, well-drained soil. – **4 pt \$12**

Asarum sp. – Wild Ginger
These woodland treasures feature an assortment of beautiful foliage forms and colors. Intriguing, urn-shaped flowers, beautiful in their own right, are typically nestled underneath the leaves. Most species are native to north temperate zones and prefer acidic soils in shade to partial shade.

arifolium var. ruthii - Z4 - This unique ginger has arrow-shaped leaves with variable patterns of silver and gray. The bronze, jug-like flowers are tucked under the evergreen foliage. Native to the southeastern United States this slow spreader prefers moist, acidic soil with good drainage. - **4 pt \$12**

canadense - Z3 - This northeastern United States native is deciduous. Curious, dark red-brown flowers with pure white centers are hidden under heart-shaped, light green, velvety leaves. Wild ginger spreads quickly by underground rhizomes in moist, rich soils and part shade. - **4 pt \$10**

caudatum f. album – Z5 - Native to the west coast, this deciduous, spreading groundcover has shiny, deep green leaves. This form has creamy white flowers with long-tipped sepals rather than the typical burgundy color. – **24 fl oz \$10; 4 pt \$12 (summer)**

europaeum - Z4 - Glossy, deep green, kidney-shaped foliage develops on this dense evergreen groundcover. The 1" wide flowers are partially hidden by the leaves but are well worth looking for. Spreads easily in shady, moist, well-drained areas. – **1 qt \$6**

NEW ***shuttleworthii*** – Wild Ginger - Z5 - This southeastern United States native is a great 4-6" tall, evergreen groundcover. Heart-shaped, glossy, dark green leaves are frequently marbled or veined with silver. In spring, the observant gardener may notice unusual, brown-maroon "jug-like" flowers hidden under the foliage. Patience is required with this species as it tends to be slow to establish but is certainly worth the effort. Best located in part shade to shade in moist, rich soils. - **24 fl oz \$10**

NEW ***Astilbe chinensis 'Delft Lace'*** PP 19839 – Delft Lace False Spirea – Z4 - The exceptional burgundy-green, sharply-toothed foliage in itself is reason to grow this plant. In summer, dark-red inflorescences open to display raspberry-pink flowers that contrast beautifully with the foliage. Growing to 24" this astilbe requires a moist shady spot in the garden. Sunnier locations will be fine if adequate moisture is present. – **4 pt \$12**

NEW ***Astilbe simplicifolia 'Pink Lightning'*** PP 11963 – Pink Lightning Star False Spirea – Z4 - The compact, dark, glossy-green leaves of this 10-15" astilbe are very showy and are complemented by bright, light-pink flowers in early summer. Prefers shade and moisture for best growth. – **4 pt \$12**

Athyrium niponicum – Japanese Painted Fern – Z3
Native to China, Korea, and Japan, this compact, 1-2' tall clump is clothed in rich green fronds. Grows best in moist shade.

'Pictum' – A striking form with graceful, lance-shaped fronds each painted gray-green with mauve mid-ribs. The best color is achieved in light shade. This outstanding, 12-20" tall spreading plant was selected as the 2004 Perennial Plant of the Year. – **4 pt \$10; 2 gal \$18**

x 'Ghost' – This upright, clump-forming fern has delicate, silver-gray fronds which stand out brilliantly against dark green backgrounds. Mature clumps can reach 30" in height. – **4 pt \$10; 2 gal \$18 (summer)**

Beesia deltophylla – Beesia – Z6

An evergreen, shade loving groundcover forming low-growing rosettes of very glossy, leathery, green, heart-shaped leaves. Foliage has distinct veining and is gently toothed with a scalloped edge. Delicate white flowers emerge on slender spikes in late summer. 12" x 18" – **4 pt \$15; 2 gal \$22 (summer)**

Bletilla striata – Hyacinth Orchid – Z5

This clump forming terrestrial orchid features long pleated, iris-like leaves on 10-12" plants. Later in the season, racemes of lavender-purple flowers emerge lasting 3-4 weeks. Requires moist soils in part shade for best growth. – **4 pt \$12; 1 gal \$18**

Brunnera macrophylla – Heartleaf Brunnera – Z3

The azure-blue, forget-me-not-like flowers arise in early spring above the emerging, heart-shaped, fuzzy, green leaves (up to 6" across). *Brunnera* require moist, well-drained, shady areas for optimum growth.

'Jack Frost' PP 13859 – This fantastic Walters Gardens introduction has beautiful, frosted, silvery-white foliage with green veins. An unsurpassed selection for the shade garden, sure to light up any dark site! - **4 pt \$15**

'Looking Glass' PP 17829 – Another choice form from Walters Gardens that resulted from a sport of 'Jack Frost'. Each leaf has a curled edge and turns solid silver as it ages. A great contrast element in the shade garden. - **4 pt \$18**

'Variegata' – Possibly the same clone as 'Dawson's White', the leaves are brightly edged with a wide band of creamy-white. Remove older foliage to keep the plants crisp looking. - **4 pt \$15**

Caulophyllum thalictroides – Blue Cohosh – Z3

This intriguing native's new leaves emerge an unusual plum-gray color and eventually turn a pleasing blue-green. The foliage resembles that of a *Thalictrum* or *Aquilegia* and contrasts nicely with hostas and other large leaved plants.

Clusters of creamy-white, star-shaped flowers open in spring followed by marble-sized fruit that ripen from green to a rich, dark blue. While tolerant of acid soils, plants will be happiest in rich, moist soils with a pH closer to neutral. Shade to part-shade is required. 2-3' – **4 pt \$12; 2 gal \$20**

NEW ***Convallaria majalis 'Striata'*** –

Variegated Lily-of-the-Valley – Z3 - This variegated form of lily-of-the-valley features creamy-yellow striping. The nodding fragrant white flower racemes appear in early spring. Will quickly spread in moist, humus rich soils and needs some sunlight for best leaf color and flower development. - **4 pt \$15**

NEW ***Cyclamen coum*** – Hardy Cyclamen – Z4

What a treat it is when the heart-shaped, rounded leaves emerge from summer dormancy. The foliage can be green or have unusual silver marbling. Soon after the foliage emerges, bright pink flowers with reflexed petals appear providing much needed color late in the season. Corms should be planted just below the soil surface in part shade. Good drainage is key! - **24 fl oz \$15**

Cypripedium sp. – Lady Slipper Orchid

Gardeners have always lusted for lady slipper orchids. Their exquisite flowers are unrivaled in the woodland garden in spring. The unusual flowers typically consist of a colorful pouch or "slipper" backed by three delicate, often twisting sepals. Many species are notorious for being fussy growers. However, several species and hybrids can be easily grown in rich, evenly moist soils and partial shade. Recent hybridizing efforts have resulted in many exciting new introductions. We are thrilled to offer the following species.

x andrewsii – A hybrid between *C. candidum* and *C. parviflorum* which results in flowers with white-cream pouches, reddish-brown veining and brown sepals. – **4 pt \$48**

parviflorum – This diminutive plant will usually produce two flowers of intense yellow with brown veining backed by near black twisting sepals per stem. In partial shade and moist, well-drained soil, these charming orchids will form large colonies. – **4 pt \$48**

pubescens – This eastern native is probably one of the easiest lady slippers to grow. One of the first to bloom in April, with medium yellow slippers and green-brown, twisting sepals. Plants will eventually form sizeable colonies. – **4 pt \$48**

Disporum sp. – Fairy Bells

Plants in the lily family can be hard to pass up; the not so familiar fairy bells, native to parts of Asia and North America, are no exception. In spring the alternating leaves arise on expanding stems where small, lily-like flowers dangle.

From the diminutive white flowering *D. sessile* to the grand yellow flowering *D. flavum* these woodland gems will form impressive colonies and are an elegant addition to any shady garden.

cantoniense 'Aureovariegata' – Z6 - Rarely offered, this *Disporum* forms clumps of strong, upright, olive-green shoots with subtle, two-toned green foliage. In late spring the 3' stems form clusters of long, purple, bell-shaped flowers. Site in part shade in rich, moist soil. - **2 gal \$25**

cantoniense 'Night Heron' – Z5 - This stunning bamboo look-alike that sports rich burgundy new growth in spring. The plant originated from seed collected in the wilds of China by Dan Hinkley. In April, pale-yellow flowers dangle from the leaf axils. Best growth occurs in rich, moist soil in part shade. 5-6' - **4 pt \$15; 2 gal \$25**

flavum – Z4 - This showy woodland plant features large, bright yellow bell-shaped flowers that appear as the foliage emerges in early spring. The 18-24" plants are tolerant of morning sun and perform best with even moisture. - **4 pt \$15**

NEW langinosum - Z4 - This easy to grow native forms clumps of interesting, zigzagging, 18-24" stems. Pairs of delicate, nodding, greenish-yellow flowers open in mid-spring at the terminus of the stems followed by bright, orange-red berries in late summer or early fall. Although shady, moist sites are best, plants will perform admirably in drier locations once established. - **1 qt \$12; 4 pt \$15 (summer)**

NEW sessile 'Golden Geisha' – Z5 - An unusual form with bright golden-yellow spring foliage that eventually fades to chartreuse. Forms beautiful, 12" tall colonies in rich, moist, shady locations. – **24 fl oz \$12; 4 pt \$18 (summer)**

sessile 'Sunray' – Z5 - Emerging in spring this 8" woodland beauty sports green leaves that are streaked with yellow that later changes to white. White flowers also emerge in the spring. As with other fairy bells, 'Sunray' will form colonies by underground stolons. Light shade in moist, rich soils are required for best development. – **4 pt \$15**

NEW smilacinum 'Aureovariegata' – Z5 - A pretty little colonizing plant whose green leaves are edged in creamy-yellow with occasional streaks throughout. In late April to early May, small, creamy-white bells adorn the 8-10" stems followed by blue-black fruit. An ideal choice for the woodland garden as shady sites and soils high in organic matter are best. – **24 fl oz \$12; 4 pt \$18 (summer)**

NEW Dodecatheon pulchellum - Darkthroat Shooting Star – Z4 - From elongated, oval, basal leaves, dark purple, 12-16" scapes shoot upward topped with dark-pink, reflexed flowers in early spring. This western U.S. species needs some moisture but should have good drainage. Plants do not like the hot afternoon sun. - **24 fl oz \$15**

Epimedium sp. – Barrenwort – Z5
Belonging to the Barberry family, epimedium's native range includes parts of Asia and Europe. They occur naturally in lightly wooded settings with good drainage and humus-rich soils and will tolerate dry shade in the garden once established. In the spring, delicate, nodding flowers occur in a range of colors including white, pink, red, purple and yellow. The flowers contrast brilliantly with the glossy-green to bronze foliage. Epimediums can form clumps or spread to form impressive groundcovers. In both cases, they range in size from 6-24" tall.

dauidii – A 15-18" clump-forming species which may occasionally produce 3-5" rhizomes. Bright yellow flowers with tiny red sepals hover over glossy, evergreen foliage. If provided enough moisture, clumps will continue to produce flowers throughout the summer. – **4 pt \$25**

leptorrhizum – A low, slow spreading groundcover from China. Large, spidery, light pink flowers open in late April to early May among gray-green foliage that remains attractive into January. Performs best in partial shade. - **4 pt \$20**

Sp. #4 – Friends shared this plant with us years ago and we love it! This slow-spreading form grows 8-12" tall and has large, spurred, mauve-colored flowers. The dark green, lustrous foliage remains effective into January. – **40 fl oz \$20; 1 gal \$30**

x 'Enchantress' – An Elizabeth Strangman hybrid between *E. dolichostemon* and *E. leptorrhizum* that forms vigorous 12-15" plants. Delicate lavender-pink flowers are held above long, narrow bright green leaves that emerge in spring with maroon splashes and speckles. As cold weather sets in leaves darken to a rich, black-green with maroon overtones and remain attractive through December in CT. – **24 fl oz \$15; 4 pt \$25 (summer)**

x versicolor 'Sulphureum' - Lovely sprays of butter-yellow flowers adorn this hardy, 10-12" ground covering epimedium. Spring

foliage is attractively mottled with burgundy-red. Spreads 4-6" per year. – 1 qt \$10

***Filipendula palmata* ‘Variegata’** – Variegated Siberian Meadowsweet - Z3 - The attractive, maple-shaped foliage of this meadowsweet features bold, silver streaked margins. Foamy white flowers appear on the 2' stems in June. After flowering, cut plants back hard to encourage a new flush of fresh foliage. Plants grow best in part shade but will tolerate full sun if given ample moisture. - 4 pt \$15; 2 gal \$25

Galax urceolata – Wandflower – Z4
An evergreen groundcover that produces wiry, shallow rhizomes that spread slowly. The nearly round, glossy, dark green leaves turn deep burgundy in the fall and work well in floral arrangements. In late spring, thin 12-15" tall wands of delicate white flowers appear above the foliage. Native to the southern Appalachians, *Galax* prefers moist, well-drained, acidic soils in shade. - 4 pt \$10

Glaucidium palmatum – Japanese Wood Poppy– Z4
Rarely found in cultivation, this choice woodland perennial has large palmate leaves and 2-3", purple-pink, poppy-like flowers from April through May. Moist, well-drained soil, in light to medium shade is preferred. – 1 qt \$22; 1 gal \$35

Helleborus sp. – Hellebore
A genus of about 20 species; these tough perennials with coarsely serrated, compound or palmate, leathery leaves are one of the first plants to flower. From late February to early March flowers slowly open and will frequently last into May. Many of the species have nodding flowers of white, green, rose, and purple. Several new hybrids also have colors of yellow, pink, red, and blue in both single and double forms. Flowers can either develop on leafy stems (*H. argutifolius*) or on separate stalks directly from the crown (*H. orientalis*, *H. niger*). Native to Europe and Asia these woodland beauties prefer moist, well-drained soils in shade to part sun.

NEW *argutifolius* ‘Silver Lace’ – Z6 - The serrated, divided, evergreen leaves appear to have a translucent silvery coating. A striking web-like pattern of green veins provides brilliant contrast. Creamy-green flowers open in late winter.

– 4 pt \$20

NEW *purpurescens* – Z4 - The deeply divided palmate leaves give way to 8-12" flower scapes each containing 3-5 plum-purple blossoms. Normally found in the rich, loamy soils of the open woodlands. – 4 pt \$15

NEW *x hybridus* ‘Elegance White’ – Z4 - A new clonally propagated hellebore featuring pure white, double flowers speckled with red-purple. – 24 fl oz \$18

x hybridus ‘Gold Finch’ – Z4 - This incredible Dan Hinkley introduction was selected for its beautiful, golden flowers whose tepals are enhanced by vivid red markings. Very drought tolerant once established in part shade to shade. - 24 fl oz \$18; 4 pt \$25 (summer)

x hybridus ‘Mrs. Betty Ranicar’ – Z5 - Named after the Tasmanian plantswoman who discovered this accidental hybrid in her garden. This fantastic hellebore produces an abundance of double, snowy-white blooms. A highly sought after plant. - 4 pt \$25

x nigersmithii ‘Ivory Prince’ – Z4 - ‘Ivory Prince’ offers an abundance of 1-2", cream-ivory white flowers that open from reddish buds and are held upright above leathery foliage. Flowers appear over a 4-6 week period in late winter and early spring. - 4 pt \$20; 2 gal \$35

Hepatica acutiloba – Sharp Lobed Hepatica – Z3

Sharp lobed hepatica is a choice, native woodland perennial. Solitary flowers appear in early spring in a range of colors from white to pink to blue. Prominently pointed, glossy, semi-evergreen leaves provide the perfect backdrop for the charming floral display. At its best when grown in a rich, woodland setting in partial shade. – 24 fl oz \$12; 4 pt \$18

Heuchera sp. – Coral Bells – Z4
The coral bells are a wonderful group of garden plants best suited for well-drained, moist, humus rich soils in partial shade. That said, if given adequate moisture plants perform admirably in full sun and often showcase the best colors and form in this setting. Intense breeding efforts over the past decade have yielded an unbelievable range of floral and foliage forms. We are happy to be able to offer some of the best available.

NEW *sanguinea* ‘Sashay’ - Ruffled is an understatement when it comes to this heuchera! Undulating leaf margins let one see the green topsides and burgundy undersides

simultaneously. On chilly mornings leaf edges are delicately frosted. Despite being only 8-10" tall, it's still hard to walk past this beauty. Can be grown in full sun if kept moist. – **4 pt \$18**

x 'Green Spice' – This selection boasts exceptional foliage. Each green leaf has intricate, beet-red venation that contrasts wonderfully with a silvery-grey overlay. Colors are more pronounced during cooler months. In fall, orange and red tones adorn the 12" mounding plants. – **4 pt \$10; 2 gal \$18 (summer)**

Hosta sp. – Plantain Lily – Z4

Hostas have been called the ultimate shade perennial, displaying a diversity of leaf sizes and colors. These colorful, usually clump-forming plants, range in size from 6" to 6' and offer many choices for any size garden. Trumpet-shaped flowers are usually white or lavender and generally bloom from mid to late summer. Some species are noted for their pleasantly fragrant flowers (*H. plantaginea*). Hostas grow best in light shade in rich, well-drained soils receiving even moisture. Yellow and gold foliage cultivars tend to tolerate more sun.

NEW **'Abiqua Drinking Gourd'** - Distinct, deeply cupped, corrugated powder blue leaves. Near white flowers on 2' scapes are produced in early summer. 20" x 3" - **24 fl oz \$15**

NEW **'Blue Angel'** – A huge hosta with thick blue leaves and near white flowers on 48" scapes. A true specimen for the shade garden! 30" x 6' - **24 fl oz \$15**

'Blue Hawaii' – An attractive powder-blue hosta that presents its foliage in an upright, vase-shaped habit. The thick, corrugated, heart-shaped leaves create an impressive contrast with the white trumpet-shaped flowers. – **2 gal \$28**

'Blue Mouse Ears' - This mutation of *H. 'Blue Cadet'* is the American Hosta Grower's Association 2008 Hosta of the Year. The extremely thick, small, round, blue-green leaves reach a height of 6-7" with short spikes of lavender flowers. A great choice for the rock garden or border's edge! – **12 fl oz \$12; 4 pt \$18 (summer)**

NEW **'Celestial'** - Forms an impressive mound of thick, dark green, deeply corrugated leaves; each with a wide, green-yellow margin that brightens to creamy-white in summer. 22" x 4' - **24 fl oz \$15; 4 pt \$20**

NEW **'Cherish'** – Small, rounded, dark green leaves are streaked with yellow that fades to white by midsummer. Each 4" tall clump is topped by tiny, purple, bell-shaped flowers. A

great choice for rock gardens or the front of the hosta border. – **24 fl oz \$15; 4 pt \$20**

NEW **'Corkscrew'** - A unique small hosta with dark green, glossy leaves that are fantastically twisted and contorted. Pale lavender flowers top clumps in the fall. Ideal for the front of the border. 9" x 22" - **24 fl oz \$15**

'Cracker Crumbs' – A fine miniature hosta found as a sport of 'Shiny Penny'. Plants showcase undulating chartreuse-yellow leaves each rimmed with a narrow green border. Typical lavender flowers appear in midsummer atop the 8-12" clumps. – **24 fl oz \$12; 4 pt \$18**

NEW **'Dawn's Early Light'** - Glowing lemon-yellow, corrugated, ruffled leaves shine in the spring shade garden eventually fading to chartreuse in summer. These impressive clumps are topped by 30" scapes of lavender flowers in early summer. 20" x 3" - **24 fl oz \$15; 4 pt \$20**

NEW **'Devon Green'** – Glossy, heart-shaped, heavily-veined dark green leaves overlap to form dense clumps. In shade, leaves may almost appear black but this plant also grows well in sun. The thick leaves are pest-resistant. 18" tall x 24" wide. - **24 fl oz \$15; 4 pt \$20**

'Earth Angel' – The 2009 Hosta of the Year! Big, blue-green leaves have a 1" wide creamy-white border (starts off yellow). Clumps can reach 5' wide at maturity! – **4 pt \$18; 2 gal \$28 (summer)**

'Fragrant Blue' – Smooth, powdery-blue, heart-shaped leaves are featured on this dense, mounding, medium sized hosta. The fragrant white flowers tower 20" above the foliage. - **2 gal \$28**

'Frosted Mouse Ears' – A fantastic sport of 'Royal Mouse Ears' discovered at Shady Oaks Nursery featuring blue-cast foliage edged with a bold creamy-white margin. A distinct addition to the "Mouse Ears" series. 7" x 18" – **4 pt \$20**

'Guardian Angel' – A large hosta forming sizeable clumps reaching 30" tall and 55" wide. Each leaf showcases a bold frosty-white leaf center that creates a striking contrast with the blue-cast margin. Towering 3-4' flower scapes flaunt clusters of white flowers in summer. – **4 pt \$20; 2 gal \$32**

'Harpoon' – A seedling from a cross of *H. 'Swoosh'* and *H. yingeri*. Features glossy, dark green leaves with wavy gold edges and forms a dense 2' mound. – **2 gal \$28**

'Hyuga Urajiro' - This Japanese import features narrow, blue-gray leaves that are streaked yellow and have striking metallic silver

undersides. A stunning and different selection for the small garden. – **24 fl oz \$12; 4 pt \$18**

'Ice Age Trail' - A slow growing sport of *H.* 'Big Daddy' with thick, oval leaves that are heavily streaked with blue-green and gold. The foliage darkens to green and cream by mid-summer. Be certain to remove any reversions that appear. 16" x 30" – **4 pt \$25**

NEW **'Itsy Bitsy Spider'** - As the name implies, this little cutie only reaches 2 ½" tall! Petite mounds of narrow, dark green leaves are topped by dainty scapes of lavender flowers. One of the finest dwarf hostas available. 2 ½" x 6" – **24 fl oz \$15; 4 pt \$20 (summer)**

'June' – An exciting sport of *H.* 'Halcyon' with leaves edged in blue-grey and a bright creamy center bordered in lime-green. This 16"x 36" hosta is a real stunner in the garden. One of the best! – **2 gal \$28**

NEW **'Leola Fraim'** - Robust mounds of heart-shaped, dark green leaves bordered by a startling wide, cream-white edge. In late summer, 30" scapes of lavender flowers rise above the foliage. 2' x 4' – **4 pt \$20**

'Liberty' – This sport of *H.* 'Sagae' has a dramatically wider yellow border that fades to cream-white in early summer. The very thick leaves are sure to keep the slug population away! 24" x 60" – **2 gal \$25 (summer)**

NEW **'Miss Susie'** – A superb yellow hosta with red petioles. The elongated and slightly wavy, bright yellow-gold leaves may later turn yellow-green. Elevate or mound the plant to enhance the beauty of the extremely showy petioles. 10" x 24" – **24 fl oz \$15; 4 pt \$20**

NEW **'Pandora's Box'** - A beautiful miniature hosta with tiny, round leaves that have white centers surrounded by a narrow light green band followed by a wider dark blue-green outer margin. Short scapes of lavender flowers appear in early summer. 4" x 10" – **24 fl oz \$15; 4 pt \$20 (summer)**

'Rainforest Sunrise' - A spectacular hosta with bright-gold leaf centers that contrast sharply with the bold, dark green margins. Foliage is heavily puckered, cupped and slug resistant. 10" x 16" – **4 pt \$18**

'Sagae' – Slower to establish, this large, vase-shaped hosta has been around for 10 years and is one of the best. The wavy, creamy yellow-edged, blue-green leaves make a bold statement in the shade border. 30" x 5' – **4 pt \$18; 2 gal \$28**

NEW **'Scallion Pancakes'** – A fine introduction from our friend and noted hosta

breeder Alttara Scheer. The small clump formers showcase medium-green, oval leaves that extend straight up from the red blushed petioles. Excellent for architectural presence in the hosta garden. 18" x 24" – **4 pt \$25**

'Spring Fling' – Large green leaves have a heavily rippled, creamy-yellow edge. A superb hybrid of *H.* 'Christmas Tree'. 18" x 36" – **4 pt \$18; 2 gal \$28 (summer)**

NEW **'Stiletto'** - Long, narrow undulating green leaves have a crisp, thin creamy-white margin. An added bonus are the purple-striped flowers that top the foliage in late summer. A great edging plant due to its stoloniferous growth habit. 12" x 30" – **4 pt \$20**

'Stitch in Time' – This most unusual and very stunning sport of *H.* 'Summer Breeze' has thick, bright yellow leaves with a dark green spear-like pattern in the center that appears to be stitched in place. 17"x 28" – **4 pt \$45**

'Striptease' – A mutation of *H.* 'Gold Standard' with medium-sized leaves that have wide green margins and a gold center. A stunning narrow band of white surrounds the gold center. This hosta grows 20"x 24" with violet flower scapes that rise 2' above the plant. – **4 pt \$18; 2 gal \$28 (summer)**

'Teaspoon' – This selection proves that bigger isn't necessarily better. Forming a dense mound, 11" x 24", this curiously small hosta has green leaves that are cupped and corrugated. A hybrid of *H.* 'Birchwood Parky's Gold' and *H.* 'Golden Tiara', 'Teaspoon' makes an excellent choice for the front a shade border. – **4 pt \$18; 2 gal \$25 (summer)**

NEW **'Teeny Weeny Bikini'** – There is nothing skimpy about this darling hosta! Wedge-shaped leaves have pale yellow centers, that eventually turn cream, with contrasting vibrant emerald edges. The tiny, 8" tall clumps have surprising vigor. – **24 fl oz \$15; 4 pt \$20 (summer)**

NEW **'The Shining'** – Large, vibrant, glossy, golden-yellow leaves adorn this fast-growing hosta. Some shade is required to achieve the best glow. Flowers are fragrant. 18" x 3' – **4 pt \$20**

'Thunderbolt' – This sport of *H.* *sieboldiana* 'Elegans' features thick, rubber-like blue leaves which have a striking gold flash through the center turning a cream-white later in the season. 24" x 36" – **24 fl oz \$12; 4 pt \$18; 2 gal \$28**

venusta – A very compact hosta forming clumps of tiny light green leaves. Great

for the shady rock garden or border edge. 4" x 20" – **4 pt \$18**

Hylomecon japonicum – Japanese Wood Lily – Z5

A rarely offered perennial native to the higher elevations of Japan, China, and Korea. The 8-10" plants form colonies of soft-green, pinnate foliage with rich, yellow-orange flowers appearing from April-May. Will be content in rich woodland gardens. – **4 pt \$12; 2 gal \$18 (summer)**

Iris cristata ‘Snowbird’ – Snowbird Crested Iris – Z5

This diminutive southeastern U.S. native iris was discovered by our friend Clarence Towe. In spring, plants feature 2" clear white flowers with a slight yellow blush at the base of each petal. The vigorous growers will quickly spread in a moist, well-drained site in part shade. – **4 pt \$12**

Kirengeshoma palmata – Yellow Waxbells – Z5
Graceful, 3' stems sport large, 6-7" palmately-lobed foliage. The 2", yellow, waxy, bell-shaped flowers nod over the topmost leaves in late summer and fall. Site in part-shade with even moisture and plenty of organic matter. – **2 gal \$18**

Ligularia japonica – Japanese Ligularia – Z4
The large, bold, deeply divided leaves of this Asian perennial merit placement in any moist shade garden. Plants are worth growing for the foliage alone, however it also produces large, daisy-like, yellow flowers in May. Great for moist areas in full to part shade. – **4 pt \$18; 2 gal \$25 (summer)**

NEW ***Mukdenia rossii*** ‘Starstream’ – Z4
A hard to find selection of this Korean native with maple-like leaves that are irregularly splashed and streaked with yellow. Will slowly spread in cool, moist woodland conditions. 10-15" – **16 fl oz \$22**

Ophiopogon japonicum (dwarf variegated) – Dwarf Variegated Japanese Mondo Grass – Z6 –
This decidedly rare selection forms tight, 4", mounds of narrow, dark green leaves each variably marked with white streaks. A great plant for massing in the shade garden. – **4 pt \$15; 2 gal \$25 (summer)**

Paeonia sp. – Peony

Herbaceous peony species are some of the most outstanding garden plants as well as the hardest to come by. Ornamental not only for their attractive foliage, the anemone-like flowers put

on an outstanding show during spring. These are followed by bright red seed receptacles which split open when ripe, revealing striking dark blue seeds.

japonica – Japanese Peony – Z5 - A herbaceous woodland perennial with attractive, gray-green foliage throughout the growing season. In May, fragrant, 3", single, white, cup-shaped flowers with brilliant, yellow stamens appear. The showy blossoms are eventually replaced by unique pods containing metallic-blue seeds perched on red stems. Needs rich, fertile soil in part-shade for best growth. – **1 gal \$35**

NEW ***lutea*** var. ***ludlowii*** – Z6 - A vigorous Chinese species peony best known for its showy 5" yellow flowers and bold, rich green, compound foliage. Plants form sizeable clumps in time adding much drama to the woodland garden. Best growth occurs in bright shady spots with even moisture throughout the season. Plants are also adaptable to full sun conditions if maintained free from drought. – **7 gal \$49**

mlokosewitschii – Golden Peony – Z4 - Also known as the “Molly the Witch Peony” because no one could pronounce the species name. Discovered by Polish botanist Ludwik Młokosiewicz in 1897, this shrub-like herbaceous peony produces single yellow flowers on 4' stems in June. Prefers rich soils in part shade. – **4 pt \$25 (summer)**

tenuifolia – Fernleaf Peony – Z5 - A highly sought after peony whose dissected foliage adds textural interest to the perennial border. The 15-18" plants are topped with fire-engine red flowers highlighted by sparkling yellow stamens. Prefers well-drained soils and sunny sites. Plants will go dormant in the summer. – **4 pt \$25 (summer)**

Podophyllum peltatum – Mayapple – Z3
Like an umbrella, the dark green, palmate leaves of the native mayapple unfurl in early spring. A single, white, nodding flower emerges between the leaves to eventually produce a yellow fruit late in the summer. Give these woodland plants plenty of room as they will form dense colonies. Once established they can tolerate dry sites in both shade and part sun - **4 pt \$12 (summer)**

Polemonium reptans ‘Stairway to Heaven’ **PP15187** - Spreading Jacob’s Ladder – Z3 - Recently introduced by Bill Cullina of Coastal Maine Botanic Garden. This hardy Jacob’s ladder has large variegated leaves that are bordered creamy-white. The 12" stems bear powder blue flowers in May and June. Grows

best in full sun to light shade in moist but well-drained soils. This selection has outperformed other variegated *Polemoniums* in our trial gardens. - **4 pt \$12**

Polemonium reptans ‘Touch of Class’ PPAF – Touch of Class Jacob’s Ladder – Z4 - An exciting new variant of ‘Stairway to Heaven’ offering a refined, bright white variegation that holds its color more reliably in shade. Pale blue flowers provide added appeal in May and June. Plants have much appeal and easily outperformed all polemoniums of European heritage in our garden. - **4 pt \$12**

***Polygonatum* sp.** – Solomon’s Seal
There are many thoughts as to where these graceful, arching plants acquired the name Solomon’s seal. Some believe the leaf scar that remains after the leaves drop resembles a six-sided “seal” common on historic papers. Homeopathically speaking, a poultice, made from the rhizomes, was once used to seal wounds. These rhizomes spread moderately to form elegant colonies in humus rich, moist soils in their native woodlands. From May to June, depending on the species, pendulous flowers hang from the leaf axils followed by blue-black fruit in late summer and fall.

biflorum – Z3 - The classic solomon’s seal found throughout rich woodlands of Eastern North America. Plants spread slowly by rhizomes developing into colonies of 3’ tall arching stems. Elegant, paired, greenish-cream flowers dangle from the leaf axils in spring. By autumn the flowers mature into marble-sized, blue-black berries that remain present on plants for weeks. Makes an excellent plant for naturalizing and for bringing the wilds back to your property. - **4 pt \$10; 2 gal \$18 (summer)**

commutatum – Giant Solomon’s Seal – Z3 - A monster of a plant with stems reaching 3-5’. In late spring, this natural tetraploid showcases white, bell-shaped flowers hanging from the leaf axils followed by attractive blue-black berries in the summer. By fall the leaves turn bright gold for a fantastic late season display. - **4 pt \$12; 2 gal \$20 (summer)**

cryptanthum – Hidden Flower
Solomon’s Seal – Z4 - A choice solomon’s seal aptly named for the hidden white flowers that are concealed beneath a set of showy, yellow-green bracts. These unique plants develop large clumps of 12-15” arching stems and are at their best in light shade in average garden soils. - **4 pt \$15; 2 gal \$22 (summer)**

NEW ***hookeri*** – Z6 - This little gem only grows to 2” tall and is topped with large pink-lavender flowers that develop into red fruit. Naturally occurring in high alpine meadows of parts of Asia, *P. hookeri* will quickly form low spreading mats in part shade and well-drained soils. - **24 fl. oz \$10; 4 pt \$15 (summer)**

humile – Dwarf Solomon’s Seal – Z5 - This 6-10” shade-loving perennial features dainty, lily-of-the-valley like flowers that dangle from its leaf axils. A first-rate groundcover that performs best in full to part shade. - **4 pt \$12**

kingianum* ssp. *kingianum – Z5 - This most unusual *Polygonatum* features narrow stems cloaked with whorls of willow-like leaves. Each leaf has a distinct curled end which allows it to cling to nearby plants maintaining an erect growth form. Clusters of tubular yellow-tipped red flowers appear in spring followed by crops of green berries. The 3-5’ plants spread by rhizomes and will quickly colonize in humus rich soils in shade to part-shade. - **4 pt \$15**

odoratum ‘**Variegatum**’ – Z3 - A slow spreading perennial that lightens up the shade garden with its creamy-white edged leaves. In May, 1” white flowers dangle from graceful, 18-24”, arching stems. On a calm spring evening, a lily-like fragrance can be detected. - **4 pt \$12; 2 gal \$20 (summer)**

NEW ***prattii*** – Z6 - A diminutive species growing only 4-6” tall, gradually forming an attractive ground cover. Bell-shaped, lavender to purple flowers hang from the leaf axils eventually replaced by red fruit. - **24 fl oz \$12**

verticillatum – Whorled Solomon’s Seal – Z5 - Native to mountainous regions in Europe and Asia, this attractive plant is comprised of 2-3’ slightly arching stems with whorled leaves. Green-rimmed, cream-colored flowers are suspended from its leaf axils in groups of 2-3. Flowers mature to coral-red berries by late summer. Plants thrive in sun to part-shade in moist to moderately dry soils. - **4 pt \$12**

NEW **x *hybridum*** ‘**Grace Barker**’ – Z4 - An unusual hybrid between *Polygonatum multiflorum* and *P. odoratum* whose 12” stems are clothed in unique crinkled, dark green leaves edged and streaked with white. An easy to grow shade lover eventually forming sizable colonies. While consistently moist soils, rich in organic matter are ideal, our patch has performed quite well in dry shade under oaks. - **40 fl oz \$15; 2 gal \$25**

NEW *Rodgersia pinnata* 'Fireworks' – Fireworks Rodgers Flower – Z5 - The coarse veining of the large divided leaves, with colors of red/bronze, makes this an outstanding textural plant. Spectacular deep red flowers are produced on branched spikes and appear in June. Plant in part shade with consistent moisture. 3' x 3' – **4 pt \$18**

Sanguinaria canadensis 'Multiplex' – Double Bloodroot – Z3 A choice form of our native bloodroot that is enough to make anyone stop and stare. White, fully double flowers appear above handsome, blue-green leaves in early spring providing one of the finest floral displays imaginable. Plants perform best in the woodland garden and will form healthy patches in humus rich, well-drained soils. Slow to propagate and rarely available! - **24 fl oz \$35; 4 pt \$55**

Saruma henryi - Upright Wild Ginger - Z5 Related to Asarum (for some reason someone thought to jumble the letters to come up with Saruma) this ginger stands 12" high compared to its ground hugging cousins. The hairy, gray-green, heart-shaped leaves emerge in early spring followed by yellow, three-petaled flowers. A great plant for the shady, woodland garden. – **4 pt \$12**

Sauromatum venosum – Voodoo Lily – Z6 Bizarre, purple-green flowers with inner dark-purple markings, (smell at your own risk!) are followed by enormous finger-like foliage carried on stems with dark-green spots. This unusual plant will amaze your garden friends and should be sited in a partly shaded garden where easily visible. – **4 pt \$12; 2 gal \$18 (summer)**

Smilacina racemosa – False Solomon's Seal – Z3

This native is commonly found in damp woodlands. Terminal clusters of ivory-white flowers are produced on graceful, arching stems in spring. As fall approaches, green fruits gradually change to a magnificent crimson red. Great for massing in the woodland garden or open beds providing there is sufficient moisture. – **4 pt \$10; 2 gal \$18 (summer)**

NEW *Streptopus amplexifolius* - Twisted Stalk – Z2

These woodland perennials closely resemble some species of *Disporum*. The 2-3' stems develop an interesting zig-zag pattern. In spring, white flowers with green veining hang from the leaf axils on kinked pedicles giving the genus its common name. The ensuing red fruits are food

for birds and other animals. Needs a cool moist environment. - **24 fl oz \$15**

Syneilesis aconitifolia – Umbrella Plant – Z5 Unique, finely dissected, 18" umbrella-like leaves emerge in spring covered with silvery hair. This fascinating plant will slowly spread in light shade where there is ample soil moisture and drainage. Small, fluffy-white flowers are held above the foliage in late summer. – **4 pt \$15**

Tricyrtis sp. – Toad Lily – Z5

These interesting Asian anomalies have been uncommon in gardens in the past. Today toad lilies are valued shade garden plants for their late season, orchid-like, spotted flowers and wide array of foliage colors. The flowers generally appear in the leaf axils, in an assortment of colors including white, yellow and raspberry-red. Both clumping and ground covering forms exist with heights ranging from 6" to 3'.

formosa 'Samurai' – This 16" tall toad lily bears beautiful purple spotted flowers along its stem in August. Striking, yellow-edged foliage adds interest in the spring and summer. Forms magnificent clumps in part to full shade in well-drained soils. - **4 pt \$12**

ohsumiensis – A short, 10" tall, toad lily with broad, thick, waxy, green leaves and showy, large, bright yellow flowers that sit upright in the leaf axils. This species spreads by stolons and will form an impressive colony in a shady bed with rich soil and good drainage. Rare in US gardens. - **4 pt \$12**

NEW x 'Kohaku' – In Japan, *T x kohaku* is grown for its floral beauty as cut flowers. Plants are vigorous growers displaying creamy-white blossoms with dark maroon speckles in autumn. Plants mature 18-24" in height preferring evenly moist soils in shaded conditions. – **4 pt \$15**

NEW *Trillium albidum* – White Toadshade or Sweet Trillium – Z6 - A 16" tall trillium sporting mildly fragrant white to creamy-white flowers borne directly above the foliage. Emerging leaves are usually mottled as they unfurl. Beautiful clumps can be grown in moist, rich soils high in organic matter and shade. – **1 qt \$12**

NEW *Trillium recurvatum* – Prairie Trillium or Bloody Butcher – Z5 - Another sessile species growing 12-18" tall with long lasting, upright facing, reddish-maroon flowers in mid spring. The three leaves that surround the flower are frequently nicely mottled adding to the plant's

beauty. Prefers moist, well-drained soil in part to full shade. – **16 fl oz \$10**

Uvularia grandiflora – Large-flowered Bellwort
– Z3

Native to the eastern United States this bellwort features large, graceful, drooping yellow flowers from May-June. The 1-2' stems appear as if they pierce through the light green foliage. Performs best in a rich woodland setting with an alkaline soil. Endangered in Connecticut. – **1 qt \$10**

Uvularia sessiliflora 'Variegata' – Variegated Wild Oats – Z3

The species of bellwort is widespread; native from Nova Scotia and south to Florida. The foliage of this uncommon cultivar is delicately edged with cream-yellow leaf margins. Cream-white bell-shaped flowers appear as the stems unfurl in the spring. Plants will form a loose-spreading colony in time and are fairly drought resistant once established. Prefers rich, moist soils and benefit from added lime. – **1 qt \$12; 2 gal \$20**

Waldsteinia ternata – Barren Strawberry – Z4

Unlike true strawberry, this 3-6" tall evergreen groundcover travels underground forming a dense mat. The light green foliage emerges early in spring and matures to glossy dark green. Five-petaled, bright yellow flowers appear on short stems for a few weeks in spring followed by small woody capsules. This tough species is adaptable to many landscape situations.

- **4 pt \$10 (summer); 2 gal \$18**