

Theodore Klein Plant Awards

Promoting New and Superior Plants for Kentucky Landscapes

Cercis canadensis
'Silver Cloud'

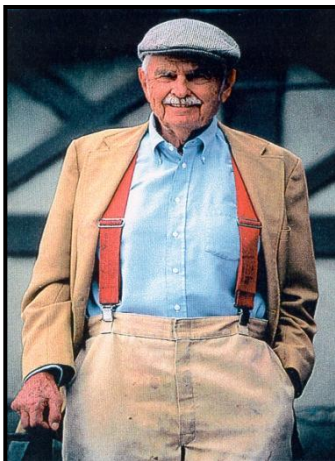


Cercis canadensis 'Silver Cloud' is an outstanding Theodore Klein selection. The white on green foliage is striking and holds up reasonably well through the summer. It's tolerance of soils and heat is matched by its hardiness, having survived the -24 F of several Kentucky winters. Because of the continuing interest in this plant that was once impossible to find, it is now readily available.

Geranium x cantabrigiense
'Karmina'



Geranium x cantabrigiense 'Karmina' is a 6-12" high ground cover geranium considered "rhizomatous". The flowers are red to lavender and it is propagated by division of the rhizome or by seed.



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Parrotia persica
Persian Parrotia



Parrotia persica (Persian Parrotia) is a member of the witchhazel family (Hamamelidaceae). The small to medium tree is 20-40 feet tall with a 15-30 foot spread with exfoliating gray and off-white bark. The flowers without petals are "inconspicuous" but for the red stamens. The foliage is medium textured. Fall color is mixed; red, orange, yellow, and variations of each. It is propagated by seed or cuttings taken in June-July treated with KIBA and rooted under mist.

Asimina triloba
Paw Paw



Asimina triloba – Paw Paw is a Kentucky native small tree known for its custardy fruit. It is at home in moist environments and is excellent food for the larvae of butterflies. The purple-brown flowers are attractive. Fall color is variable from a green-yellow to a bright yellow.

Fagus sylvatica
'Laciniata' or 'Asplenifolia'



Fagus sylvatica 'Laciniata' or 'Asplenifolia' (Cut Leaf European Beech) are beautiful trees with finely dissected foliage, smooth gray bark and a nice habit. These cultivars match the species at 50 - 60 feet tall with a width of 35 - 45 feet. Propagation is by grafting to *Fagus sylvatica* seedlings. Difficult to find, but worth the effort.



The Theodore Klein Plant Awards were created to promote superior plants for the Kentucky landscape. The program is sponsored jointly by the University of Kentucky, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, the Kentucky Nursery and Landscape Association and Yew Dell Gardens.

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