

Theodore Klein Plant Awards – 2015

Promoting New and Superior Plants for Kentucky Landscapes

Weeping Norway Spruce

Picea abies 'Pendula'



A weeping form of one of the most durable and adaptable conifers for the landscape, this selection is a standout for use as a specimen or focal point in the garden. It thrives in most soils including heavy clay and is quite drought tolerant.

Spice Bush

Lindera benzoin



This large woodland shrub is native to Kentucky and throughout much of the eastern US, where it is the preferred host to the spicebush swallowtail butterfly. Subtle spring flowers of yellow-green have a light fragrance and yield scarlet fall fruit. An excellent choice for sun or dappled shade.

Green Cutleaf

Japanese Maple

Acer palmatum var *dissectum*

'Viridis'



Of the hundreds of Japanese maples out there, this is one of the most attractive and dependable. With a mounded habit up to 8' tall and wide and finely dissected green leaves, the plant offers a unique form and texture for the landscape. Excellent fall foliage color of red, orange and yellow. Best in a moist rich soil and either full sun or part shade.

Trumpet Honeysuckle

Lonicera sempervirens

'Blanche Sandman'



This native vine is excellent for trellises and for scrambling over stone walls where it produces late spring/early summer trumpets of red, orange and yellow and sporadically through the summer. Best for full sun sites in any average soil.

White Oak

Quercus alba



This long-lived and durable shade tree is among the most attractive of the oaks. Broad-spreading limbs and leathery dark-green leaves offer excellent shade and beautiful texture. Adaptable to a wide range of soils.

Wild Ginger

Asarum canadense



The fuzzy grey-green, heart shaped leaves of wild ginger form a stunning mat of foliage up to about 8" tall. It is an excellent groundcover choice for any shady garden where it aggressively crowds out weeds. Small brown flowers form under the leaves in spring.