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Friday, May 8, 10am-7pm

Public Sale

Saturday, May 9, 10am-3pm

Welcome to the 2015 Plant Sale

Offering unusual annuals, new perennial cultivars, beautiful woody plants and heirloom roses, the Morris Arboretum Plant Sale has something for every garden. In addition, Arboretum horticulturists will be on hand throughout the sale to answer your questions and make expert recommendations. *Look for the folks in the red aprons!*

The Morris Arboretum Plant Sale is held at Bloomfield Farm, directly across from the garden's main entrance on Northwestern Avenue.



Plant Sale Map

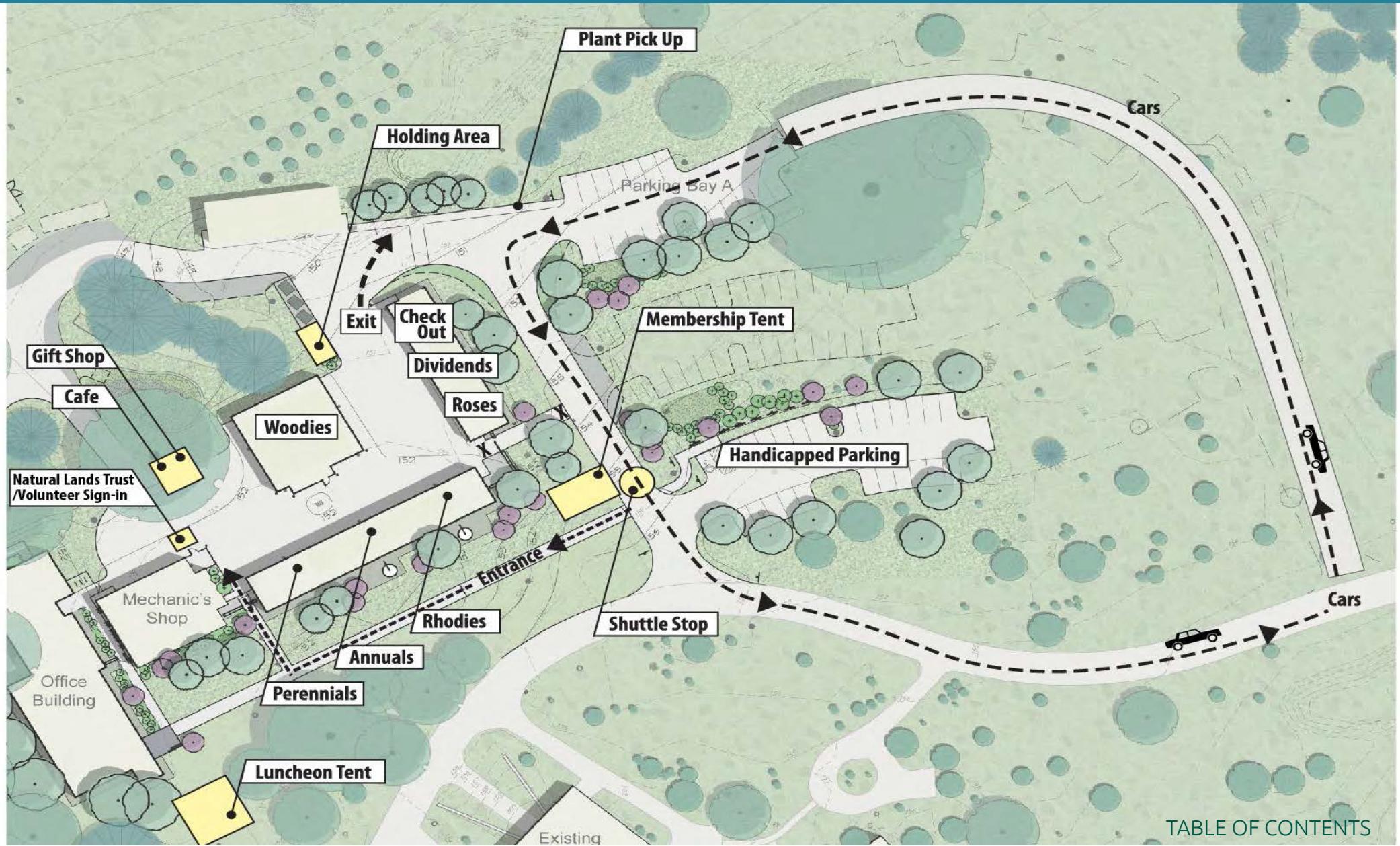


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Volunteer at the Plant Sale

Volunteers are needed at the Plant Sale Thursday, May 7 through Saturday, May 9. Volunteers who work at least one shift will receive a one-time, 20% discount on their entire purchase on Friday or Saturday.

If you would like to volunteer, visit:
<https://bit.ly/MAPlantSale15>.

For questions or more information, please contact:
Michelle Conners at mconners@upenn.edu or
(215) 247-5777 ext. 109.



Membership Events

Thursday, May 7 Plant Sale Luncheon 12:30-2:30pm

Oak level members (\$500) and above are invited to lunch with Paul Meyer, *The F. Otto Haas Executive Director*. Following lunch, these members will have the first opportunity to purchase plants at this year's sale. All members save 10% on their entire Plant Sale purchase and may choose a free dividend plant. Invitations will be mailed and advance registration is required.

Thursday, May 7 Plant Sale Preview 5:30-7:30pm

Chestnut level members (\$175) and above are invited to a casual evening of shopping and refreshments. Morris Arboretum experts will be on hand to help you choose the perfect plants for your garden. All members save 10% on their entire Plant Sale purchase and may choose a free dividend plant. Wagons from home are welcome and encouraged. Invitations will be mailed and advance registration is required.

Friday, May 8 Plant Sale Members Only Day - 10am-7pm

Bring your membership card, wallet, and wagons. Shop early for the best selection. All members save 10% on their entire Plant Sale purchase and may choose a free dividend plant. Holly members (\$250) and above receive two dividend plants and members of the Collectors Circle (\$2,500 and above) are offered a plant of special significance chosen by the curator of the living collections.

Membership Events



Don't Miss Out! Select a membership that gives you first access to our Plant Sale inventory.

All members are encouraged to take advantage of saving 10% off their entire purchase and to bring home a free dividend plant by visiting the Plant Sale May 8 and 9. If you would like to shop first on Thursday, May 7, consider upgrading to a premier level membership.

Memberships may be purchased:
online at www.morrisarboretum.org,
on-site at the Plant Sale, at The Shop in the Visitor Center, or by calling (215) 247-5777 x151 or 155.
Please call us for membership upgrades. Membership office hours are weekdays, 9am-5pm.

2015 Dividend Plants

This year we are offering a great plant for your garden, plus many surprises from our surplus of native and exotic plants from wild-collected seed. Our featured dividend plant this year is:

Ruby Spice summersweet clethra - *Clethra alnifolia* 'Ruby Spice'

Ruby Spice clethra is the darkest red of all the clethra varieties. The sweetly fragrant, bottle-brush flowers appear in late summer, attracting butterflies, bees and other insects, and in autumn the handsome, glossy green foliage turns butter yellow and rich brown. The seed capsules form an interesting display for the winter. 1998 Gold Medal Plant Award by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. *Clethra alnifolia* is native to eastern North America and is an excellent choice for use in a mixed border.

This deciduous plant prefers full sun to part shade, is very easy to grow, and tolerates a wide range of conditions. It will mature to 4 feet wide x 4-6 feet tall.



2015 Dividend Plants



Surprise Dividends

As always, plant connoisseurs eagerly anticipate the plant sale every year to pick among the rare and unusual plants that we offer that are surplus from the greenhouse inventory. To whet your appetite, among other items, we will have common spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*), and an Asian jack-in-the-pulpit (*Arisaema consanguineum*). Please keep in mind that supplies of these are very limited so that when they're gone, they're gone. Come early to the members' preview for the best selection.

Annuals

From hanging baskets, to tropicals and succulents, we have something to fill your containers or add a splash of color to your garden. Adding annuals to your garden provides a diversity of flowering plants that bloom throughout the season, helping attract the greatest variety of bees and butterflies. The most effective plantings are flowers that are clustered in groupings of at least four feet in diameter, but even scattered individual clumps will feed some pollinators.

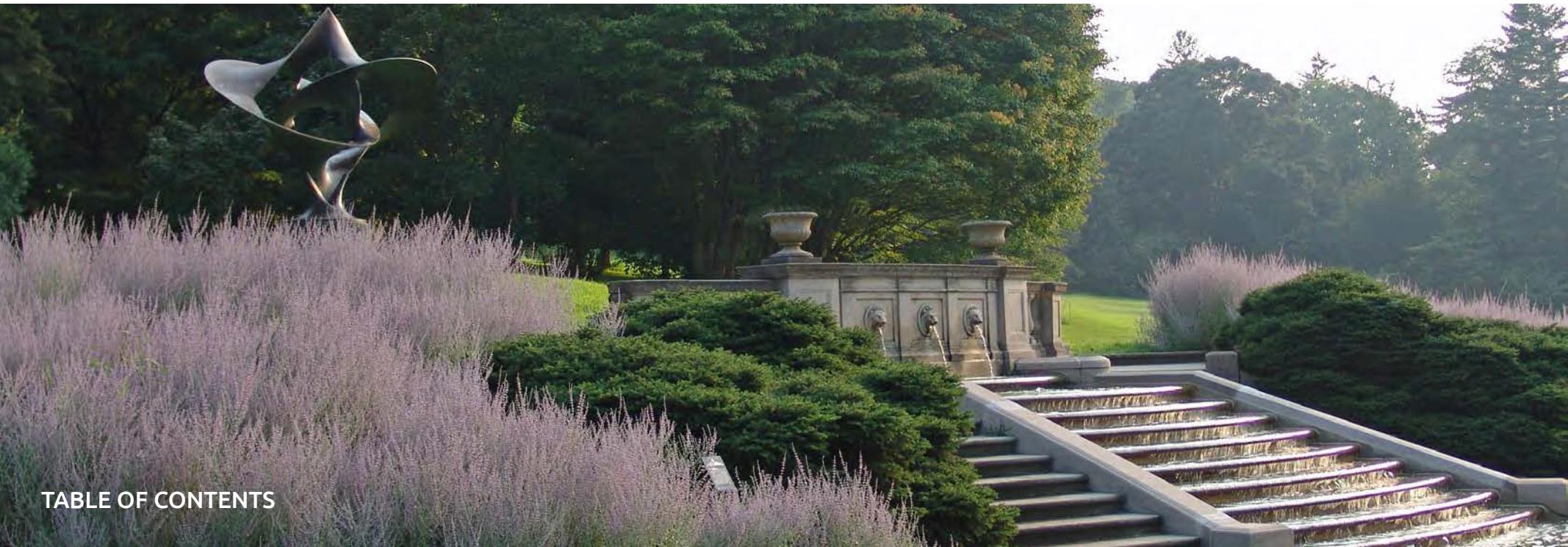
Don't forget the culinary herbs; basil, chives, mints, oregano, and thyme are all excellent pollinator plants. The leaves of herbs from the carrot family, such as parsley and dill, feed the caterpillars of the native black swallowtail butterfly.

This year again, we will offer a good selection of heirloom and other tasty varieties of tomatoes, eggplants and peppers. For the heaviest crops of vegetables, remember to make room for some other flowering pollinator plants in your garden, because the bees will need other flowers to visit once they have pollinated your tomatoes!



Perennials

The perennials booth will be offering some great new plants for 2015. A couple of our new favorites are *Digiplexis* 'Illumination Flame' and the more well-behaved *Nepeta* 'Junior Walker'. We'll also have timeless classics including a variety of baptisia, coreopsis, salvia and lavender. We have improved and expanded our selection to better suit your needs, so be sure to come by and see what we have to offer.



Perennials



False indigo - *Baptisia alba* var. *alba* 'Wayne's World'

This selection from Plant Delights Nursery boasts dramatic 18" spikes of white flowers in spring on deep purple stems and blue-green foliage. A vigorous grower, Wayne's World False Indigo forms an upright clump to 4' tall and looks fresh even in drought conditions.

Threadleaf coreopsis - *Coreopsis verticillata* 'Zagreb'

This threadleaf coreopsis forms tight clumps of attractive green foliage that's denser and shorter than 'Moonbeam.' Blooming begins midsummer with bright yellow flowers and continues all summer long. Great in rock gardens and gardens with poor soil.

Illumination foxglove - *Digiplexis* 'Illumination Flame'

A new plant is born! From a cross between Digitalis (foxglove) and Isoplexis (a foxglove cousin) comes Digiplexis. Like a foxglove, it has densely packed tubular flowers, and in this case are flame-colored with yellow throats.

Perennials

Cranesbill - *Geranium maculatum* 'Espresso'

This cultivar has distinctly dark, chocolate-colored foliage that will stand out in full sun or part-shade. Lavender flowers appear in spring for a long bloom period, and then give way to interesting seed capsules.

Chinese roof iris - *Iris tectorum* 'Wolong'

This easy-to-grow roof iris from Sichuan, China forms tight clumps of lush green foliage that lasts all summer. It can be used as a slow-spreading groundcover or up on a green roof. From April to June, plants are topped with rich lavender flowers flecked with dark purple spots. Hummingbirds love it, too!

Junior Walker catmint - *Nepeta × faassenii* 'Junior Walker'

This compact, low-growing form of catmint will add a great splash of purple from late spring through summer in your dry sun garden. Unlike its relatives, this catmint is sterile and will not spread by seed.



Perennials



Odd Lot peony - *Paeonia* 'Odd Lot'

This herbaceous, mid-season bloomer produces elegant flowers with numerous bright white petals. Additional peonies available at the sale will be Festiva Maxima and Bowl of Beauty, among others.

Royal fern - *Osmunda regalis*

Royal fern is a reliable native selection for wet to moist shade gardens. Its rusty brown, tassel-like fertile clusters form at the tips of the fronds. Royal fern will naturalize and is particularly stunning grown near streams or ponds. The sale will be offering numerous other ferns for a variety of growing conditions.

Perennials



Creeping phlox - *Phlox stolonifera*

Creeping phlox is a vigorous groundcover which can be grown in masses or in small areas and containers. It blooms from mid-summer through the fall, on short flowering stems. An assortment of cultivars with a variety of flower colors will be available.

Variegated Solomon's seal - *Polygonatum odoratum*

'Variegatum'

Variegated Solomon's seal is a rhizomatous perennial with narrow green leaves streaked with white along gracefully arching stems. This versatile perennial is well-suited for a woodland garden, shady bed, and will even grow well in full sun. A dwarf species, *P. humile* (dwarf Solomon's seal), will also be available at the sale.



Roses

Whether you are a beginner looking to buy your first rose, or an experienced exhibitor seeking award-winning blooms, we can help you find what you're looking for. A variety of beautifully performing plants has been chosen that range from classic, antique roses to the most disease-resistant, recently-introduced hybrids. Let us help you navigate the selection – we are excited to help you find the perfect rose for your garden!



'Blanc Double DeCoubert' (Rugosa rose, France, 1893)

This prolific shrub rose is perfect for beginners. Not only is it continuously covered with large white clusters of blooms throughout the season, but it can also last for years with little maintenance. It is coveted by rose lovers for its ease of care, intoxicatingly fragrant white blooms, beautiful fall hips, and dark, glossy foliage.

Roses

'Bolero' (Climber, Denmark, 2000)

This vigorous, large-flowered climber can be used for garden or pillar. Its blooming habit is continuous, and its blush-colored flowers will grace your garden with a spicy, old-rose fragrance. Bolero is known for its large, glossy, dark green foliage, delicate ethereal flowers, and toughness as a landscape rose. It is sure to flourish in your garden!



JULIA CHILD ('WEKvossutono'), (Floribunda, United States, 2004)

Winner of several recent trials, JULIA CHILD boasts clusters of golden yellow double-blooms and a strong anise to licorice fragrance. She is versatile enough for a cut-flower garden, container, bed, or border. JULIA CHILD will bloom abundantly throughout the season – enjoy her for her old-rose form, free-flowering habit, and lovely buttery flowers.

Roses

Oso Easy® Paprika (Shrub, United States, 2009)

The Paprika rose displays practically glowing blooms: a deep orange blend featuring striking, coral-colored eyes. Growing to a height of 1-2', Paprika's compact, mounding form works well in small spaces such as narrow beds or patios. It is hardy, disease-resistant, and gorgeous in full-bloom; a striking garden addition for beginner and experienced rose gardeners alike.

'White Dawn' (Climber, United States, 1949)

'White Dawn' boasts a spectacular full bloom, a strong and beautiful rose fragrance, dark, glossy foliage, and red hips in the fall. Its classic white flowers are charming, while its flexible canes can be trained to climb anywhere!



Other varieties of roses that will be available this year include: ANNA'S PROMISE, BRITE EYES, CAREFREE WONDER, CINCO DE MAYO, FRANCIS MEILLAND, GOLD MEDAL, MOONSTONE, MORNING MAGIC, 'Peace', Oso Easy® Fragrant Spreader, and EASTER BASKET.

Clematis

Clematis are wonderful vines perfect for growing in containers, through trees, on a rose, or up a trellis. In addition to a few select clematis in larger containers, we'll have many varieties of clematis in smaller 3.5-inch pots that are easy to carry, so you'll want to stock up on a few!



'Nelly Moser'

Bred by Moser of Versailles in 1897, Lydia Morris grew this clematis in the original Morris Arboretum rose garden at the turn of the 19th century. A gorgeous, large-flowered clematis carrying blush petals with deep pink stripes down the centers, it is a charming addition to the garden. Expect a vigorous bloom from late spring to early autumn.

Clematis

'Polish Spirit'

Enjoy this clematis for the star-shaped, purple blooms covering the vine from June to September. It is a strong climber and vigorous grower, working well growing through large shrubs or as a ground cover. If you're looking for a tough vine with velvety, amethyst blooms, this clematis is for you!

'Belle of Woking'

This fully double-flowering clematis carries many layers of pointed, mauve to silver petals fading to a silvery-grey color, with soft creamy anthers in the center. 'Belle of Woking' is sure to add an ethereal, fairy-like quality to the garden; its captivating silvery double-blooms are both delicate and unique.



Woody Plants

Pink Icicle camellia - *Camellia japonica* 'Pink Icicle'

A beautiful, evergreen shrub for part shade to full shade, Pink Icicle blooms in April to May with large pink, semi-double peony form flowers. Hardy to zone 6, this camellia will ultimately grow to six feet with a four-foot spread. Like all camellias, it requires protection from drying winter winds, but tolerates winter sun better than other camellias. Plant in well drained, rich soil, mulch well, and provide adequate moisture to ensure good establishment.

Bombshell hydrangea - *Hydrangea paniculata* 'Bombshell'

One of the most winter hardy of hydrangeas, this dwarf cultivar grows only 2 – 3' tall, blooming earlier than most other panicle hydrangeas. Flowering freely July through September, star-shaped blooms open white and mature to rosy pink. Flower panicles are held upright on stiff stems. Bombshell likes part shade to full sun, in organically rich soil that is well drained, with medium moisture. It blooms on current season's growth, so pruning, if needed, should be done in late winter to early spring. Good for the mixed shrub border, accent planting, or hedging.



Woody Plants

Ruby Slippers hydrangea - *Hydrangea quercifolia* ‘Ruby Slippers’

A compact form of native oak leaf hydrangea, Ruby Slippers grows 3-4' tall by 3-5' wide. Flowering begins in late spring with upright panicles of blossoms that emerge white, quickly turn pink, and mature to ruby red. The deeply lobed, oak-like leaves are deep green in summer turning mahogany-red in autumn. Plant in full sun to part shade in organically rich soil, and provide even soil moisture. It blooms on old wood, so prune right after flowering if necessary.

Paris bigleaf hydrangea - *Hydrangea macrophylla* Cityline™ Paris

A mildew-resistant, compact, bigleaf hydrangea that typically grows up to 3' tall by 3' wide. Planted in rich soil in full sun to part shade, and watered regularly, Paris sports long-lasting summer blooms in July and August of intense pinkish-red that mature to green. Prune immediately after flowering if necessary. Ideal for containers and woodland or seaside gardens.

SUMMER WINE ninebark - *Physocarpus opulifolius* ‘Seward’

Noted for its wine-red foliage and dense, mounded growth habit, this plant tops out at about 4-6', with an equal spread. Late spring flowers are small, pinkish-white, held in 1-2" flat-topped clusters. Grow in full sun to part shade. When established, SUMMER WINE is drought-tolerant. Tolerates poor or rocky soils, and is well-suited for erosion control. Winter interest is provided by its interesting exfoliating bark.

Woody Plants

Chestnut Hill cherry laurel - *Prunus laurocerasus* ‘Chestnut Hill’

A most attractive, compact form of cherry laurel with Arboretum roots, Chestnut Hill is an evergreen shrub growing 3-4' tall and wide that grows in full sun to shade. Selected from a group of seedlings here at the Arboretum, Chestnut Hill grows slowly in moist, organically rich soil, and displays its lustrous, leathery green leaves year round. This selection is more blight resistant than others, and is useful in hedges, screening, and massing.

MELLOW YELLOW Thunberg spirea - *Spirea thunbergii* ‘Ogon’

This golden-leaved spirea will form a dense, twiggy, upright arching shrub 3-5' tall and as wide. Slender, willow-like leaves to 2" long emerge golden yellow in spring, mature to bright green in summer, and put on an autumnal show with shades of orange. Tiny white flowers enticing to butterflies, emerge in early spring before leaves appear, about the same time as forsythia blooms. Easy to grow in average, well-drained soils with adequate moisture, MELLOW YELLOW shows its golden color best in full sun; part shade results in chartreuse foliage. Prune immediately after flowering if necessary, to maintain shape. Good for mixed borders or as a specimen; shows well against an evergreen background.



Woody Plants

Sweet box - *Sarcococca hookeriana* var. *humilis*

This shade-loving, low-growing shrub native to China, is a choice plant for your shady garden areas. Making a superb, slow-growing evergreen ground cover that deer don't like, sweet box enjoys rich, acidic, evenly moist soils. Spreading by stolons, the shrub can eventually cover an area to 6' with lustrous, leathery, lanceolate leaves. Tiny, tubular white flowers bloom in March to April, perfuming the air. An early nectar source for bees, sweet box is cold hardy and has no serious insect or disease problems. Good for shady slopes, woodland gardens, or shaded areas close to paths where its early spring fragrance can be appreciated.

Kousa dogwood - *Cornus kousa*

This Asian dogwood is a beautiful, low-branching deciduous tree ideal for smaller landscapes. Growing 15' to 30' tall, with a vase-shaped form when young, the mature form becomes rounded. Kousa dogwood prefers rich, well-drained soils in full sun to part shade. In late spring, showy bracts surround the small, yellowish-green flowers. Flowers are followed by berry-like red fruits to 1", better left for birds. Dark green leaves of summer turn attractive shades of russet red to amber in autumn. Unusual bark adds winter interest. Use as a specimen tree near a patio, in the lawn, shrub border, woodland garden or naturalized area.

Woody Plants

Royal Star magnolia- *Magnolia stellata* ‘Royal Star’

This fast-growing, very hardy magnolia from Japan will be a star in your early spring garden. It is often grown as a compact, wide-spreading shrub, but can also be grown as a small deciduous tree to 20' tall. Royal Star is best grown in full sun in deep, rich soil, with even moisture. Blooming two weeks later than the straight species, Royal Star flowers at a young age with fragrant white flowers, 3-4" across, bearing 12-40 tepals. March to April flowers are followed by close-set, dark green leaves that turn yellow to bronze in autumn. By midsummer, next year's flower buds are formed and have a densely fuzzy, pussy-willow like appearance. Royal Star makes a beautiful specimen tree for shrub borders, in a lawn, foundation planting, or woodland edge.



Rhododendron Show & Sale

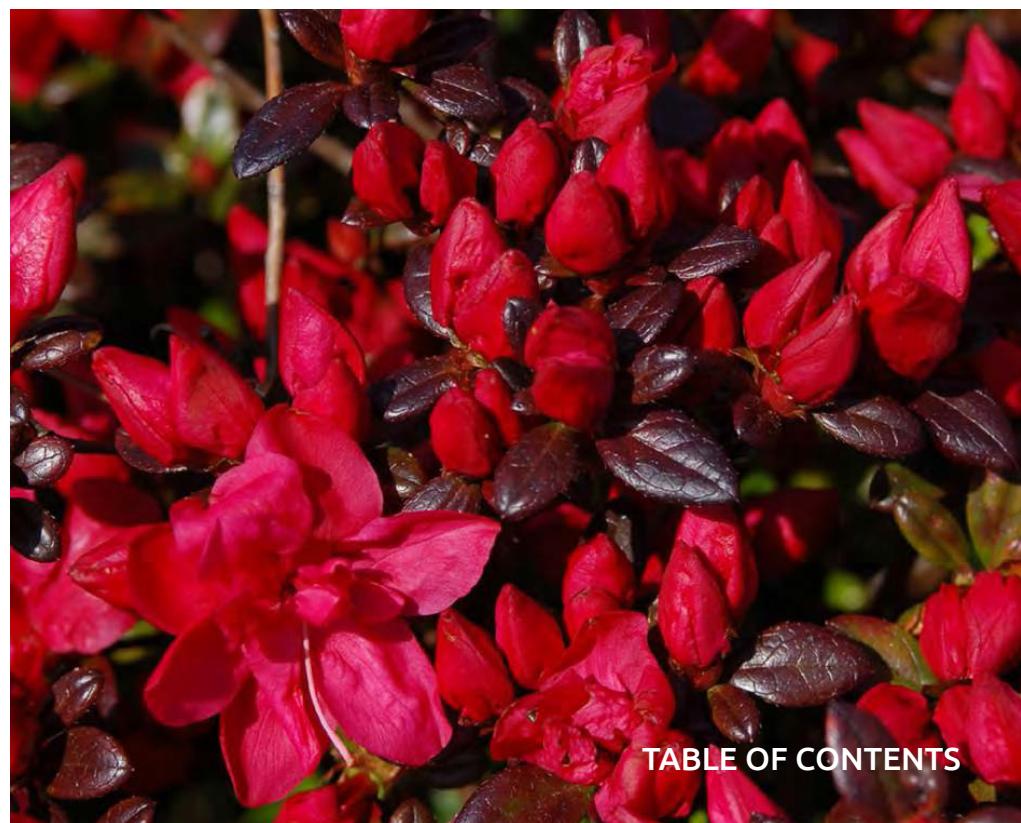
The Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will again hold its annual Plant Sale at the Morris Arboretum this year. Outstanding varieties of large-leaf (*elepidotes*) and small-leaf (*lepidotes*) rhododendrons will be offered, as will azaleas, both evergreen and deciduous, and *Kalmia* (mountain laurels). The plants were selected for their colorful floral display and interesting plant forms and foliage. Native rhododendrons will be available for sale. All are hardy in the Delaware Valley.

Join the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society during the Plant Sale and you will receive a choice rhododendron. Membership in the society features an outstanding quarterly journal, access to annual and regional conferences, and an exciting seed exchange.

The chapter meets at Morris Arboretum with informative speakers, exhibits plants in formal displays at the Philadelphia Flower Show, and maintains a plants for members program to make rarely offered rhododendrons available to members. Visit the chapter's website at gpchapterars.org.

Rhododendron Show & Sale

Our featured plant this year is 'Maraschino', an evergreen azalea to catch your fancy. The Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society is introducing 'Maraschino' to the Plant Sale. New from Germany, the plant has lasting appeal. It flowers in May with warm, carmine-red, single and semi-double blossoms. Emerging foliage is dark glossy green which turns to a fine burgundy red during the summer and remains throughout winter. This shrub, with its compact dense habit is quite fetching all over. It is a member of the Kimono Series™ of azaleas, one to be cherished.



Natural Lands Trust



“Plant Experts” from Natural Lands Trust, the region’s foremost conservation organization, will be on hand to offer advice and resources—including simple planting plans—on the benefits of choosing native plant species for your home landscape. As one of the region’s largest owners of preserved lands, Natural Lands Trust has both a breadth and depth of experience in caring for a variety of landscapes and is continually exploring new and better approaches to problems like invasive plant control, reforestation, wildlife management, and habitat restoration.