



# Perennials

## AGASTACHE

**"Tutti Frutti"** A grand and vigorous perennial with tubular lavender-pink flowers that will bloom much of summer - if pruned. Easy to grow to 4 to 5 feet. Butterflies and hummers love it. **Full sun.** Good drainage. Only gets better with age. A show every year.

## ALPINE ASTER

Excellent rock garden plant. White, daisy-like flowers with yellow centers that will form clumps only 10 inches tall and 2 feet across. A May-June bloomer that keeps on giving if pruned. **Full sun to part shade.** Don't let it get too wet.

**ANGELICA GIGAS** Sculptural presence. Bold plum-colored flowers that can be eight-inches across. Interesting leaves. From the mountain meadows of China and Japan. What more could you want in a plant that can grow 5 feet tall? It is a biennial, so cut off seed pods to keep it coming back, or let it reseed. **Full sun.** Back of border.

## ASTER

### **"Lady in Black"**

**Aster laterifolius** A unique plant with purple black foliage on multi-branched stems. You get your money's worth even before the calico flowers of fall. Cut back in early summer to keep tidy. **Sun and well-drained soil.** Will grow to three feet.

## ASTER

### **"Prince"**

**lateriflorus** All this fall beauty offers is white flowers with purple-pink centers on stems that are also close to purple. A sweetheart in the fall garden border. Takes tough love and **full sun.** Will grow 2 to 3 feet. Great companion for shorter ornamental grasses. Prune back to about 12 to 15 inches early in summer to keep more bushy.



## ASTER

### "Purple Dome"

**novae-angliae** The name says it all: A dwarf-form New England aster that forms a purple mound about 18 inches tall. Great in **full sun** – but don't allow it to dry out. Prune back until early June to keep it tight. Looks great on a mound, front of border. More fall color.

## ASTER SEDIFOLIUS

"**Nanus**" Extend your flower garden into fall with this favorite. Light-blue flowers with yellow centers on 18-inch stems. Blooms late summer to fall. A genuine butterfly magnet. **Sun.**

## ASTILBE

### "Bridal Veil"

**astilbe** Fairly rare white astilbe that grows to 24 inches. Likes **part sun** and steady moisture. Astilbe can take morning sun, but NOT afternoon sun. Striking foliage even after blooms fade. Great cut flower and companion plant.

## ASTILBE

### "Ostrich Bloom"

**Astilbe arendsii** Great in **partial shade (morning sun)** for growing spiky pink flowers on pretty green foliage. Will get 24 to 30 inches tall; a shady statement. Blooms May to July. Comes back like an old friend.

## ASTILBE

### "Visions"

## Astilbe chinensis

A feathery, raspberry-flowered perennial with blue-green foliage that is more **sun tolerant** than most astilbes, but still enjoys part shade. Will grow to 18 inches. Great cut flower. Likes moist, well-drained soil. Somewhat deer resistant. Hummers like it. So do we.

## AUTUMN FERN

**dryopteris erythrosora** A great **shade plant** offering copper-red foliage on lush green fronds. Will grow to 18 inches. Slow spreader. An answer to that tough spot under trees. Mix and match ferns for better show.

## BEE BALM

### "Petite Delight"

**Monarda** First-ever dwarf bee balm with rosy-pink flowers that grows to about 12 to 15 inches. **Part to full sun.** Spreads nicely. Late-summer accent in hotter garden days.

## BEE BALM

### "Jacob Cline"

**Monarda** This Jacob offers fiery-red buckets of flowers on five foot stems. Great in back of the border, and to keep the hummingbirds happy. Erect stems. Likes **full-to-part sun.**

## BELLFLOWER

### "Blaue Clips"

**Campanula carpatica** OK, that means "Blue Chips." It offers beautiful light-blue



flowers on a plant that works well at edges of garden. Clump-forming and faithful, this "Bellflower" likes the **sun or part shade** and ALWAYS brightens the summer. Grows to 12 to 18 inches. A winner.

### BELLFLOWER

#### "Sarasto"

**campanula** Once you see it bloom you'll understand the name. Beautiful blue bell-like flowers on clumpy green plants. Takes heat well in **sun to light shade**. Will grow to 18 inches. An absolute joy to look at – and ring!

### BLANKET FLOWER

#### "Goblin"

**Gaillardia grandiflora** As the name implies, a shorter – to 12 inches – blanket flower with deep red and yellow flowers. Likes it hot and dry in **full sun** and less than great dirt. Cut back for fall flowers. You could take him/her home to mother.

### BLEEDING HEART

#### "Candy Heart"

**dicentra** Finally, a more compact bleeding heart to about 14 inches with fragrant pink flowers dangling above that lacy gray-green foliage. Charming in **full to part shade**. Foliage lasts a long time.

### BLEEDING HEART

#### "Ivory Hearts"

**dicentra** Yes, a compact, white bleeding heart to go with its pink brothers and sisters. Also wants **full to part shade**. Lacy foliage. Mix and match with other white and pink shade plants.

### BRIGHT PINK TURTLE-HEADS

#### "Hot Lips"

**Chelone lyonii** Fetching baby-pink flowers on plants that do well in rich, **part-shaded (afternoon shade)** areas. Nicknamed "Turtle Head" due to shape of flowers, but much more elegant. It offers red stems, green foliage and sweet pink flowers. A "Must Have" plant. NOT named for "Hot Lips Houlihan"

### BUGBANE

#### "Hillside Black Beauty"

**Cimifuga ramose** How about a plant 2 to 3 tall for a **shaded area** that offers copper-purple foliage and spiky-white, fragrant bottlebrush flowers that seem to float above the plant? You looking at it. And, Oh yeah: The flowers are fragrant. It all works best if soil kept moist. Good show – and gets better every year.

### BUTTERFLY WEED

**asclepias tuberosa** Another great plant that demands what you might have too much of – poor, dry soils. It will reward you with brilliant orange-yellow flowers in summer and herds of butterflies. Good for cut flowers and you can use the dry seed pods for flower arranging. Perfect native garden plant. Deep taproot makes it hard to transplant. **Full sun**.

### CAMPANULA

#### "Cherry Bells"

**campanula punctata** Pendulous, bell-shaped, two-inch flowers of cherry red to rose accent this tough beauty. Will grow to two feet. Prefers **a little shade** and watering



to stay happy in mid-summer, but sooooo worth it. Spreads well. Divide every few years. Great with vanilla ice cream.

### CANDY LILY

#### "Dazzler Series."

**Pardancanda norrissii** Mix of bright red, yellow and pink star-shaped flowers on iris-like stems. A plant that always draws comment. **Full sun**. Grows to 18 inches. With a name like that, who could be disappointed?

### CANNAS

The perfect plant to add leaf and flower color to summer garden. Will grow 3 to 6 feet tall in **full sun**. Great accent plant. Mixed colors and sizes. Dig after first frost and store in peat moss in basement or heated garage. Minimum trouble for maximum pleasure.

### CARYOPTERIS

#### "First Choice"

**Blue Mist Shrub** Showy fragrant blue flowers on a tough, compact shrubby plant to about three-feet tall. Takes hot, dry area (**full sun**). Blooms a few weeks earlier than the other cultivars. Very drought tolerant. Good drainage required. Butterfly magnet. Prune in back in spring and off it goes.

### CARYOPTERIS

**"Snow Fairy"** A NEW cultivar from Japan with variegated green-white leaves and blue flowers. Later summer. **Full sun** and good drainage. Shrubby and two to three feet tall. Can cast a magic spell. Butterflies and fairies like it. Try something new.

### CHOCOLATE SNAKEROOT

#### "Chocolate"

**Eupatorium rogosum** Tall purple foliage to 4 feet with broccoli-sized white flowers in late summer. A real show in dim, **shady corners**. Holds purple foliage all summer. Likes moist area. Back of border. Great fun.

### COLUMBINE

#### "Dorothy Rose"

**Aquilegia** This Dorothy made her show-stopping debut in 1999 Chelsea Flower Show. An incredible columbine with pink "Granny's Bonnet" blossoms to about 24 inches tall and wide. **Full sun or part shade** in woodland garden. A natural wonder that returns every year.

### COLUMBINE

#### "McKana Hybrid"

**aquilegia** An early-season bloomer with astounding yellow, pink, red and purple colors on compact two-foot plant. **Full sun or part-shade**. Nice in woodlands. Tough and beautiful. No spring should be without columbines.

### COREOPSIS

#### "American Dream"

**verticillata rosea** Fine pink flowers with yellow centers on a plant that loves **sun** but must not be allowed to dry out. The stems are 15 inches tall. Will bloom all summer if pruned. It looks like a happy carnival in the garden.



### COREOPSIS

#### "Tequila Sunrise"

**Tickseed** A compact plant with yellow, daisy-like flowers that thrives in **hot dry areas** and rock gardens. Regular deadheading produces flowers all summer. Easy and faithful - divide every few years.

### CROSCOSMIA

#### "Ballymacart"

**Montbretia** A flower literally transplanted from Bob Hill's home place near Waterford, Ireland. Arching, spiky-orange flowers on a 24 inch tall stem. Takes moist area, heat and humidity. Easily divided. **Full sun to part shade.**

### DIANTHUS

**"Spring Beauty"** Spicy, sweet-scented, clove-like plant in shades of pink, rose and white. Spreads to 15 inches. Great for edging, rock gardens, spring color. **Full sun to light shade.** Elegant blue-green stems. Couldn't have a better name.

### DWARF BLACKBERRY LILY

#### "Hello Yellow"

**Belamcanda chinensis** This one will shout out in mid-summer with bright yellow flowers on iris-like leaves. That's followed by blackberry seed pods with those interesting black seeds. Grows to 20 inches. **Full to part sun.** Hard-working and wonderful.

### DWARF COREOPSIS

#### "Nana."

**coreopsis auriculata** A great little groundcover to 9 inches tall with showy green leaves bright orange-yellow flowers. Loves **full sun.** Shear it back in summer for additional fall show. Fills in those hard-to-fill spots.

### DWARF FALSE INDIGO

**Baptisia minor** Lavender-blue flowers in April and May on a compact plant with funky green leaves. If that's not enough, you'll get interesting, black "Rattle Bean" pods on plant in fall. **Full sun.** Very dependable. Fun to show off to neighbors.

### DWARF GERMAN IRIS

#### "Boo"

**Iris Pumila** An enchanting, low-growing, very hardy plant with white flowers splashed in purple. Great in rock gardens and front of borders. An early bloomer to get garden going. Drought resistant. **Full to part sun.** Can beat it. Easily divided for more plants

### DWARF GERMAN IRIS

#### "Yankee Skipper"

**Iris Pumila** Beautiful dark blue to almost purple flowers with an almost mysterious quality. Perfect in rock gardens and along paths. Blooms in early spring to launch your garden. Drought resistant. **Full to part sun.** Divide in late summer for more plants.

### FALSE DRAGONHEAD

#### "Miss Manners"

**physotegia** So OK, maybe False Dragonhead isn't exactly poetic but Miss Manners always works. This perennial forms clump of white, well-behaved, spiky flowers over



dark green leaves. Good for cut flowers. Adds color to mid-summer garden. Grows to 24 inches. **Sun.** Always says "Thank you." Take home to Mom.

### FLAG IRIS

"nana"

**setosa Canadensis** A vibrant little beauty featuring dark purple flowers with interesting veins. The plants only get 15 to 18 inches tall, do their lovely thing early in year when blooms are so welcome. Absurdly easy to grow and divide. Great little "niche" plant. So easy to use.

### FRINGED BLEEDING HEART

**dicentra** Aurora – Pendulous white flowers to go with pink companions. Late spring to summer bloomer that grows only 12 to 14 inches. **Afternoon shade.** Vigorous and butterflies love it.

### HARDY KIWI

"Arctic Beauty"

**actinidia kolomikta** Very vigorous vine that will develop variegated tips to leaves, but still interesting without it. You need a male and female to produce fruit — and these babies have not been checked for sex — but the easy-to-grow vine still a great cover and a conversation piece. **Sun.** Hardy to minus 25 degrees. National fruit of New Zealand.

### HELLEBORES –

"Royal Heritage Strain"

Hellebores

"Christmas Rose" THE HOTTEST plant in the nursery business, this 2005 Plant of the Year is terrific in shaded, moist spots with a mix of cupped, pink, white and maroon flowers that may bloom from DECEMBER to MAY. Plants grow in clumps 2 feet tall with wide leaves that provide green foliage all summer. Good drainage required. **Shade.**

### HELLEBORE

"Blue Lady"

**heleborus orientalis hybridus** A late winter bloomer in January and February with dark, cup-shaped upright flowers with smokey plum colors. All of that riding above lustrous green foliage. The BEST perennial to welcome spring. **Shade.**

### HELEN'S FLOWER

**Helenium hoopesii** Bright orange-yellow, interesting flowers grow on two-foot stalks on this American native. It likes **full sun** and blooms for a long time later in summer, adding color when most needed. Great for cut flowers. Take drier soils.

### JAPANESE ANEMONE

**anemone pamina** A terrific late-summer to fall bloomer with strong pink flowers and yellow centers. Provides color when you most need it. Arching stems and artful green leaves that grow to about 3 feet. **Sun or partial shade.** Nice under story plant.

### JAPANESE ANEMONE

"Party Dress"

**anemone hybrida** A sensational addition to all already great plant family, this fall bloomer has double pink flowers almost TWICE as large as other anemones. Will



grow to 3 feet. GREAT late summer to fall color on elegant stems. **Full to part sun.** Good drainage a must. A real dancer.

### JAPANESE ANEMONE

**"Whirlwind"** Pure white almost double-flowers on arching stems that grow to about three feet. Blooms in late summer to fall. The PERFECT companion to the pink "Pamina" Japanese anemone. **Sun or part shade.** Great fall color plant to extend your garden season.

### JAPANESE ANEMONE

**Anemone hupehensis** A gorgeous perennial that blooms late in summer to help extend the season. Grows 2 feet tall with cupped, light pink flowers with yellow center on arching green stems. **Full sun to part shade.** ALWAYS comes back to please. Dainty but tough.

### JAPANESE FLEECE FLOWER

**Fallopia variegata** An aggressive, multi-faceted, suckering shrub to 6 feet. New growth in spring is coral red, then heart-shaped leaves turn spotted green and white in summer before fleecy white flowers appear. Can take over a corner. Likes **part shade.** A real conversation starter. Cut back in fall.

### JOE PYE WEED

**"Little Joe."**

**eupatorium dubium** A kinder, gentler Joe Pye Weed. Only grows to 3 to 4 feet. But with same flat, interesting purple flowers. Good in **full sun to part shade.** Butterflies love it. A happy clumper. Just cut back in spring.

### JUPITER'S BEARD

**"Valerian Red"**

**centranthus ruber** An excellent plant for those **hot, dry alkaline areas.** Bees and butterflies love it. Red-pink fragrant flowers on 18-inch stems. It will spread out and drape and works well in big containers. Cut it back and it re-blooms in fall.

### LAMIUM

**"Anne Greenway"** Brilliant gold-edged foliage with marbled, silver-to-mint veins and rose-lavenders flowers. Add the fact that it does best in **part to deep shade** and you have a shady winner. Will grow to 6 to 8 inches and bloom in the spring, summer and fall if cut back.

### LANTANA

**"Confetti"** A shorter, kinder and gentler Lantana with colors from purple to red to yellow. Grows to 3 to 4 feet. LOVES **hot dry areas.** The answer to color in tough places. New Mexico in Kentuckiana.

### LAVENDER

**"Baby Blue"**

**lavendula** Perfect plant for that **hot dry place,** in containers, or in borders. Bushy and long-blooming with blue flowers and an attitude. Cut back to keep coming. Loyal, dependable and smells great too.

### LEOPARD PLANT

**"Othello"**

**Ligularia dentata** Absolutely Shakespearean in form and color, this plant loves



**shaded, wet areas.** Huge red-purple, heart-shaped leaves that will fade to green and topped by bright yellow flowers. Will grow to 3 feet. Keep moist and it will reward you. Mass near pond, lake, stream, bog garden or, yes, THE DOWNSPOUT.

### LEOPARDS BANE

Large heart-shaped green foliage with bright yellow, daisy-like flowers. Another plant that SHOUTS "Hey, it's spring and I'm back!" Will reach 30 inches in height. Happiest in **part sun**. This old favorite has been too long neglected.

### LIGULARIA

#### "Othello"

**Ligularia dentata** A terrific plant for **wet, shaded areas**. Great along waterways and ponds. Burgundy foliage with bright yellow flowers that grows to three feet tall. Prefers partial shade. Loves living near downspouts. Captain ahoy!

### LONG-BLOOMING HARDY GERANIUM

#### "Rozanne"

**Geranium** Blooms spring-to-fall with deep blue flowers on a plant that may spread a foot or two. Heat tolerant, likes **full sun** but will be **OK in some shade**. Front of border or in hanging basket plant with reddish fall color. A stalwart in the garden.

### MALTESE CROSS

**lynychis chalcidonica** This vibrant red beauty must have well-drained soil and maybe a little protection from strong afternoon sun. Will grow to 30 inches tall, and re-bloom if cut back. Early to mid-summer color. A garden classic.

### MASTERWORT

#### "Claret"

**astrantia major** **Moist, partly shaded**, well-drained soil is best for this wine-red beauty that happens to come with almost black stems. Will bloom from mid-summer to fall. Grows to about 18 inches. Another "What's that?" plant to astound your friends.

### MISSOURI PRIMROSE

**oenothera macrocarpa** Strong yellow flowers on bright green foliage. Excellent border plant in well-drained soil in **full sun**. A low spreader that's just fun to watch. Hummingbirds love it. You will, too.

### MONARDA

#### "Jacob Cline"

**didyma** Bees, hummingbirds and human love this tall bee balm with fiery red flowers. It can grow 4 to 5 feet tall in **full sun** and a little shorter in **part shade**. Takes tough clay soils. An award winning plant – and mildew resistant.

### MONARDA

**"Petite Wonder"** Yes, a dwarf, compact bee balm with sturdy green leaves and exquisite pink flowers. Easy to grow in **full sun to part shade**. Blooms June, July and August. Great in perennial border, big pots and as edging.

### MONKEY GRASS/LILY TURF

**Liriope** The TOUGHEST kid on block. Does great in **deep shade or full sun**. Great spreading ground cover with late-summer blue flowers. About one foot tall. Can be



cut back in spring or just neglect it.

### MONKSHOOD

**aconitum napellus** A tall – 3 to 4 feet – beautiful perennial that likes **shaded areas** in or at edge or back of bed. Pretty blue flowers beneath what looks like, yes, a monkshood. Blooms in late summer. Appreciates moist areas or regular watering.

### NIGHT BLOOMING DATURA

An interesting — and somewhat dangerous plant — that shows off its large white blossoms only at night. Use carefully; all of the plant is considered toxic, but its white blooms also make it interesting. Will get 4 to 6 feet tall. Reseeds all over the place. Is hardy in average winter. **Sun**

### OX-EYE DAISY

#### “May Queen”

**Leucanthemum vulgare** This robust plant with white petals and yellow center is a long bloomer that make great cut flowers. Use it in full sun in mixed border or meadow setting. **Full sun**. Will spread by seed or rhizomes. Grows 28 inches tall.

### PACHYSANDRA

“**Green Sheen**” If you need some shiny groundcover in **shaded areas** to add some luster, Green Sheen is the answer. It offers up white flowers in spring and a steady, spreading influence all year. Tough, active and so dependable, it never fails to work.

### PAINTED DAISY

#### “Robinson’s Red”

**Pyrethrum tenacetum** Deep crimson single daisy-like flowers float above ferny foliage all summer with this beauty. Superb cutting flower. Dead heading will promote reblooming. Grows to about 30 inches tall, **full sun**, both striking and elegant. The best news: It will be back next year, too.

### PENSTEMON

#### “Navigator Mixture”

**Penstemon barbatus** A dwarf, multi-flowered penstemon featuring spiky pinks, lavenders and blues. Compact plant only 18 inches tall. **Full to part sun**. Offers so much with so little work. Great “filler” plant in perennial border.

### PERSIAN SHIELD

**Strobilanthes dyerianus** THE ANNUAL ANSWER to vivid color in **full to partial shade**. Very purple-silver leaves on heat-loving tropical that grows 3 or 4 feet. Needs good soil. NOT HARDY but what a show.

### PHLOX

#### “David”

**Phlox paniculata** Tall, white-flowered and fragrant, David is a flower worthy of Michelangelo. A mid-to-late-summer bloomer to four feet — and former Perennial Plant of Year. **Sun to part-shade**. Good drainage. Mildew resistant.

### PHLOX

#### ‘Flamingo’

**phlox paniculata** Another answer to late-summer problems, this hardy perennial offers FRAGRANT pink flowers when few other plants dare. Grows to 26 inches. **Full sun**. Grows anywhere its feet are kept dry. Divide every two or three years to

spread the joy.



### Phlox

#### "Red Riding Hood."

**paniculata** Vivid, cherry-red flowers above upright green stems on this popular perennial. It grows to about 2 feet and loves **full sun to some shade**. Won't flop, complain or leave home. Blooms mid-to-late summer. Another butterfly magnet.

### PINCUSHION FLOWER

#### "Fama Blue "

**Scabiosa caucasica** Large, breathtaking deep blue "pincushion" flowers almost 4 inches across. **Full to part sun** and **prefers afternoon shade**. Great for bouquets. Butterflies love it. Must be well-drained soil. Grows to 24 inches tall.

### PINKS

#### "Grandma's Favorite"

**Dianthus** OK, we made up the name but this old-fashioned beauty combines great blue foliage with fragrant pink flowers. It just says Spring is here, and when it's done flowering cut it way back and let the blue foliage flow. Needs **sun** and well-drained soil. Grandma says.

### POTENTILLA

#### "Gold Drop"

**potentilla fruticosa** An easy-to-grow shrub that grows 3 to 4 feet tall with bright yellow flowers much of summer. Cut it back and shape it for more blooms. Likes **full sun**. Tolerates drought. Butterflies love it. You will, too.

### PURPLE CONEFLOWER

#### "Magnus"

**Echinacea purpurea** Broad, rosy-purple flowers on an 18-inch stem. Takes **sun, part-shade and dry**. A tough plant for perennial border and a good cut flower. What more could you want?

### ROCK CRESS

#### "Red Sensation"

**arabis blepharophylla** Made for the rock garden or border edge, this happy ground cover will bloom with brilliant red flowers. Needs well-drained soil and actually does well in sandy soils. Full sun. Shear after blooming. Nice to look at even when not blooming.

### RUDBECKIA

#### "Indian Summer"

**Rudbeckia hirta** Large, deep gold flowers with black center. A very easy to grow perennial in **full sun**. Will spread over years. Grows to 24 inches. Guaranteed pleaser and will flower from June to September with deadheading.

### RUSSIAN SAGE

#### "Little Spire"

**Perovskia atriplicifolia** This is a shorter version of the ultra-tough, lavender blue Russian Sage that so likes **hot, dry, well-drained areas**. Cut it way back in spring

and it stays about 20 inches tall. Great aroma, and butterflies love it.



### SALVIA

#### "Black and Blue"

**Salvia guarantica** A bruiser of a name for such an elegant plant. Beautiful blue flowers on almost black stems. Will grow to 3 to 4 feet. Late summer to fall bloomer. A real sweetheart that's supposed to be borderline hardy here, but mine has always come back in protected site. **Sun.** Mulch a little to be safe. So worth it.

### SEA HOLLY

#### "Blaukappe"

**eryngium amethystinum** Steely-blue to silver flowers on a tall, back-of-the-border plants that are always architectural interesting and enchanting. Can grow to 5 feet. Spiny foliage. Takes dry areas despite its name. A guaranteed conversation plant. Don't leave here without one. **Sun.**

### SEA HOLLY

#### "Blue Diamond"

**Eryngium planum** A very compact, drought-tolerant plant with nifty, deep-blue flowers and bracts. Looks like a thistle, but isn't – MUCH more user friendly. Grows 15 to 18 inches. Great cut flower. Try it you'll like it. **Sun.**

### SHASTA DAISY

#### "Silver Princess"

**Leucanthemum superbum** A compact, mounding plant with large white flowers and gold centers. Grows to 12 inches by 18 inches. Good drainage needed. Containers or garden. A mini-wonder. **Full sun.**

### SHOWY EVENING PRIMROSE

**oenothera speciosa** A beautiful answer for poor, well-drained soils, the evening primrose offers a cup-shaped, shell-pink flower and spreading durability. A great answer for tough, open places. Grows 12 to 18 inches tall. **Full sun.**

### SIBERIAN IRIS

#### "Snow Queen"

**Iris sibirica** Snowy-white blooms with yellow center on a 30-inch plant. A real queen in the mid-summer bed, or along a walkway. Likes **full sun.** Very easy to grow. Will reward you with many divisions over the years.

### SILVER EDGE HOREHOUND

**marrubium rotundaifolium** So you've got this high, dry and well-drained area and are stuck for a good plant. No longer. This little spreading wonder has soft felt leaves green on top and white along the edge. The flowers are violet but the foliage is the thing. Just sheer off flowers and enjoy, enjoy.

### SPEEDWELL

#### "Icicle"

**Veronica** Spikes of pure white flowers on glossy-green leaves. Another mid-summer bloomer with a "cool" name. Grows to 15 inches. **Full sun.** A touch of aristocracy with minimal fuss.



### **SPEEDWELL**

#### **"Sunny Border Blue"**

**veronica** A former Perennial Plant of the Year, this beauty offers tall, spiky dark violet-blue flowers from May until frost. Grows to 24 inches. **Full sun**. Great cut flower. Drought tolerant. Very low maintenance. Just the plant you're looking for.

### **SPURGE**

#### **"Robbiae"**

**Euphorbia amygdaloidal "Robbiae"** Dark glossy green leaves in the fall. Very interesting "flowers" that are actually yellow-green bracts rising seven inches tall in early spring. An exotic ground cover in **semi-shaded areas**. It's just plain fun to watch this plant. NOT named for Bob and Janet Hill's son, Robb — but could have been.

### **STOKES ASTER**

**"Blue"** A long-time summer favorite with blue, four-inch cornflower-like flowers riding on interesting, lance-shaped leaves. Can take moist or dry, but good drainage a must. **Full sun**. Good cut flower. A summer joy.

### **STOKES ASTER**

**"MARY GREGORY"** With fluffy, soft-yellow flowers this long summer-bloomer does especially well in moist, well-drained areas — but also lance-like tolerates dry. Grows to 18 inches tall. Distinctive leaves. **Sun**.

### **TIARELLA**

**"Crow Feathers"** If you need some unusual and different foliage in shady areas, take this one home. It has bright green leaves with black brush strokes and feathering. In fall the leaves turn pink and red, but the black remains. Spring flowers are lovely pink. Will do all this in **FULL SHADE**. WOW!

### **THYME**

**thymus serpyllum coccineus** Did you ever see such nice flowers on a ground-hugging plant? Great for between stones, plugged into walls. Also great in flat pots. Needs **full sun**, good drainage and a home. Hardy and interesting.

### **TOADLILY**

**tricyteris formosanna** Purple spots on a sexy white flower with a gold throat are only part of the charm of this plant. It blooms in **filtered shade** in late summer to early fall when little else is interested — or interesting. Grows to 30 inches tall. Takes moisture. Takes a lot of appreciation. Take one to your house — you'll never regret it.

### **VERBENA**

**"Homestead Purple" Canadensis** As the name implies, this verbena is easily at home in any garden. Begins small, but will aggressively spread three feet or more to create ground cover in **hot, dry areas**. Purple blooms from 6 to 12 inches high all summer. Just plant it and stand back. Needs winter protection.

### **VERONICA**

#### **"Waterperry Blue"**

**Speedwell** A fine, low growing, creeping plant for borders and ambling over rock walls. Beautiful blue-white flowers. Fills in garden holes. **Full sun to part shade**. Needs drainage. Easy to grow.



### VITEX

**agnus-castus** Another underused plant with purple flowers that's great for back of the border. Also called "Chaste Tree," it can grow to 10 feet or be cut back each spring. Leaves have silver backsides. Flowers can be used for arrangements. **Full sun.**

### YELLOW CREEPING JENNY

**Lysimachia aurea** A great chartreuse-to-yellow groundcover for **sun or shade**. A few inches tall and several feet wide. Spreads nicely in tough, well-drained places. Plant it and forget it. Jenny takes care of herself.

### YARROW CASSIS

**Achillea** An old favorite and a great plant for those hot, dry areas. Masses of cherry-red flowers on airy stems. Grows to 24 inches. **Full sun.** Good cut flower. Long summer bloomer. Prune for flush of fall growth.

### YARROW "Terra Cotta"

**Achillea millefolium** Drought-tolerant and sun loving plant with lacy foliage and durable bright peach flowers that mature to darker colors – what's not to like about that? Great for cut flowers, too. Must have **sun and well-drained soil**. Grows to three feet. Cut back in fall.