

# MASTER GARDENERS 2012 PERENNIAL PLANT SALE



The **Master Gardeners of Camden County** are excited to announce our 2012 Perennial Plant Sale. This year's offerings include worthy selections for every season and garden spot. We hope you will find more than a few choices to your liking! As always, each selection has been carefully researched for ornamental quality, hardiness, disease and insect resistance, and ecological value.

With luck, some of our selections should be in flower at the time of delivery, while later-blooming plants may be just breaking dormancy. All plants should arrive with the healthy root systems they need to succeed in your garden. Except where noted, all containers are 2 qt. pots.

A new feature this year is an on-line component. When viewing the brochure on your computer, click on the photos to link to more images. To see other images by the photographers represented in this brochure, click on the names in the credit line at the bottom of each page.

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## *Armeria maritima* 'Nifty Thrifty' sea thrift, sea pink



☀️ 'Nifty Thrifty' is a compact, low-growing plant, forming 4-6 in. grass-like mounds with evergreen cream-edged foliage. The small, bright pink, globe-shaped flowers bloom on slender stalks above the foliage in May and June. Sporadic flowering may continue throughout the summer into fall. Deadheading spent flowers will encourage new blooms. *Armeria* grows best in infertile, dry, well-drained soil in full

sun. It tolerates shallow, rocky soil, and drought. Because of its unique tolerances, 'Nifty Thrifty' is very useful in difficult sites. It is a great choice for rock gardens or wall pockets. It can also be used in the front of borders and as edging in dry poor soil. As its name implies, *Armeria maritima* is native to coastal areas and can grow in saline environments. This makes it also a good choice for gardens at the shore. Deer resistant. **\$7.00**

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## *Astilbe chinensis* 'Visions' Chinese astilbe

☀️☀️ 'Visions' astilbes are beautiful shade lovers that feature raspberry-red flower spikes held above the foliage in summer, when color in the shade garden is often lacking. *Astilbe chinensis* bloom from early to mid-summer with heavy bloom in July which is later than the *Astilbe arendsii* hybrids. Blooms are densely packed into erect plume-like flower panicles rising above the foliage 12

to 24 in. While the flowers are excellent for cutting, many gardeners leave the flower stalks in place after bloom for continuing ornamental interest. Glossy bronze-green fern-like leaves rise to a 9 in. tall mound which remains dense to the ground throughout the season, providing a graceful border edge. An herbaceous perennial which slowly spreads by rhizomes, it does best in partial shade to shade and requires an evenly moist, well-drained soil for optimal growth. 'Visions' is somewhat drought tolerant, preferring rich, acidic soil. For optimum

success, the soil should not be allowed to dry out. *Astilbe* looks spectacular massed in a shade garden, where it is an excellent ground cover, or in a rain garden. While attractive to butterflies, deer and rabbits tend to leave alone. **\$7.00**



***Salvia greggii* 'Maraschino'**  
cherry bush sage, autumn sage

 A hybrid *Salvia* cultivar from Mexico, this non-herbaceous perennial is an easily grown plant. 'Maraschino' makes a great statement when used in cottage gardens or as an accent plant when



planted in masses. It prefers moist to well drained soil and is drought and humidity tolerant once established. Maturing at 3-4 ft. in height and 2-3 ft. wide, it does well in full sun or partially shaded exposures. The profuse, tube-shaped, cherry red flowers are approximately 1 in. long and are held on woody stems. The narrow green leaves are 1.5 in. wide by 1.75 in. long. Numerous flowers cover the plant for an extended bloom period beginning in June through September or later depending on site. The pleasant, spicy scent is attractive and the nectar is immensely appreciated by butterflies and hummingbirds, bringing added interest to your garden. Deer resistant. **\$7.00**

***Tricyrtis hirta* 'Miyazaki'**  
toad lily



 *Tricyrtis hirta* 'Miyazaki' blooms in late summer and well into fall offering a welcome splash of color and intrigue at a time when the garden seems to shed the lushness of spring and early summer. The 'Miyazaki' cultivar of toad lilies offers arching stems with orchid-like flowers appearing in leaf axils from crown to tip.

Flowers are noticeably larger than other cultivars and are white with light purple spots. This herbaceous perennial prefers moist, organic-rich soil, slightly on the acidic side and shade. The roots should be kept consistently moist. 'Miyazaki' matures to 1.5 to 2 ft. high and wide. These showy lilies really catch your interest when used in borders, woodland gardens, shade gardens or naturalized areas. Plant in areas where they can be easily observed where the beauty and detail of the small flowers can be enjoyed at close range. **\$7.00**

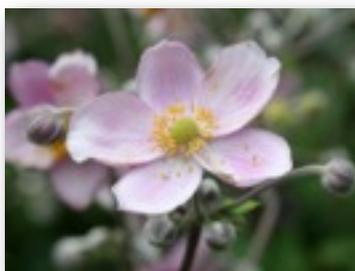
***Anemone tomentosa* 'Robustissima'**  
Japanese anemone



 'Robustissima' is one of the hardiest and vigorous of fall anemones. Its pink, cup-shaped, single flowers are produced on well-branched stalks held about 2 ft. above the attractive, dark green lobed foliage. The flowers begin with tight round buds blushed with

pink. In late summer the buds open to mauve-pink flowers that bloom continuously into fall. The resulting fluffy seed heads provide winter interest. The plant is clump-forming, growing 2-3 ft. tall and 1-2 ft. wide. It grows best in sun to part shade in rich, well-drained soil with consistent moisture. It also tolerates heavier alkaline soils.

'Robustissima' is attractive to bees, but it is deer and rabbit resistant. This low maintenance plant looks great in a woodland border, cottage garden, and along ponds or streams. **\$9.00**



***Caryopteris x clandonensis* 'Dark Knight'**  
blue mist, bluebeard



 *Caryopteris* is a low maintenance shrub that thrives in full sun in average, well-drained, loose soil. 'Dark Knight' is low-mounded, fast growing and may reach 2 to 3 ft. high and wide. Flowers are fragrant, deep purple-blue, profuse and shrub-covering. They bloom in terminal and axillary clusters, resembling

clouds of blue mist, from July through September. Leaves are aromatic, green, and 1.5 in. long. 'Dark Knight' is attractive to butterflies, bees, and other beneficial insects. Once established, it is drought tolerant. Although technically a woody shrub, *Caryopteris* may be treated as a perennial in our climate and pruned back hard in early spring to promote vigorous new stem growth. Blue mist may be used in groups, in a border, or along a fence or wall. Brings striking blue color to the garden late summer into fall, and the blooms make attractive cut flowers. Deer resistant. **\$9.00**

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***Dryopteris marginalis***  
leatherwood fern



 If there was only one fern in a garden, some important qualities might be that it is attractive, native and evergreen, thrives in part as well as full shade and has average water needs.

*Dryopteris marginalis* fits the bill! It grows in a vase shaped clump and is non-spreading. Fronds are grayish-green and deeply cut. Marginal wood fern grows 18 to 24 in. high and wide. It will grow in average soil but would prefer moist, rich, humusy, acidic soil. Marginal wood fern mixes well with spring flowers, tiarella, hostas and other shade loving plants; it is also an excellent specimen plant and can be massed in groups. The evergreen fronds are a great addition to the winter landscape and they are deer resistant. **\$9.00**



***Helenium 'Rotgold'***  
Helen's flower, dogtooth daisy



 Bold, colorful, and easy to grow, Helen's flower is an underappreciated native deserving consideration for garden areas that are both sunny and moist. The 3 in. wide, daisy-like flower heads, which appear in great numbers in August and September, feature prominent, dome-like

disks and wedge-shaped, fluted rays. The flowers of this cultivar, 'Rotgold', are splashed with irregular shades of red and gold. The rigid, erect stems are winged and the foliage is bold, with alternate, rough, serrated leaves up to 4 in. long. Performs best in average, medium to wet soil. As with other late-blooming daisy-like perennials, pinching back in spring or summer is advisable. Without pinching, typically grows 4 ft. high by 2 ft. wide. 'Rotgold' is a great choice for any consistently moist spot in full sun, including rain gardens, pond edges, and butterfly and pollinator gardens. **\$9.00**

***Hosta sieboldiana 'Frances Williams'***  
hosta, plantain lily



 'Frances Williams' has very large, heavily textured, slightly cupped, blue-green leaves with wide creamy golden margins. Each leaf can be up to 12 in. long by 11 in. wide. The clump grows up to 48 in. wide and 36 in. tall. Although hostas are grown primarily for their foliage, 'Frances Williams' has

spikes of very pale lavender to white lily-like flowers in summer. It is shade tolerant and grows best with morning sun and afternoon shade, in rich, organic, well-drained soil. It is large enough to stand alone, or can be used in groups. The foliage provides color and textural contrast to other shade plants such as tiarella, epimedium and impatiens. Hostas are good companions to hide spring bulb foliage in partly shady areas after bulbs are finished blooming. Considered one of the slug-resistant hostas. **\$9.00**

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***Iris versicolor***  
northern blue flag, harlequin blue flag

 This native herbaceous perennial is used as a garden ornamental for its brightly colored floral display. It derives its name versicolor from the Latin "with various colors". Each flower is usually light to deep blue although purple and violet are not



uncommon. The flowers appear 2-3 per stem, with an attractive greenish-yellow blotch at its base. Depending on site conditions, blooming commences in May or as late as July, continuing for about a month. The 2-3 ft. sword-like leaves emerge from horizontal rhizomes to form a fan-like shape. Iris versicolor prefers a sunny to partly shaded, constantly moist or wet environment and can be planted in water up to 6 in. deep. Clumps spread slowly and will naturalize to form colonies in the natural landscape. The plant looks best grouped in sunny moist border areas and in rain gardens. Not attractive to deer. **\$9.00**



***Lobelia cardinalis***  
cardinal flower

☀️☀️ Cardinal flower is one of our most popular and garden-worthy native wildflowers. This bright red flowering perennial is great for consistently moist to very wet, rich, humusy soil. It grows in full sun to part shade, 2 to 4 ft. high and 1 to 2 ft. wide. Leaves are medium green, lance shaped, and up to 4 in. long. The showy red tubular flowers are densely packed on erect stems and bloom from July through September. Flowers are very attractive to butterflies and hummingbirds. While cardinal flower is best known as an ideal plant for rain gardens and pond and stream margins, it also grows well in normal garden conditions with sufficient moisture. Missouri Botanical Garden Plant of Merit. **\$9.00**



***Platycodon grandiflorus*** ‘Sentimental Blue’  
balloon flower



☀️☀️ “Many gardeners are searching for a dwarf and tidy plant which does not flop and blooms for most of the summer. Sounds impossible but here it is!! Growing to only 12”, it produces a carpet of blue flowers and blooms from June into September! Full

sun, well drained soils are ideal.” The above is a quote from Rutgers. ‘Sentimental Blue’ remains upright during the bloom period. This shorter variety of a very beautiful June through August blooming favorite needs no staking. Vivid blue-purple flowers are 2-3 in. across and are situated singly or in small clusters atop the stems. This balloon flower will also bloom in very light shade, is a good cut flower and shows well in border fronts and in containers. It rarely needs division and has attractive clean foliage which turns a pleasing yellow in fall. **\$9.00**

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***Muhlenbergia capillaris***  
pink muhly grass

☀️☀️ Perhaps the most ornamental of all native grasses, *Muhlenbergia capillaris* is an outstanding alternative to potentially invasive *Miscanthus* and *Pennisetum* grasses. Wiry stems and glossy, dark green leaves form an attractive basal clump in summer. In September and October, masses of luminous pink plumes rise to 12 in. above the foliage. In winter, the tan seed plumes remain attractive. Adaptable to a wide range of conditions, but best grown in sandy or rocky, dry to medium moist, well-drained soils in full sun to light shade. Tolerant of heat, humidity and drought, but generally grows taller with consistent moisture. Prefers to be on the dry side during the winter months. Pink muhly is spectacular when massed, but at 3 ft. tall and wide in flower, two or three plants can make a dramatic impact. A great companion for *Symphytotrichum laeve* ‘Bluebird’. **\$9.00**



***Silene virginica***  
fire pink

☀️☀️ Despite its common name *Silene virginica* is an intense red. This small but very conspicuous member of the Carnation family brings accents of red to partly shaded rock gardens and low-competition areas of dooryard, woodland, and butterfly gardens. Small clusters of 1-1.5 in. scarlet flowers float on wiry stems 12-20 in. above a basal rosette of dark green foliage 6-24 in. wide. *Silene virginica* blooms from April to as late as August and is extremely attractive to hummingbirds, which are one of its most important pollinators. It grows in average to poor, acidic soils with dry to medium moisture in part shade to sun. The ideal setting includes low fertility, excellent drainage, and protection from crowding. Try it once and you will forgive this exceptional native for being somewhat short-lived. Plants typically persist for several years and will reseed if happy, or can be propagated by seed or cuttings. **\$9.00**



*Symphyotrichum laeve* 'Bluebird'  
smooth blue aster

☀️☀️ Fall-blooming native asters are an underused alternative to mums and offer the added value of supporting native pollinators. 'Bluebird' may be the very best for ornamental value—it was the overall top-rated native aster in trials at Mt. Cuba Center.



A robust, upright, vase-shaped plant with arching stems, it features smooth, somewhat leathery, blue-green foliage that remains attractive from spring through fall. Abundant, cloud-like clusters of 1¼ in. violet-blue flowers with yellow centers appear in mid-September and persist through mid-October. Tolerates a wide range of conditions but does best in full sun and average to dry soil. Also effective in shade/sun transition zones but with reduced flower coverage. Responds well to pinching back in June for denser habit and more profuse flowers.



Without pinching, typically reaches 3 ft. tall and wide and may need staking by late summer if grown in too much shade or rich soils. A great source of nectar for migrating Monarchs and other late-season butterflies. **\$9.00**

*Tiarella cordifolia*  
foamflower

☀️☀️ This native clump forming perennial is low maintenance and spreads by runners but will not crowd out other plants. Eventually forms dense 1 to 2 ft. wide clumps of foliage making it an excellent ground cover that provides four season interest. It is also attractive in woodland gardens and border fronts. The tiny white flowers (the buds are pink) appear in April in airy racemes, well above the foliage at a height of 10 in. The leaves are semi-glossy and heart-shaped, 3-5 lobed, up to 4 in. across, and may have a reddish variegation along the veins. They are semi-evergreen, turning reddish bronze and becoming flattened in the winter. They are easily



grown in average, medium moist, well drained soils in part to full shade. Attractive to butterflies, tiarella are seldom severely damaged by deer. Foamflower is listed as endangered in New Jersey by the USDA. **\$9.00**

*Epimedium x rubrum*  
bishop's hat, red barrenwort



Used primarily as a ground cover or edger in shady or woodland areas, this rhizomatous perennial spreads slowly, but faster than the average epimedium. Clumps mature at about 12 in. wide. A spring blooming plant, it has showy crimson red flowers with red sepals and creamy yellow-white petals that approach a size of 1 in. The leaves, which are up to 3 in. long, are medium green, pointed, spiny toothed and heart-shaped. They grow on wiry stems, forming foliage mounds 8-12 in. tall. New foliage is red tinged in the spring and turns green as it matures. In the fall the



leaves turn a very appealing reddish or coppery color. The plant is easily grown in average, dry-medium, well-drained soil in partial to full shade. Another attractive characteristic is that it is deer and rabbit resistant. **\$12.00**

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<i>Armeria maritima</i> 'Nifty Thrifty'	2 quart	_____ @	\$7.00 each	_____
<i>Astilbe chinensis</i> 'Visions'	2 quart	_____ @	\$7.00 each	_____
<i>Salvia greggii</i> 'Maraschino'	2 quart	_____ @	\$7.00 each	_____
<i>Tricyrtis hirta</i> 'Miyazaki' (toad lily)	2 quart	_____ @	\$7.00 each	_____
<i>Anemone tomentosa</i> 'Robustissima'	2 quart	_____ @	\$9.00 each	_____
<i>Caryopteris</i> 'Dark Knight'	1 gallon	_____ @	\$9.00 each	_____
<i>Dryopteris marginalis</i> (leatherwood fern)	2 quart	_____ @	\$9.00 each	_____
<i>Helenium</i> 'Rotgold'	2 quart	_____ @	\$9.00 each	_____
<i>Hosta</i> 'Frances Williams'	2 quart	_____ @	\$9.00 each	_____
<i>Iris verisicolor</i> (northern blue flag)	2 quart	_____ @	\$9.00 each	_____
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i> (cardinal flower)	2 quart	_____ @	\$9.00 each	_____
<i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i> (pink muhly grass)	2 quart	_____ @	\$9.00 each	_____
<i>Platycodon grandiflorus</i> 'Sentimental Blue'	2 quart	_____ @	\$9.00 each	_____
<i>Silene virginica</i> (fire pink)	2 quart	_____ @	\$9.00 each	_____
<i>Symphotrichum laeve</i> 'Bluebird'	2 quart	_____ @	\$9.00 each	_____
<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i> (foamflower)	2 quart	_____ @	\$9.00 each	_____
<i>Epimedium x rubrum</i> (bishop's hat)	2 quart	_____ @	\$12.00 each	_____

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