

## **NEW Trees for 2008:**

### ***Magnolia kobus var. stellata, Royal Star (Royal Star Magnolia):***

This hardy Japanese Magnolia remains among the most popular. In April its pink buds open to double white fragrant flowers of 25-30 petals, 3-4 inches in diameter. An upright and densely branched plant, it has dark green foliage that shifts to bronze and yellow in fall.

Height & Spread: 8-10 ft; Zone: 4-8

***Prunus cerasifera, Newport (Newport Plum):*** This superior small ornamental tree has beautiful reddish-purple foliage with bright red tips all summer long. One of the first trees to bloom in spring, it has fragrant pink flowers that are followed by purple fruit. 'Newport' was introduced in 1923 by the University of Minnesota. Adapts well to climate extremes.

Height & Spread: 15-20 ft; Zone: 3-8

***Malus, Profusion (Crabapple, Multi Stem):*** This small crab is noted for its abundance of deep red buds that open to single, purple-red flowers with pink centers, fading to lavender. The immature foliage emerges purple changing to bronze-green. The ½", persistent fruit is oxblood red. Excellent disease resistance.

Height: 15-20 ft; Spread: 20 ft; Zone: 4-7

***Malus, Whitney (Crabapple):*** Many people asked us about this old variety dating back to 1869. It is a hardy, vigorous, heavy bearing tree. The apples are yellow with red stripes and are good for eating and pickling. They ripen in mid to late August and have a short storage life.

Zone: 3-7

***Tilia americana, Redmond (Redmond Linden):*** A valuable shade tree for street planting. Redmond has the largest leaves of the Lindens. The dense foliage is glossy green with bright yellow autumn color.

Height: 40-60 ft; Spread: 25-30 ft; Zone: 3-8

### **"Small Trees":**

We offer several varieties of shrubs that have been trained into a small tree. Offering a whole new dimension and possibilities, they are perfect in a smaller garden space and make a great accent plant. They can also be grown in larger containers and decorate your patio or entrance.

Most of these small trees need regular pruning to keep their shape.

### ***Caragana arborescens, Walker (Weeping Caragana):***

Easy to grow, cold hardy (zone 2!) and able to tolerate poor soils, drought, alkalinity, salt as well as sweeping winds. Beautiful, weeping growth habit with finely cut foliage for a fern-like appearance and bright yellow flowers in spring. Height: 5 ft; Spread: 3-5 ft

### ***Euonymus alatus (Winged Burning Bush):***

The same features as the regular Burning Bush only in tree form. Beautiful red fall color and the typical winged corky bark are the main attractions. The ultimate height and spread is under your control. Height: 10 ft; Spread: 8-12 ft; Zone: 3-8

***Physocarpus opulifolius, Monlo (Diabolo Ninebark):***

A very popular shrub because of its beautiful reddish-purple foliage. It is spectacular in tree form as the white, exfoliating bark is much more noticeable. Easy to grow and very hardy!

Height: 8-10 ft; Spread: 6-8 ft; Zone: 3-7

***Shrub Rose, Polar Joy (Tree Form):***

This hardy tree rose was introduced last year and lived up to my expectations!! An abundance of single, soft-pink blossoms graced this little tree most of the summer. Attractive as a vertical accent among low growing roses and perennials. Height: 5-8 ft; Zone: 4-7

***Salix integra, Hakura Nishiki (Nishiki Willow, Tree Form):***

A popular variety in tree form. Makes a unique specimen plant. The variegated foliage of pink, white and green leaves are very slender.

Height & Spread: 8 ft by 4 ft; Zone: 4-6

**NEW Shrubs for 2008:**

***Spirea x vanhouttei, Levgold ( First Editions Firegold Spirea):***

This new variety stands out because of its brilliant lemon-lime foliage. New growth is soft yellow changing to lemon, and finally to lime-green. White flowers, typical of the species, appear in spring along gracefully arching branches. The color is stable and at its most brilliant in full sun.

Height: 4-6 ft; Spread: 5-7 ft; Vase-shaped; Zone: 4-8

***Symphoricarpos x doorenbosii, Magic Berry (Coralberry):***

Masses of vivid pink-purple fruit line each branch in autumn (the fruit is not edible). Good branching, compact and a sturdy, arching growth habit. Plant in full sun to partial shade, but is quite tolerant of more shade. Ideal for mass plantings and as groundcover.

Height & Spread: 3-5 ft; Zone: 4-9

***Syringa meyeri, Palibin (Dwarf Korean Lilac): T.***

One of the best dwarf varieties with an excellent uniform habit and red-purple buds that open to fragrant, single, pale lilac flowers in spring. An ideal shrub to mix into a perennial border.

Height: 4-5 ft; Spread: 5-7 ft; Zone: 3-7

**EVERGREENS:**

***Thuja occidentalis, Smaragd (Emerald Green Arborvitae):***

A hardy selection from Denmark. Emerald green foliage in a compact pyramidal form. Displays excellent heat tolerance and holds color well through winter. Plant in full to part sun.

Height: 10-15 ft; Spread: 3-4ft; Zone: 4-8

***Taxus x media, Densiflora ( Dense Spreading Yew):***

One of the most popular yews. New growth is emerald green turning to dark green. High shade tolerance but requires good soil drainage. Fast growth rate.

Height: 3 ft; Spread: 6-7 ft; Zone: 4-7

***Juniper chinensis, Pfitzeriana (Pfitzer Juniper Pom Pom):***

A unique specimen plant and attention grabber. Tufts of pom poms are pruned to ensure a unique look. Zone: 4

**ROSES:**

***Paint the Town (Shrub Rose, Easy Elegance):***

Wonderful clusters of double red hybrid tea-shaped blooms carpet this rose from head to foot. Glossy, dark green foliage accents the red perfectly and highlights the incredible flower effect all season long. Highly disease resistant.

Height: 2-4 ft; Zone: 4-9; everblooming

***Snowdrift (Shrub Rose, Easy Elegance):***

Like a snowdrift in summer, the habit is upright and amazingly uniform with blooms covering the plant all the way to the ground. Gorgeous, very full, cup-shaped blossoms of creamy white. With just a hint of apricot noticeable in the center, quite reminiscent of English roses. Each cluster of blossoms retains its pure color before dropping cleanly. This hardy, disease-resistant beauty is at home in any border and also makes a graceful hedge. Recurrent bloom cycle.

Height: 3-4 ft; Zone: 4-9

***Forty Heroes (Floribunda Rose):***

Large clusters of deep yellow blossoms. Each flower opens to a beautifully symmetric, hybrid tea form, emanating a fresh, fruity fragrance. Deep green foliage provides the perfect backdrop to the bright, golden-yellow flower and it is highly resistant to blackspot and mildew. Strong canes and an upright habit complete this pretty picture. It's even grown on its own root.

Height: 3-4 ft; Zone: 5-9

***Honeysweet (Shrub Rose):***

The yellow buds of this Buck rose are held in clusters, brushed with rosy red to magnify coppery tints in the abundant dark green foliage. From yellow and orange to rosy pink, the flowers brim with color and the scent of honey until frost calls it all to a halt. It is crown hardy to zone 4 with a mulch applied to ensure hardiness. Everblooming.

Height: 3-4 ft; Zone: 4-7

***John Davis (Shrub Rose, Climber):***

Backed by glossy leathery foliage, the trailing red canes of this Explorer Series rose are lovely when trellised but equally spectacular when allowed to roam. Carried in clusters of up to seventeen, each blossom opens its outer petals nearly flat to frame the clear pink center, before opening fully to the scent of spice. Recurrent bloom cycle.

Height: 6-8 ft; Zone: 3-7

## **FRUIT TREES/ SMALL FRUITS:**

**APPLE, Yellow Transparent:** This variety from Russia has been around since 1880 and is a popular early variety for northern areas. The apple's skin is clear yellow and the flesh is white. Precocious and very productive tree. Best used for cooking. Pick before maturity for better storage life. Fruits ripen end of July, early August and don't keep very long.  
Zone: 3-6

**APPLE, Liberty:** A productive variety that was selected for its resistance to apple scab and cedar-apple rust. Crisp and juicy apples with a sprightly flavor. Keeps well into February. Does not require fungicide sprays. Bloom date: mid season; Ripening date: Late September; Zone: 4-7

**PLUM, Superior:** Released by the University of Minnesota in 1933. One of the best plums on the market. Large fruit with dark red skin. Good for fresh eating, jam and jelly. Flesh is yellow, sweet and juicy. Heavy bearing. Often sets fruit the first year. Use 'Toka' for pollination. Height: 10-15 ft; Zone: 4-8

**GRAPE, Edelweiss:** Developed by the University of MN and released in 1978. A vigorous grower and one of the most disease resistant varieties. Green-white grapes with high sugar content and good 'grapy' taste. A dessert and wine grape. Zone: 4-8

**GRAPE, Frontenac:** A red wine grape developed by the University of MN fruit breeding program. Hardy to -30F and produces a very good quality juice for wine making. A vigorous grower with good disease resistance to downy and powdery mildew. Zone: 4-8

**GRAPE, Reliance:** A red, seedless table grape having high dessert quality. Like all grapes, 'Reliance' requires annual pruning, adequate fertility and maximum sunlight. Well suited for fresh eating and juice. Zone: 5-8