

NEW Perennials for 2008

Aquilegia vulgaris, Double Pleat Blue & White (Columbine): An excellent late spring flowering variety with unusual double pleated flowers. Blooms are bi-colored, with blue colored bases and white faces. Prefers to grow in part sun to part shade.

Height: 24"; Zone: 3-9

Arabis caucasica, Little Treasure Deep Rose (Rock Cress): If there's any plant that truly covers itself with bloom, it's Rock Cress. A spreading groundcover with vibrant rose pink blossoms in early to mid spring. Uniform habit and flowering performance make this a top-rated selection. Makes an excellent cover for slopes or sunny, dry areas. A perfect rock garden plant! Height: 4-6"; Zone: 3-8

Campanula punctata, Pantaloons (Spotted Bellflower): The huge 2" light purple flowers are shaped in a double "hose-in-hose" style – looks like an elaborate 1890's undergarment! The fragrant flowers are produced in clusters on tall stems. A vigorous grower that prefers to grow in part shade to full sun. Blooms in early to late summer.

Height: 28"; Zone: 5 (4?)-9

Chrysanthemum superbum, Brightside and Highland White Dream (Shasta Daisy):

Shasta Daisies deserve a place in every flower garden! Provide a sunny spot with well-drained, fertile soil. Relatively short-lived perennials that appreciate division every three to four years. They bloom over a long period from early to late summer. Deadheading will improve their appearance and prolong the blooming season. Zone: 4-9

Chrysanthemum 'Brightside': A vigorous grower with pure white, single blossoms and a healthy disease resistant foliage. An improved form of 'Becky'. Height: 32"

Chrysanthemum 'Highland White Dream': Semi-double, white flowers held on starkly upright stems. Great garden performance! Height: 24-30"

Digitalis ambigua, Carillon (Temple Bells) (Foxglove): This is a more compact version of *Yellow Foxglove* with trumpet shaped, pale yellow flowers with lacy brown netting on the inside. It blooms mainly in early to mid summer but usually reblooms in fall if deadheaded. This variety is a truly hardy foxglove and will also reseed. Height: 12"; Zone: 3-9

Digitalis thapsi, Spanish Peaks (Foxglove): Another hardy variety with raspberry colored bells on branched flower stalks. Height: 36"; Zone: 3-9

Clematis, Kilian Donahue: The flowers open ruby red at the center, fading to brilliant fuchsia and then orchid color at the edge of each petal. The flowers fade to lavender with a pink bar. It almost appears as two clematis planted together since two varying flowers bloom at the same time. It is an early bloomer and is a great repeat bloomer throughout the summer months. Zone: 4(3)-8

Clematis, John Paul II: Light pink, 5-6" flowers. Very vigorous grower. Blooms in May – June and September. Zone: 3-8

Coreopsis, Full Moon (Tickseed): A new variety with bright canary yellow flowers measuring up to 3” across on well-branched stems. Healthy green foliage, similar to C. ‘Moonbeam’. Blooms from mid summer to early fall in any sunny spot with well-drained, moist & fertile soil. Height: 24-30”; Zone: 5 (4?)-9

Doronicum orientale, Leonardo Compact (Leopard’s Bane): Daisies of all kinds are a staple of summer and fall gardens, but they are sorely missed in spring. Doronicum is the lone representative of the daisy family in the world of spring perennials! They do best in cool climates and prefer partly shaded to sunny conditions in humus-rich, moist, well-drained soil. A cooling mulch will be of benefit in hot summers. ‘Leonardo Compact’ has single, yellow flowers and grows to 6-8” high. Zone: 4-7

Echinacea (Coneflower):

Culture: *Echinacea purpurea* is a wildflower native to the eastern & central US and is well adapted to survive the hot, windy conditions typical of that region. They can withstand periods of drought once they are established. Light, loamy soil is best, but they can adapt to any well-drained soil. Best performance will be attained in full sun, though light shade is tolerated. Deadheading spent flowers will significantly prolong their bloom time from mid to late summer. Zone: 4-8

E. All That Jazz: Incredibly unique new hybrid with completely quilled ray petals. Fragrant, lavender pink flowers with an orange cone are produced atop strong, tall stems. Vigorous grower, great habit! Height: 30-36”

E. purpurea, Coconut Lime: A white, double variety with a green pompon center that ages to pale lime with an orange cone and white ray petals. Strong, well-branched plants. Height: 24-30”

E. Crazy Pink: Absolutely crazy bloomer with tremendous lateral branching. A 1 year old landscape plant can have over 100 flowers! Slightly fragrant, clear pink flowers with reflexed petals. Height: 30”

Euphorbia epithymoides, First Blush (Cushion Spurge): A showy plant to add color in early spring! Light green leaves have wide, cream margins flushed bright rose-pink from spring into summer. Radiant yellow bracts surround rosy flower buds in spring. Makes a low mounding plant, 12” tall. Full to part sun. Zone: 4-7

FERNS:

Dryopteris goldiana (Goldies Wood Fern): This is the largest native *Wood Fern* topping out at 4 ft. Short creeping rhizomes lead to stands of broad arching fronds. Found on seepage slopes, moist, humus-rich woods in neutral soils. Zone: 3-8

Geranium, Jolly Bee (Cranesbill): Very similar to G. 'Rozanne' (voted as the **Perennial Plant of the year 2008**) but with more upright growth habit and most importantly it is hardier. Very floriferous with cupped rich blue flowers with white centers; vigorous, long-blooming putting on a massive floral display! Zone: 4-8; full sun to partial shade

Gaillardia aristata, Amber Wheels (Blanket Flower): This variety of the popular Blanket Flower has been selected for its unique blossoms: large, golden yellow daisy flowers with fringed petals and prominent amber-red center. They are produced on tall stems above the mounted, lance-shaped leaves all summer long and into fall. Provide full sun and well-drained soil. Height: 28-32"; Zone: 3-9

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES:

Miscanthus sinensis, Variegatus (Striped Eulalia Grass):

This variety is a classic Miscanthus. The wide, green and white striped leaves have a silvery glow when seen from a distance. It has a cascading growth habit. Red tinted plumes become fluffy as they age. A late bloomer for our area.
Height; 5-7 ft; Zone: 4-9

Molinia caerulea, Variegata (Variegated Moor Grass): I have this variety growing in my own garden for several years now – it forms a nice clump of green-yellow variegated leaves. It's an easy, trouble free variety and adds a lot of texture and interest in smaller areas or along the edge of a path or border. Prefers full sun in well-drained soil.
Height: 12-18"; Zone: 3-9

Schizachyrium scoparium, Prairie Blues (Little Bluestem): This selection of the native Little Bluestem is more true blue in color. Perfect for mass plantings and mixed with other prairie plants. Adds winter interest with a beautiful burgundy red fall color and soft silvery seed heads. Prefers dry soil and low nutrition and loves the heat and humidity.
Height: 3 ft; Zone: 3-8

Carex hachijoensis, Evergold (Variegated Japanese Sedge):

This selection has creamy-yellow leaves with deep green margins. They cascade softly to the ground in a fountain-like manner. Makes an excellent groundcover and/or plant at the edge of a walkway or amongst some big rocks. It also makes a great container plant mixed with other perennials and/or annuals. Prefers part shade and dry to average soil.
Height & spread: 12"; Zone: 4(5)-9

HEMEROCALLIS:

Spiritual Corridor (Daylily): Very unique and popular variety! Gorgeous lavender pink flowers have a prominent creamy yellow eye, matching picotee edge, and chartreuse throat. The broad petals open flat for best display. Lightly fragrant blossoms are produced atop well-branched, heavily budded scapes in early to mid summer.
Height: 25"; Zone: 3-9; 6" tetraploid flowers.

Helleborus foetidus (Bear's Foot Hellebore): Intriguing finely cut, leathery dark green foliage makes an interesting, nearly evergreen groundcover for average to dry shade. Numerous chartreuse bell-like flowers, often rimmed in red, are held above the leaves in late winter. One of the first bloomers of spring! Height: 12-18"; Zone: 4-8

Heuchera villosa, Citronelle (Coral Bells): An eastern US native species that is vigorous, hardy, heat and drought tolerant and long-lived. A sport of 'Caramel' that was introduced last year. Robust, citron yellow leaves with silvered undersides. Appreciates more shade than other *villosa* hybrids. Creamy-white flowers in late summer. Grows best in partial shade to sun in well-drained, moist and rich soil. Foliage height: 12"; scape height: 15"; Zone: 4-9

Heuchera villosa, Miracle (Coral Bells): Another new exciting *villosa* hybrid! New leaves are chartreuse with a smattering of reddish purple in the center. Mature leaves are brick red with a chartreuse to gold edge and silver undersides. Pink flowers. Grows best in partial shade to sun in well-drained, moist and rich soil. Foliage height: 8-10"; Flower height: 12-14"; Zone: 4-9

Mukdenia rossii, Karasuba (Red Leafed Mukdenia): A unique perennial plant for partial shade. Green, fan-shaped leaves are topped by panicles of starry white flowers in spring. As the leaves age, deep red tones creep inward from the edges. Fire red fall color! Prefers to grow in a moist, humus-rich soil. Height: 8-12"; Zone: 4-9

HOSTAS:

Earth Angel: A superb new sport of 'Blue Angel'. Large, heart-shaped, blue-green leaves with wide, creamy-white margins. Pale lavender flowers in mid summer. Use this one as a specimen. Height: 30"; Spread: 72"; Zone: 3-9

June Fever: A nearly all yellow sport of the popular 'June' but with a very narrow, blue-green margin that jets towards the midrib. Leaves are shiny and of good substance. Darkens to chartreuse in midsummer. Lavender-blue flowers in mid to late summer. Foliage Height: 15"; Spread: 24"; Zone: 3-9

Iris barbata, Edith Wolford (Tall Bearded Iris): Large, fragrant bicolor flowers with light canary-yellow standards and blue-violet falls. Wonderfully ruffled with exquisite form. Award winner. Height: 35" ; Zone: 3-9. Blooms in May-June.

Lilium asiaticum, Asiatic Tango Lilies:

These are exciting new two-tone Hybrids with dramatic spotted centers. Bold & beautiful!!
1 new variety available: (all are hardy in Zone: 3-9)

'Tango Dot Com': icy pink petals speckled with burgundy spots and dark burgundy centers. Height: 42"

Other Asiatic Lilies:

'Centerfold': creamy white with stunning maroon brushmarks and spots; very showy!
Height: 40"

'Landini': extremely deep red blooms with maroon-red stamens. One of the darkest lilies!
Height: 40-48". Combine 'Landini' with 'Centerfold' for a great contrast!

'Lollypop': vibrant rose at the petal tip, shades to soft rose pink with white at the center.
Blooms early and for a long time. Very fragrant! Height: 24-30"

'Toronto': rosy pink with lightly spotted center. A strong grower. Height: 46"

'Mount Dragon': scarlet red with deeper red center. Height: 16"

Great in containers or at the front of the border.

Lilium orientalum (Oriental Lilies):

'Garden Party': new short variety especially suited for pots. Beautiful tricolor white flowers with yellow centers and a red brushmark. Very fragrant. Height: 12"

'Mona Lisa': soft pink flowers with a dark pink center and maroon spots. Lovely & very fragrant. Height: 24"

LA Hybrid Lilies: Superior hybrids from crossing *Asiatic Lilies* & *L. longiflorum* (*Easter Lily*). The flowers are much larger and more funnel shaped than *Asiatics* and are extremely long lasting. Thicker petals are more weather resistant. *LA hybrids* perennialize well in most areas. Bloom time: July-August; Full sun – part shade. Zone: 3-8

'Rodela': Wine red. An outstanding variety! Height: 3 ft

'Dreamcatcher': Clear Pink. Suited for pots. Height: 18"

Papaver orientalis, Fancy Feathers & Ruffled Patty's Plum (Oriental Poppy): Known for their huge flowers, measuring 4-6" across, with petals of a satiny texture and crepe-like appearance. They absolutely steal the show when they are in bloom in early summer. However, they will go dormant after the bloom cycle is completed, so plan on planting other plants (like *Baby's Breath, Catmint*) nearby to fill in the gaps. Poppies perform best in rich, well-drained soil and full sun. Zone: 3-7

Fancy Feathers: exotic blooms of flamingo pink with fringed edge. Height: 22-24"

Ruffled Patty's Plum: deep, dark purple-burgundy blooms. Height: 15-18"

Phlox paniculata, Delta Snow (Garden Phlox):

A short to medium height summer phlox, bright white flowers with purple eyes and clean, mildew resistant foliage. Provide good air circulation and well-drained, rich soil in full sun to partial shade. Zone: 3-9

Phlox paniculata, Tenor (Tall Garden Phlox): Lush clusters of fragrant, fire engine-red flowers billow above the strong-stemmed plants. Tends to bloom a bit earlier than other varieties. Height: 24"; Zone: 3-9

Penstemon barbatus, Pinacolada (Beard-Tongue): A new series of *Penstemon* with the key advantages of an earlier bloom time, free flowering plants and a well-branched, compact, uniform habit. This selection has violet-purple flowers and blooms in early to mid summer. Grow in full sun in well-drained soil. Drought tolerant!! Height: 8-12"; Zone: 3-8

Scabiosa columbaria, Butterfly Blue (Pincushion Flower): **Perennial Plant of the year 2000** Not really a new variety but just a great, reliable, long blooming perennial. Lavender blue, pincushion-like flowers hover over a short mound of ferny basal foliage all summer long. Benefits from deadheading. Makes also a fantastic container plant. Full sun and well-drained soil for best performance. Height: 12-18"; Zone: 3-9

Sedum, Autumn Delight (Autumn Stonecrop): A new variegated upright sedum with chartreuse-yellow leaves and a narrow, blue-green, serrated margin. Cream buds open to large clusters of light pink flowers in late summer. The bronze seed heads add interest even during the winter months.
Height: 18-24"; Zone: 3-9

Sedum, Xenox (Autumn Stonecrop): A compact dark foliage sedum that replaces 'Black Jack'. Emerges in spring with green and mauve foliage which darkens to burgundy in summer. Clusters of red velvet buds open to rose flowers in late summer.
Height: 20-24"; Zone: 3-9

Tanacetum coccineum, Duro (Painted Daisy): Purple-red daisy-like flowers with bright yellow centers put on a show in June – July. Ferny, green foliage much like that of yarrow. Plant in large groupings for the greatest impact in the landscape and plenty of cutflowers.
Height: 30"; Zone: 3-7 Full sun and well-drained soil.

Tanacetum vulgare, Isla Gold (Gold Leaf Tansy): Grown mainly for its radiant yellow, fern-like foliage, this plant will compliment all the other plants in the garden. Compact, flat-topped clusters of golden yellow flowers appear for several weeks in mid to late summer. A vigorous grower! Height: 2-3 ft; Zone: 4-8 Full to part sun in well-drained soil.

Verbascum, Southern Charm (Mullein): A unique blend of creamy yellow, soft lavender and peachy rose shades, each marked with a fuzzy purple 'bee'. The flowering time of the 2 to 2 ½ ft spikes is virtually doubled, since as the first floret dies, a second one right behind it begins blooming. Flowers in late spring, dies back in the heat of the summer and then will re-bloom again in the fall. Zone: 4-8

Veronicastrum, Fascination (Culver's Root): This is a great architectural plant for the back of the border. Elegant lavender-rose flower spikes tower over whorled leaves on unbranched stems. A very tough and long lasting perennial for average to moist soils in full to part sun. Blooms in June to August. Height: 36-40"; Zone: 3-8