

***Abelia mosanensis*, Fragrant Abelia.**

(sun/psh) (Zones 5-8) (4x4 feet)

A superlative medium sized shrub valued for its exceedingly fragrant flowers in early May. This will grow 4x4 feet in any sunny area, and is one the finest shrubs we have seen for its crimson and orange fall color.

3GAL \$22.95 #0104

***Abeliophyllum distichum*, White Forsythia.**

(sun) (Zones 4-8) (3x4 feet)

The first plant to bloom for us in spring. In the greenhouse, the fragrant white flowers will start to open towards the end of January! In the garden, the flowers can be witnessed during the shy days of mid-march. Truly a harbinger of spring. Will grow in any draining soil and full sun. Very hardy.

7GAL \$32.95 #0002

***Aesculus parviflora*, Bottlebrush Buckeye.**

(sun/sh)(Zones 4-8)(8x10 feet)

A most unusual buckeye that has received a great deal of positive press of late. Grown mainly for its shrubby, suckering habit and unusual early summer bloom time, the pure white candles of flowers can be up to 20 inches long. Will thrive in sun or shade and is very adaptable to various soil types.

2GAL \$19.95 #0212

***Andromeda polifolia* 'Blue Ice', Blue Ice Bog Rosemary.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 2-6)(2x3 feet)

If your soil is properly amended, Bog Rosemary can be easily grown in areas warmer than it normally would tolerate. We have had tremendous success with plants growing in heavily amended, raised beds. This cultivar boasts steely blue leaves that stand out amongst other broadleaf evergreens. Urn-shaped pink flowers dangle from the stubby stems in spring for a most delicate appearance. Intolerant of drought.

2GAL \$19.95 #1205

***Aronia arbutifolia* 'Brilliantissima', Red Chokeberry.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 4-9)(6x6 feet)

This cultivar of the red chokeberry has quickly become the trade standard for the species. This thicket forming native is ideal in both wet and dry areas and tolerates pollution and salt spray. The main ornamental attributes are the many clusters of bright red fruit, which mature in late summer and autumn. The fall color is also noteworthy in tones of brilliant orange and red. Dirr considers the fall color the equal of the over planted burning bush (*Euonymus alatus*). Excellent for wildlife and birds.

7GAL \$34.95 #0101

***Aronia melanocarpa* 'Viking', Improved black Chokeberry.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 3-9)(6x6 feet)

Even with a name like chokeberry, this plant has managed to catch the eye of fruit growers worldwide. The purple-black fruits are very rich in vitamins, vitamin C in particular, and a certain fruit juice provider has begun to market the product. This selection of a US native was made in Germany for its large clusters of fruit and ultra glossy dark green leaves. Easily grown just about anywhere.

7GAL \$34.95 #0103

***Baccharis halimifolia*, Groundsel-bush.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 5-9)(6x4 feet)

One of the most unusual eastern US natives, its mealy gray foliage makes it look like it belongs in California. An open, lanky bush that integrates well with other exotic plants, this durable shrub also exhibits extreme salt tolerance. The tiny white flowers are more curious than interesting and give way to fluffy white seed heads.

5GAL \$34.95 #2444

***Berberis thunbergii* 'Aurea Nana', Dwarf Golden Japanese Barberry.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 4-8)(3x3 feet)

This cultivar will bring anyone out of the winter doldrums. Exceedingly bright yellow leaves that look illuminated in spring. Great in the shrub border or perennial garden.

3GAL \$22.95 #1659

***Berberis thunbergii* 'Lime Glow', Lime Glow Japanese Barberry.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 4-8)(3x3 feet)

The bright green foliage of this barberry is sometimes variegated in pink and white, but this is not a consistent feature. No one ever mentions fall color on Barberry, but this plant develops a late, spectacular display of orange and red that blazes until Thanksgiving.

3GAL \$22.95 #1660

***Buddleia davidii*, The Butterfly Bush**

This is one of those plants that no one ever seems to buy, but everyone has. Hardy and persistent, the Butterfly Bush is one of few plants that can be coaxed to bloom during our hot summer months. The fragrant

conical clusters of flowers come in a myriad of color, and hybridizers are introducing more compact selections with better flower color every year. Come and see some of the newer varieties and maybe you'll find a new, old favorite. We offer several cultivars.

A. B. davidii 'Lochinch'. One of the older varieties with lavender purple flowers with a small orange eye. Very silvery leaves.
3GAL \$16.95 #0205

B. B. davidii 'Ellen's Blue'. Originally from Seneca Hill Perennials, this new cultivar is one of the best for deep blue flowers.
3GAL \$16.95 #0211

C. B. davidii 'White Ball'. Very different and very compact. This grows only 3 feet tall and wide and produces a multitude of pure white flowers all summer.
3GAL \$16.95 #1664

D. B. davidii 'Orchid Beauty'. Very large soft purple flower clusters produced in abundance all summer. Excellent fragrance.
3GAL \$16.95 #0318

E. B. davidii 'Summer Rose'. Rosy-pink, conical cluster of flowers adorn this spreading shrub.
3GAL \$16.95 #2424

F. B. x weyeriana 'Honeycomb'. Very lovely with loose clusters of yellow and orange flowers. May be a bit more tender than B. davidii types.
3GAL \$16.95 #0314

Buxus, Boxwood species and cultivars

(sun/sh)(Zones 5-9)

There is a great demand for all hardy broadleaf evergreens in our zone and the boxwood certainly ranks near the top of the list. Not all boxwood are hardy here and we have tried to select those that perform best in our region. All boxwood withstand heavy pruning and lend themselves to hedging and topiary work. Sizes may vary throughout the season due to their extreme popularity.

A. B. sempervirens 'Aurea Pendula'. Quite different from other boxwood, this forms a central leader from which smaller branches weep down. The foliage is heavily variegated in cream and white and the plant looks golden from a distance. Distinct and lovely. 6x2 feet.
1GAL \$9.95 #0254

B. B. sempervirens 'Graham Blandy'. This upright grower stays very tight and columnar. Excellent for formal gardens and vertical accents. 10x2.5feet.
2GAL \$19.95 #0273

C. B. sempervirens 'Vardar Valley'. A lower growing form that has exceptionally thick leaves. May burn in very exposed situations. 4x4 feet.
3GAL \$24.95 #0520

D. B. sempervirens 'Faulkner'. Our favorite boxwood for general landscape use, 'Faulkner' offers low domes of shiny green leaves coupled with extreme hardiness and durability. 4x4 feet.
3GAL \$24.95 #1989

E. B. microphylla var. sinica 'Morris Midget', Dwarf Littleleaf Boxwood. Very low, tight domes of light green foliage, which is notched at the tip. Only grows to 1x1.5 feet in many years. Occasionally throws out a vigorous limb, which needs to be pruned off.
2GAL \$19.95 #0272

F. B. microphylla 'Kingsville Dwarf', Dwarf Littleleaf Boxwood. By far the most congested form of boxwood we offer. A novelty with tiny leaves and a very small habit. 8x12 inches. Frequently used for Bonsai.
2GAL \$19.95 #2825

***Callicarpa dichotoma* 'Early Amethyst', Early Amethyst Beautyberry** (sun/sh)(Zones 5-8)(6x6 feet)
Many experts consider this species the best, and this cultivar ripens its fruit earlier in the season than other selections. The long, arching stems are covered from August until December with myriads of tiny, pure purple fruits. These are excellent in cut arrangements and the color is absolutely unique. This and other Beautyberries can be cut to the ground if they outgrow their boundaries. They will easily regenerate and fruit the same season.

3GAL \$22.95 #0221

***Callicarpa japonica*, Japanese Beautyberry.** (sun/sh)(Zones 5-8)(7x7 feet)
Very similar to the aforementioned selection, but larger and slightly coarser in all regards. Long stems of purple berries are noticed by all in autumn. Easy to grow in most conditions.

5GAL \$34.95 #0274

***Callicarpa japonica* 'Leucocarpa', White Beautyberry.** (sun/sh)(Zones 5-8)(7x7 feet)
Just the same as the above with white fruit.

7GAL \$39.95 #0892

***Calycanthus floridus*, Carolina Allspice or Sweetshrub.** (sun/sh)(Zones 5-9)(6x6 feet)
This southern native is grown for its spring and summer display of intoxicatingly fragrant maroon flowers. The scent is likened to that of apple or pineapple and literally makes one salivate. The glossy green leaves give substance through the season and the fall color is a pleasing butter yellow.

2GAL \$16.95 #0224

***Caryopteris incana* 'Jason' ('Sunshine Blue), Sunshine Blue Bluebeard.** (sun)(Zones 5-8)(2x3 feet)
A brand new Caryopteris with better chartreuse foliage color that its predecessor, 'Worcester Gold'. Deeply saturated blue-purple blooms smother the plant through summer and into early autumn. An excellent new introduction that grows quickly.

2GAL \$18.95 #0356

***Caryopteris x clandonensis* 'First Choice', First Choice Bluebeard.** (sun)(Zones 5-8)(3x3 feet)
The best Bluebeard for compact habit and blue flower color. Extremely dark, blue-purple flowers clothe the plant from summer into fall. Very tight and manicured habit that lends itself to a variety of applications. Can be cut to the ground in early spring.

5GAL \$29.95 #0240

***Cephalanthus occidentalis*, Buttonbush.** (sun)(Zones 4-9)(8x8 feet)
An Ohio native that can always be found in wet, boggy areas. The unusual flowers are nothing more than white, 1-inch globes that dangle at the end of the branches. The leaves are simple, dark green, and glossy and seem to shimmer in direct sunlight. This needs a wet area to grow in and is quite impressive for its gnarled winter habit.

7GAL \$34.95 #1445

***Chaenomeles speciosa* and *x superba*, Common Floweringquince.** (sun/psh)(Zones 4-8)(6x6 feet)
Once planted in abundance, these hummocky, mounding shrubs are once again becoming known. These generally form a mass of tangled branches that bare large flowers of varying color in very early spring. These plants are legendary for their hardiness and durability, but the blooms can be spoiled by unseasonably warm weather during winter. Excellent as screens or barriers and exceedingly tolerant of pollution and saltspray. We list several selections.

A. *C. speciosa* 'Texas Scarlet'. This is one of my favorites for its boastful display of richly colored orangey-red blooms with yellow centers.

5GAL \$19.95 #0267

B. *C. speciosa* 'Toyo-Nishiki'. A very interesting form with flowers in three different colors. Some are white, some pink, and others are red while some are a mixture of the three.

3GAL \$15.95 #1998

C. *C. x superba* 'Cameo'. One of the most well-known for its unique bloom color. The color is often described as peach, but is a mixture of orange, yellow and beige that is indescribable.

3GAL \$15.95 #1997

D. C. x *superba* 'Crimson and Gold'. A pretty selection with flowers very much like Texas Scarlet.
3GAL \$15.95 #1999

***Clethra acuminata*, Mountain Pepperbush or Cinnamon Clethra.** (sun/psh)(Zones 5-8)(8x6 feet)
The other native Clethra. This native pretty much follows the Appalachian mountain chain, occurring in thin, rocky soils at moderate elevations. Its main ornamental attributes are its peeling, cinnamon brown bark and arching stems of fragrant white flowers in July. Needs good drainage.
3GAL \$29.95 #0306

***Clethra alnifolia*, Summersweet.** (sun/psh)(Zones 4-9)(per cultivar)
The native Summersweet Clethra has become a staple of the American landscape for its fragrant spikes of flowers in summer. Numerous cultivars have been selected for flower color, compactness, and bloom time, and most fit into the modern landscape. These plants prefer some moisture and do well in yards with automatic irrigation. The blooms appear in early July and continue until August, depending on the cultivar.

A. C. a. 'Hummingbird'. One of the most compact selections, this was discovered at Callaway Gardens by Fred Galle. Grows only 30-40 inches tall and spread by means of rhizomes to form colonies. Although selected in the south this has proved hardy to -30 Fahrenheit. Excellent lustrous, dark green foliage. Very heavy bloom of exceedingly fragrant spikes of white flowers.
3GAL \$24.95 #0305

B. C. a. 'Sixteen Candles'. Selected from seedlings of 'Hummingbird', this plant forms dense mounds of dark green leaves topped with spikes of fragrant, white flowers. Butter yellow fall color.
3GAL \$24.95 #0663

C. C. a. 'Fern Valley Pink'. A tall-growing form with spikes of light pink, fragrant flowers. The leaves roll inwards towards the mid-vein and give a very different impression from other cultivars. 6x4 feet.
3GAL \$24.95 #1131

***Cornus alba*, Tatarian Dogwood.** (sun/psh)(Zones 3-7)(5x5 feet)
This shrub is grown mainly for its winter display of glossy red stems. The foliage of some types can be variegated and this can be attractive in spring and summer. The stems develop their best color when they are cut to the ground in late winter of each year and allowed to renew themselves. Very easy to grow and adaptable. Best in masses or the shrub border, never by itself.

A. C. a. 'Siberica'. Apparently a confused plant in the trade, this selection was made for its vibrant, coral-red winter stem coloration. Slower-growing than other cultivars.
7GAL \$34.95 #1747

B. C. a. 'Alleman's Compact'. We had this listed as a selection of *C. sericea*, but it belongs here. Compact mounds of clean foliage and striking red winter stems. 5x5 feet tall and wide.
7GAL \$29.95 #0380

***Cornus amomum*, Silky Dogwood.** (sun/psh)(Zones 4-8)(6-10x6-10 feet)
One of the best natives for reestablishing bird populations. This makes suckering mounds of stems that can get tall over time. The porcelain blue fruit occurs in August and lasts only for a short time before the birds strip it off. Not a plant for the tidy landscape, this is best in areas that are to be reclaimed or woodland margins.
10GAL \$44.95 #0373

***Cornus sericea* 'Cardinal', Cardinal Redosier Dogwood.** (sun/psh)(Zones 2-7)(8-10x8-10 feet)
This selection of the Redosier Dogwood brightens the winter landscape with its cherry red stems. This can grow quite large if not pruned and the branches tend to lose their color after the wood becomes 3 years of age. It is best to prune out the old, non-vigorous stems and leave the younger stems for a better-looking, more compact plant.
10GAL \$44.95 #1680

***Corylus americana*, American Filbert.** (sun/psh)(Zones 4-9)(10x8 feet)

A common shrub throughout Ohio, the American Filbert is easily identified by its large, rounded leaves with coarse serration and peculiar nuts. This is another good choice for parks and open areas where wildlife can be encouraged. The long catkins open in early spring. Easily grown.

7GAL \$39.95 #0383

***Corylus cornuta*, Beaked Filbert.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 4-8)(6-8x6-8 feet)

The Beaked Filbert occurs over a tremendous geographical area, but nowhere is it ever common. Known in Ohio from two counties, one site was destroyed by development. The nuts have a heavy involucre that extends beyond the nut to give a beaked appearance. Worth growing for the fact that it is one of Ohio's rarest natives.

7GAL \$39.95 #0384

***Cotinus coggryia* 'Young Lady', Smokebush.**

(sun)(Zones 4-8)(8x8 feet)

This a very floriferous new selection. Most Smokebush will put on long, rank growth before they flower, but this plant blooms heavily on short stems and stays tighter and tidier than other selections. Always seems to be in bloom and is a somewhat slow grower. Very nice and a good selection for the home landscape.

3GAL \$22.95 #0666

***Cotoneaster horizontalis* 'Hessei', Rockspray Cotoneaster.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 5-7)(2-3x5-8 feet)

This is considered to be a hybrid between *C. horizontalis* and *C. adpressus* var. *praecox*. Low mounds of branches displaying a distinctive fishbone branching pattern. Excellent dark green, glossy foliage that holds late into the season and develops a dark burgundy fall color.

3GAL \$21.95 #0391

***Cotoneaster horizontalis* 'Robustus', Rockspray Cotoneaster.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 5-7)(3-4x8 feet)

This is a large growing form that bears liberal quantities of red fruit. A large, robust grower that is good for covering large spaces.

3GAL \$21.95 #1855

***Deutzia x elegantissima* 'Rosealind', Rosealind Deutzia.**

(sun)(Zones 5-8)(5x5 feet)

From a poorly known genus of plants comes this beauty with a prolific display of carmine-pink flowers with a delicate fragrance. Blooms in mid to late May on tall wispy stems. Easily grown and requires only occasional pruning.

5GAL \$34.95 #1682

***Deutzia x hybrida* 'Magician', Magician Deutzia.**

(sun)(Zones 5-8)(6x6 feet)

This is an old French hybrid that is still valuable for the low maintenance garden. This is a large grower with multitudes of starry, pink and white striped flowers in the middle of May. Can be rather leggy at first, but begins to fill in with time.

5GAL \$34.95 #0417

***Deutzia x hybrida* 'Perle Rose', Perle Rose Deutzia.**

(sun)(Zones 5-8)(5x5 feet)

This Deutzia hybrid has small, satiny-purple flowers that open slowly to reveal the double blooms. This is smaller in all parts than Magician, and slower growing.

5GAL \$34.95 #0418

***Diervilla rivularis* 'Morton Summer Stars', Georgia Bush-Honeysuckle** (sun/psh)(Zones 5-7)(3x3 feet)

This little known genus is valuable for its long lasting display of tubular, yellow flowers with star-shaped tips. This dwarf selection forms leafy mounds of pretty green leaves and is very durable in the landscape. New leaves can have a beautiful bronzy cast as they emerge.

7GAL \$39.95 #0429

***Diervilla sessilifolia* 'Butterfly', Southern Bush-Honeysuckle.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 4-7)(4x5 feet)

One of the toughest plants I have ever seen. I once witnessed this plant get run over by a full 18 wheel dump-truck, smashed flatter than flat. Two months later I saw it and it had totally regrown and become 3-dimensional again. This cultivar possesses dark green, glossy leaves that turn dark purple in fall, and deep yellow flowers June through August.

3GAL \$24.95 #1683

***Enkianthus campanulatus*, Redvein Enkianthus.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 5-7)(8x5 feet)

This deciduous member of the Ericaceae is easy to grow. The branching structure is elegantly tiered to give a layered, textural look in older plants. The urn-shaped, pink flowers are born in spring and give a display similar to Pieris. Needs good drainage and does not tolerate drought.

2GAL \$18.95 #0682

Euonymus alatus 'Select' (Fire Ball) Fire Ball Burning Bush. (sun/psh)(Zones 3-8)(5x5 feet)

This is an improved selection of 'Compacta' that has a tighter branching habit and improved winter hardiness. The fall color is an outstanding flaming red.

3GAL \$24.95 #0486

Euonymus alatus 'Rudy Haag', Fruitless Compact Burning Bush. (sun/psh)(Zones 4-8)(4x4 feet)

This Bernheim Arboretum selection is truly dwarf and sets no viable seed. There are some concerns over the potentially invasive habit of some Burning Bush cultivars and caution should be used when you site it.

2GAL \$17.95 #0509

Euonymus atropurpureus, Eastern Wahoo. (sun/sh)(Zones 4-9)(10x8 feet)

This is scattered throughout our area and is often found along fencerows and out of the way areas. A tall-growing, wispy shrub with plain green leaves that turn red and yellow in fall. The fruit is the primary ornamental attribute and excites the landscape with drooping clusters of neon-pink husks that split open to reveal the bright orange seeds. Very susceptible to scale although the plants can grow for years before getting it.

5GAL \$29.95 #0393

Euonymus fortunei 'Harlequin', Variegated Wintercreeper Euonymus. (sun/sh)(Zones 5-8)(2x4 feet)

This form of Wintercreeper is grown for its festive leaves, which are elaborately variegated in green, white, and pink. This is a creeping shrub that will grow almost anywhere. Enjoy.

3GAL \$24.95 #0490

Euonymus sachalinensis, Sakhalin Euonymus. (sun/psh)(Zones 5-7)(12x8 feet)

This is another large-growing shrub Euonymus that is not supposed to be susceptible to scale. An upright vase-shaped growth habit is adorned in autumn with glowing red fruits. We have never seen scale on this, even when its native neighbor is covered.

7GAL \$29.95 #0491

Exochordia x macrantha 'The Bride', The Bride Pearlshrub. (sun)(Zones 4-8)(4x5 feet)

A fountain-like shrub with blue-green leaves that blooms in April in Warren County. The ends of the branches are weighed down by heavy clusters of pretty white flowers. Performs well in hot, humid climates.

5GAL \$29.95 #0501

Forsythia 'Meadowlark', Cold-Hardy Forsythia. (sun)(Zones 3-8)(8x8 feet)

This reputedly has the most cold-hardy flower buds of any forsythia and have flowered heavily after exposure to -35 Fahrenheit. A large shrub with arching stems and dark green, disease-free foliage.

7GAL \$22.95 #1689

Forsythia x intermedia 'Fiesta', Variegated Forsythia. (sun)(Zones 4-8)(6x6 feet)

This interesting plant originated in New Zealand. The leaves are irregularly splashed and mottled in chartreuse and green, contrasting nicely with the cherry-red stems. Puts forth a regular display of yellow flowers in early spring. In summer, the foliage fades to green and makes you want to take a siesta.

3GAL \$24.95 #1688

Genista tinctoria 'Royal Gold', Woadwaxen. (sun)(Zones 4-7)(30x36 inches)

An evergreen mound of tiny, glossy dark green leaves. In spring, every part of the plant above ground seems to produce bright yellow blooms. The effect looks somewhat weedy to me, and whenever I see this in bloom, I always think, when did we start growing forage crops in containers? Tolerates very dry soils and full sun.

5GAL \$34.95 #0525

Hamamelis mollis, Chinese Witchhazel. (sun/psh)(Zones 5-8)(10x12 feet)

An excellent replacement for the ubiquitous Forsythia. Dangling, spidery blooms of pure yellow emit their wonderful fragrance in February and March, and many consider this the most fragrant of Witchhazels. This

forms spreading branches that make for a large shrub, but the plants are relatively slow-growing. Excellent orange-yellow fall color. A great choice for areas near paths or as a lawn specimen.

2GAL \$19.95 #0945

***Hamamelis vernalis*, Vernal Witchhazel.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 4-8)(10x6 feet)

Any Witchhazel is a good plant. This US native is one of the best for wet or damp areas, but is versatile enough to withstand dry conditions. An erect-growing, vase-shaped plant that begins to flower in February, the display lasting well into March.

2GAL \$14.95 #1123

***Hibiscus syriacus* cultivars, Rose of Sharon.**

(sun)(Zones 5-8)(8-12x6-10 feet)

Like their herbaceous siblings, these old standards are currently undergoing serious horticultural revitalization. Cultivars are being selected for different colored flowers, tidier habit, and curtailed seed production. These plants will prove to be long-lasting and durable in a variety of sites and soils, and offer summer color when few other plants are showing. They can reseed, so be careful about siting next to large natural areas or areas of ecological importance.

A. *H. syriacus* 'Notwoodone', Lavender Chiffon Rose of Sharon. A newer introduction from Spring Meadow Nursery with lavender-pink flowers exhibiting an anemone form. This produces a proliferation of petaloids in the center of each flower for a look unique to Rose of Sharon. Supposedly sets less seed.

5GAL \$29.95 #0599

B. *H. syriacus* 'Notwoodtwo', White Chiffon Rose of Sharon. Exactly the same as the above, but with pure white flowers. This sells better than the other for some reason.

5GAL \$29.95 #1946

C. *H. syriacus* 'Purpureus Variegatus'. My favorite of the group for its heavily variegated foliage and curious fully-double deep maroon blooms that never fully open. Grows very slowly and never sets any seed. An excellent variegated plant for hot, sunny sites where others fail.

2GAL \$18.95 #1692

D. *H. syriacus* 'Violet Satin'. One of the deepest blues to be introduced. The flowers seem to have a pink ground color with varying amounts of blue and purple pigment. Upon close inspection flowers appear to be stained with blue, but from a distance they are a luminescent purple. Distinct and lovely.

3GAL \$22.95 #1655

***Hydrangea anomala* ssp. *Petiolearis*, Japanese Climbing Hydrangea.**

(psh/sh)(Zones 4-7)(vining)

One of the best vines to grow if you have the space to accommodate it. This forms dense mats of stems that glue themselves to any relatively flat surface they can get ahold of. In older plants, the bark becomes salmon colored and peeling and is quite attractive, even from a distance. The spade-shaped foliage is coarsely toothed and handsome, but the real show are the flat clusters of pure white flowers. Well grown plants appear smothered with blooms and steal the show in the garden for two weeks. Tolerates a wide variety of soils and does particularly well here. Spring Grove Cemetery has one nearly 100 years old. Best grown on a tree trunk.

3GAL \$29.95 #0782

***Hydrangea arborescens* 'Annabelle', Annabelle Smooth Hydrangea.**

(sun/sh)(Zones 3-8)(3x4 feet)

An old fashioned favorite that is one of the toughest and most consistent Hydrangeas in our area. This forms large, tight mounds of soft green foliage that are topped in summer by huge, white pom-pom flowers. The show lasts for weeks as the flowers very slowly fade to tawny brown. This is probably the best landscape Hydrangea for us, though relatively underused. Grows in any draining soil.

2GAL \$16.95 #0903

***Hydrangea macrophylla*, Bigleaf Hydrangea.**

(sun/sh)(Zones 5-9)(4x4 feet)

I would venture to say there is not a gardener in the midwest that wouldn't give their best trowel for a specimen Hydrangea that bloomed in electric-blue every year. Unfortunately, these plants require perfect siting and soil preparation for this to happen, but in most cases what you end up with is a couple of purple-pink flowerheads nestled in a green mound of exceedingly healthy foliage. These are probably best around the foundation of a house where they get some afternoon shade and are never allowed to dry out. Winter shade will also help. If you want to see well-grown, truly blue Hydrangeas, book yourself a flight

to New Zealand, drive south to the Surf Highway, and look towards the sea. There you will see 12x15 feet specimens smothered in deep cobalt blue in the month of January. These grow in very close proximity to the sea, where the local cattle farmers use them as hedges, and are constantly blasted by salty air. We offer varieties that are better suited to cold climates, although the more you baby them, the better they will do.

A. H. m. 'Dooley'. This cultivar was discovered by Michael Dirr in the yard of legendary Georgia football coach Vince Dooley. We have found this to be one of the more reliable blue mop-tops for us, though it still appreciates some protection for optimum bloom. Produces flower buds from its axillary buds and therefore avoids the typical problem of losing its terminal flower buds. Flowers blue or pink on 3x4 mounds of foliage.

2GAL \$19.95 #2415

B. H. m. 'Jogasaki'. Very similar to the above and equally desirable. The flowers differ in color, being a bit more lavender than pink, but I have not seen this bloom and you know how Hydrangeas can be about their coloration. Very choice. 3x4 feet.

2GAL \$19.95 #1717

C. H. m. 'Lilacina'. A lace-cap type with pale-pink flowers, each sterile floret being heavily serrated. Quite a unique look and I have always been partial to the name. 3x4 feet.

3GAL \$24.95 #2414

***Hydrangea paniculata*, Panicle Hydrangea.**

(sun/sh)(Zones 4-8)(varies)

One of the most reliable Hydrangeas in our area and still vastly underused. This is typically considered a full sun plant, and it thrives there, forming large, floriferous plants, but it can also be grown in quite a bit of shade and still put forth a show. The flowers are perfect for cutting and drying and long, vigorous stems can be forced by pruning hard every year in late winter. In the landscape it can form very large, rounded shrubs over time, but can be managed by removing older canes on a regular basis or pruning to the ground every three years. Large, old plants make venerable specimens and will still put forth an excellent flower display every year. Furthermore, these plants flower in the middle of summer, a desperate time in the garden when other plants look tired and worn out. These will grow well in almost any soil that does not hold water.

A. H. p. 'Grandiflora'. The Pee Gee Hydrangea is the most popular variety and is often seen trained into a tree that bears massive, conical clusters of snow-white flowers that slowly fade to pink. Grows to 15x12 feet over time and is very long-lived.

5GAL \$29.95 #0768

B. H. p. 'Kyushu'. One of our favorites for its distinctive foliage and loose clusters of white blooms. Grows well for us in full, heavy shade where it flowers every year. 6x7 feet.

7GAL \$34.95 #1935

C. H. p. 'Brussels Lace'. The Lace-Cap of the H. paniculata world and a worthy plant. Loose panicles of flowers with large, sterile florets.

7GAL \$34.95 #1891

D. H. p. 'Barbara', The Swan. One of the newer cultivars released by Spring Meadow Nursery. Loose, conical clusters bearing huge, sterile florets with long, floppy petals. Beautiful and distinct.

7GAL \$34.95 #1700

E. H. p. 'Pee Wee'. Most people think this is a dwarf-growing plant, but that is not the case. Instead, the flower panicles are smaller and have less tendency to flop, or flag as they mature. The plant grows quite large and matures at around 7x7 feet.

5GAL \$29.95 #0776

F. H. p. 'Pink Diamond'. This form was selected for its flowers' tendency to age from white to bright, carmine-pink. This is what happens to all of the cultivars that we grow, so I don't totally understand the significance of this plant.

5GAL \$29.95 #0777

G. H. p. 'Unique'. This blooms a tad earlier than other selections, though the bulk of the show comes at about the same time. The flowers age to pink.

5GAL \$29.95 #1451

H. H. p. 'Tardiva'. An older selection that bears heavy stems of loose flower panicles that slowly age to pink. Very long-lived.

5GAL \$29.95 #0769

***Hydrangea quercifolia*, Oakleaf Hydrangea.**

(sun/sh)(Zones 5-9)(varies)

There are truly few shrubs that have as much appeal through the seasons as the Oakleaf Hydrangea. This has become a landscape mainstay in our area in the past years and almost every one is familiar with its coarse, bold leaves and generous display of white flowers in mid-summer. The fall foliage also delights in hues of cherry red or deep burgundy and the display lasts late into the season. Perhaps the most underrated attribute is the salmon-colored exfoliating bark that stands out amongst the grays and browns of winter. If planted in full sun, this will need supplemental water during its early years. Any decently drained soil.

A. H. q. 'Alice'. This is one of Mike Dirr's selections from the University of Georgia campus. A large grower, this is good as a backdrop plant for smaller-growing perennials and shrubs. Selected for its generous display of compact flower spikes and consistently cherry-red fall color. 8x8 feet.

3GAL \$24.95 #1796

B. H. q. 'Sike's Dwarf'. This makes an excellent foundation plant or shrub border specimen. A low, mounding plant with smaller than average leaves and squat clusters of pure white flowers. The fall color is usually cherry-red, but I have seen some with burgundy areas on the plant. Grows 4x4 feet at a pretty slow clip.

2GAL \$22.95 #1305

***Hydrangea serrata*, Mountain Hydrangea.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 5-9)(varies)

These represent the most exciting Hydrangeas in our collection. These recent Japanese imports should garner much interest from gardeners in colder zones due to their greater tolerance of cold and unique flower types. Although they are mainly lace-caps, they are much hardier than traditional types and offer the gardener unique new possibilities in landscaping. We are trying all of these varieties in our own gardens and so far the results have been very encouraging.

A. H. s. 'Blue Bird'. One of the best in the group for foliage effect alone. The leaves begin dark green and gradually develop russet-red tones as the season passes. The lace-cap flowers are pale blue in acid soil and probably pink in alkaline soil. This has a pleasingly low, mounded habit to 3x4 feet.

3GAL \$24.95 #2409

B. H. s. 'Beni-Gaku'. A very floriferous plant that is also quite hardy. This has the added advantage of blooming from the terminal and axillary buds and the show is something extraordinary. The lace-cap flowers are delicate, white, heavily speckled, and picoteed with crimson-red. When our nursery plants bloom they sell out immediately. Upright growing to 4x3 feet.

2GAL \$18.95 #2645

C. H. s. 'Kiyosumi'. Another lace-cap type with excellent foliage character throughout the season. The new foliage emerges in tones of wine-red and slowly fades to bronzy-red in summer, then back to the deep-red for fall. The plant is always colorful, the myriads of white, lace-cap flowers with pink speckles don't hurt either. Vigorous and easy. Grows 4x4 feet.

5GAL \$34.95 #1219

D. H. s. 'Midishibori-Temari'. In my opinion, this is the best of our selections. Dense, upright mounds of light green, narrow foliage and quantities of bright pink lace-cap flowers in which each sterile floret is fully-double. The flowers are scattered throughout the plant and the overall effect is superb. Grows better in windier spots than others, and not too fussy about soil, although not drought tolerant. Grows 3x3 feet.

3GAL \$24.95 #2418

E. H. s. 'Miyama-yae-Murasaki'. This is new to us, but the overall effect is said to be like 'Midishibori-Temari', and if that is the case, this should prove to be a most beautiful introduction. Fully-double, lace-cap flowers of pale-pink and bright green foliage.

3GAL \$24.95 #0780

***Hypericum kalmianum*, Kalms St. Johnswort.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 4-8)(2.5x3 feet)

These plants originated from seeds that Marvin and I collected in the oak openings region of Ohio, west of Toledo, where we found a particularly choice plant with very dark maroon fall color. The resultant seedling have produced small, compact plants with very dark green, glossy, needle-like foliage that turns crimson or maroon in fall. We have not seen it flower yet, but expect an early summer bloom of golden-yellow chalcices. Although we found it in pure acid sand, it has proved amenable to heavier, more alkaline soil. Choice.

2GAL \$24.95 #1695

***Ilex crenata*, Japanese Holly.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 5-9)(varies)

Often mistaken for a boxwood, the Japanese Holly is a worthy shrub in its own right. Quite variable in overall size and shape, this species can range from a low growing dwarf shrub to a small tree with spreading branches. The main attraction are the tiny, dark green leaves that give the plant a very fine-textured look and lend a formal presence to the garden. These plants require well-drained soil and some winter shade to thrive in our region, although a plant of 'Sky Pencil' thrived in a wickedly-exposed, sunny spot until a Clematis ate it.

A. 'Sky Pencil'. One of the best in the group for its tight, columnar habit and tough constitution. This grows 6-8 feet tall, but remains only 1-2 feet wide. Perfect around the foundation or in areas where a very narrow-grower is needed.

2GAL \$17.95 #0855

***Ilex glabra*, Inkberry.**

(sun)(Zones 4-8)(varies)

It is hard for me to write this because I'm just not that exhilarated with the plant. It doesn't thrive in the Cincinnati area like some other hollies and often times looks as if it is near death, but yet never seems to die. The best plants I can remember seeing are located in the parking lot of the local Taco Bell where they form 3 foot tall and 5 foot wide mounds of lustrous dark green foliage in the hottest, driest, most compacted site possible. A fellow plantsman, Scott, once told me a story that he had dug some 30+ year old Inkberries that were still in the original ball because the burlap never decomposed. If that's not tough, I don't know what is. Take 'em or leave 'em, we still have 'em.

A. 'Compacta'. A rounded, mounded evergreen shrub with lustrous dark green leaves and black fruits. Grows 3x4 feet.

2GAL \$14.95 #0803

B. 'Shamrock'. A form selected for its exceedingly glossy green foliage and more compact habit than the former. The plants grow 3x3 feet.

3GAL \$22.95 #1162

***Ilex verticillata and hybrids*, Winterberry Holly.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 4-9)(varies)

Each year I look at this plant about the middle of April and I think "Why are we growing this?" All summer the question remains until the end of August when the fruit swells and ripens to rich red in a display so abundant as to nearly pull the branches over. As the leaves drop the fruit clings to the stems and provides months of vibrant color when everything else is hunkering down for the season. The display is enough to make anyone want to grow the plant and all spring and summer regret is forgotten and gone completely. These are excellent plants for wet gardens or areas around ponds. They require a male pollinator to ensure fruit set and several plants in a display make for a memorable garden scene.

A. 'Afterglow'. This is smaller and denser than other selections and lends itself well to landscape use. The tomato-red fruit is produced in abundance along the tawny brown stems. The plant grows 5-6 feet tall and wide. The preferred pollinator is Jim Dandy.

3GAL \$17.95 #0848

B. 'Spravy' Berry Heavy'. A Spring Meadow introduction with behemoth-sized fruit. You could almost pass this as cherry tomato to an unsuspecting non-gardener, wouldn't that be funny? Spring Meadow claims this is the rival of any other Winterberry, but I still think 'Winter Red' is the best. 'Southern Gentleman' is the pollinator. 6-8x6-8 feet.

3GAL \$17.95 #0851

C. 'Spriber' Berry Nice. A bit daintier than the above with brilliant red fruit that demands attention. Use 'Southern Gentleman' as the pollinator. Grows 6-8x6-8 feet.

3GAL \$17.95 #0843

D. 'Jim Dandy'. The male pollinator for several of our female cultivars.

5GAL \$24.95 #0844

E. 'Oosterwijk'. A Dutch variety that is noteworthy for its exceptionally long-lasting display of red fruit. Grows 4-6x4-6 feet and the pollinator is Jim Dandy.

3GAL \$17.95 #0113

F. 'Southern Gentleman'. A male pollinator for many cultivars.

3GAL \$17.95 #1771

G. 'Winter Red'. This Simpson Nursery introduction is the best in my book. Multi-stemmed, upright-growing shrubs that are absolutely laden with deep red, large fruits from fall into winter. The quality and substance of the fruit display is without equal. Grows 6-8x6-8 feet and the pollinator is Southern Gentlemen.

3GAL \$17.95 #0845

H. X 'Sparkleberry'. This is considered to be a hybrid and forms vigorous, upright-growing plants that are covered with multitudes of small, vibrant red fruit. Considered to be one of the best. Grows 6-10x6-10 feet and the pollinator is 'Apollo'.

3GAL \$17.95 #0850

Ilex x meserveae 'Mesid' Blue Maid, Blue Maid Blue Holly. (sun/sh)(Zones 5-8)(12x10 feet)

I'm not sure if the patent still holds on this, but we list as such anyhow. This is one of the shrubby Blue Hollies that are seen in front of nearly every house in Ohio. You are probably shocked by the size, but if these were left to their own devices, they would make plants of large proportions. Excellent glossy, dark green foliage and quantities of large red fruits in fall and winter.

2GAL \$26.95 #0282

Indigofera heterantha (gerardiana), Himalayan Indigo. (sun/psh)(Zones 5-8)(4-6x4-6 feet)

The Indigos make excellent, easy to grow plants for people with tough garden situations, but are beautiful and rare enough for the most discriminating gardener. We are particularly enamored with the species for its fleecy, blue-green foliage and seemingly endless display of pink flowers from the beginning of July until the first hard frost. This can form a woody framework of branches or can be grown as a cut back shrub. The individual flowers are reminiscent of sweet-pea blooms.

3GAL \$19.95 #1702

Indigofera kirilowii, Kirilow Indigo. (sun)(Zones 5-7)(3x3 feet)

A favorite plant of the folks at the Cincinnati Zoo and a burgeoning favorite of ours. This forms tidy 3x3 foot shrubs that are smothered in light pink blooms in May or June and the effect is like a crown vetch on steroids. Truly a sight to behold. The stems can be killed to the ground in severe winters, but the plant will easily regrow from the roots. It is also recommended that the plant be rejuvenated every few years. Easily grown in any draining soil.

3GAL \$22.95 #0664

Itea virginica, Virginia Sweetpire. (sun/sh)(Zones 5-9)(varies)

Truly a plant that should be in everyone's yard for its seemingly endless beauty. The landscape trade has embraced the species and it is now widely planted for its gracefully-arching red stems, fragrant white flowers, and long-lasting red or maroon fall color. Excellent winter character with the spent flowers drooping through the red stems for a most attractive winter scene. Grows well in wet or dry areas and pH adaptable. Will tolerate heavy pruning.

A. I v. 'Merlot'. A much smaller-growing form that fits well into small landscapes. Plants grow only 3x4 feet and display the most wonderful chocolate-purple fall coloration that makes you hanker for a glass of wine. One of my favorites.

2GAL \$18.95 #0930

B. J. v. 'Sprich' Little Henry. Perhaps the most widely grown, and with good reason This plant was selected right here in Cincinnati for its very tight habit (3x4 feet) and brilliant cherry, cherry-red fall color. I think some landscapers mistake it for a Taxus because I often see them pruned into a meatball. The fall color seems to last forever.

2GAL \$18.95 #1590

Juniperus chinensis 'Shimpaku', Shimpaku Chinese Juniper. (sun)(Zones 4-9)(3x5 feet)

This variety is most often used for bonsai and in Japanese gardens, where it lends itself to shaping and heavy pruning. The foliage is gray green in color and silvery bark peels to reveal the brown bark underneath.

2GAL \$19.95 #2834

Juniperus communis 'Hibernica', Irish Juniper. (sun)(Zones 2-6)(10x4 feet)

Not commonly seen in the US, the Irish Juniper is widely planted in Europe for its tight, columnar form. An excellent plant for formal gardens, the spiny blue-green foliage is densely held and gives the plant a very fine-textured appearance that contrasts well with other plants. If your going for the formal Italian garden look, this is your plant.

7GAL \$34.95 #0550

Juniperus horizontalis 'Bar Harbor', Bar Harbor Creeping Juniper. (sun)(Zones 4-9)(1x6 feet)

Originally selected from the salty Maine coast, this mat-forming ground-cover is now widely planted in the Midwest. Low mats of awl-like foliage that is blue-green in summer and burgundy purple in winter. Needs decent drainage to thrive. Susceptible to bagworms.

3GAL \$24.95 #0879

Kalmia latifolia, Mountain Laurel. (psh/sh)(Zones 5-9)(varies)

A highly treasured native shrub of unparalleled beauty for its intricate star shaped blooms. This close relative of the Rhododendron bears large clusters of blooms in late May and early June that start with curious, inflated buds that are as attractive as the flowers. The leaves are very glossy and evergreen and add substance to the winter and spring garden. Mountain Laurel needs very acidic, well-drained soil to thrive and is not the most easily grown plant in the Cincinnati area. Success can be had, though, by setting the plants on the ground and mounding finely ground pine bark around the rootball. Using this method we have achieved regular flowering for the past 4 years.

A. K. I. 'Bullseye'. A bi-colored form that begins with creamy, white buds that open to reveal saucer-shaped, white blooms with a distinctive maroon band. The effect is very pleasing up-close and from a distance. 5x5 feet.

2GAL \$19.95 #0875

B. K. I. 'Little Linda'. This dwarf plant was introduced from Richard Jayne's breeding program in Connecticut. This forms very dense mounds of tidy, evergreen foliage and forms pink flowers that open from deep-red flower buds. Grows only 2x2 feet and very cute.

2GAL \$19.95 #0876

C. K. I. 'Sarah'. One of the best for its vibrant red flower buds that open to pink on top of a dense, full plant of great beauty. Very Hardy. Grows 5x5 feet.

2GAL \$19.95 #0881

Kerria japonica 'Pleniflora', Double Japanese Kerria. (sun/sh)(Zones 4-9)(3-6x3-6 feet)

There are few landscape plants tougher than the Japanese Kerria. In full sun or full shade, this forms dense thickets of smooth green stems that electrify the winter landscape. In spring and summer the plant produces copious amounts of fully-double, bright yellow flowers that draw the eye. The dainty, serrated foliage is also pleasing with yellow fall color.

2GAL \$12.95 #0668

Kolkwitzia amabilis 'Pink Cloud', Pink Cloud Beauty Bush. (sun)(Zones 4-8)(7x5 feet)

A 1946 introduction from Wisley Gardens and one of Ernest Wilson's favorite plants. This form an upright, arching shrub that is literally covered in masses of small, pink, tubular, blooms in late spring and early summer. This will grow in dastardly dry situations and is extremely tolerant of pollution and compacted soils. Hard to resist when in bloom.

7GAL \$29.95 #2423

***Leptodermis oblonga*, Leptodermis.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 5-8)(2x3 feet)

One of the longest-blooming shrubs for Cincinnati gardens. Imagine low mounds of tiny gray green leaves and a profusion of tubular lavender flowers that occur from May until September. Each bloom looks like a single Lilac flower and Margaret calls the plant 'Summer Lilac'. Supposedly fragrant, but I have not noticed any hint of a smell. Doesn't matter though, because the thing blooms for so darn long and is the perfect size for foundation planting.

2GAL \$16.95 #0723

***Lespedeza thunbergii* 'Gibralter', Gibralter Bush Clover.**

(sun)(Zones 5-9)(5x5 feet)

Like the Genus Indigofera, Lespedeza is an under-utilized group of plants that display extreme cold hardiness and adaptability coupled with extraordinary floral beauty. These grow quickly all summer and not until the dog-days of August do the pea-like flowers finally unveil their abundant beauty. On this cultivar the entire plant becomes a rich, rosy-pink for a whole month at the end of summer. Can be cut back every year, or every few years, to maintain a tidy habit.

1GAL \$9.45 #2524

***Ligustrum x vicaryi*, Golden Vicary Privet.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 5-8)(4-6x4-6 feet)

Large, dense, rounded shrubs with golden-chartreuse leaves throughout the growing season. This thing is planted everywhere and each fall reminds me of its looming presence as the whole shrub turns a most hideous red-purple. Good for use as a hedge or if you want a shrub you can prune the hell out of anytime you want. White flowers in early summer.

5GAL \$22.95 #1713

***Lindera benzoin*, Spice Bush.**

(sun/sh)(Zones 4-9)(8-12x8-12 feet)

Without a doubt, one of our finest native shrubs for use in almost any landscape application. Commonly seen in wet, shady woodlands in Ohio, where vigorous stands form thickets that are almost impenetrable. When brought into the sun, Spice Bush forms an upright-growing, compact shrub with translucent blue-green leaves that turn rich, butter yellow in fall. It is also one of the first plants to bloom in spring, when, in mid-March, the cheery yellow flowers grace the frozen landscape. Plants are dioecious and only females will produce the shiny, red fruit in late summer. This means it is best to plant several into the landscape and enjoy the plant en masse. Our plants are unsexed seedlings from Warren and Clinton Counties in Ohio.

1GAL \$9.95 #0936

***Microbiota decussata*, Siberian Cypress.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 2-6)(1.5x4-5 feet)

Another conifer that has gone from unknown to widely grown in the past 75 years. Not discovered until the 1940's (I think), this is now considered to be an excellent low-growing conifer substitute for the more common Juniper species. Refreshing, mounds of layered foliage resembling fern fronds. The plant turns totally bronze in winter and stands out amongst other conifers in the garden. This is rather easily grown in well-drained soils where it is not allowed to dry out the first couple years after planting. Unlike anything else, really.

1GAL \$9.95 #0980

***Myrica pensylvanica*, Common Bayberry.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 2-7)(10x8 feet)

Although planted in abundance, this remains one of Ohio's rarest native shrubs in the wild, where it grows in fens and bogs in the Northeast quadrant of the state. In cultivation, this forms upright-growing, aromatic shrubs of glossy, green foliage, and if you have a male and female, stark gray winter fruit that are covered with wax upon close inspection. The plant will tolerate wet or compacted sites and is very tolerant of salt and pollution. Large growing, but can be easily maintained by pruning. All parts of this plant are fragrant and are frequently used to scent candles and the like for Christmas.

5GAL \$39.95 #0986

***Paeonia suffruticosa*, Tree Peony.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 4-9)(3x4 feet)

Revered in China for thousands of years where locals call them Mulan, meaning "Tree Rose". For centuries private viewing parties were held for royalty only, and some plants were viewed only by the Emperor himself. The Tree Peonies have their origins in the southwest of China, where many wild species can still be found, often in and around monasteries that have been inhabited for thousands of years. Botanists are not sure whether the plants were planted there (obviously some were) and reseeded into the wild, or if the wild plants are simply that, wild plants. Whatever the story, these represent some of the most remarkable plants for the garden, yet they are still little known. They make extremely long-lived dense shrubs with excellent

foliage and absolutely scrumtrulescent, huge flowers that make Tea Roses look like sissies. Also, they are very easily grown and require only rich, draining soil and patience to thrive. Can't say that about too many roses. Flowering Sized Plants.

A. 'Kinshi'. A must have for its tantalizing, butter yellow, semi-double flowers. Absolutely magnificent.
3GAL \$29.95 #2201

B. 'Renkaku'. A lusty beauty with flowing white flowers with small, yellow centers.
3GAL \$29.95 #2209

C. 'Shimadaijian'. Very dark, but flamboyant purple flowers with an ominous look. The small yellow center looks like a full moon on clear night, set against the petals.
3GAL \$29.95 #2210

D. 'Taiyo'. Luscious, pure red flowers draw the eye from a distance and shock the landscape. Very unadulterated.
3GAL \$29.95 #2059

E. 'Yachiyotsubaki'. Delicate, pastel-pink flowers nestled atop blue-green foliage for a display that screams, "Spring!"
3GAL \$29.95 #2060

F. 'Hatsugarasu'. This is new to us, but the catalog shows flowers of orange with a brown overcast. Most unusual indeed.
3GAL \$29.95 #2202

***Paxistima canbyi* 'Nana', Dwarf Cliff Green.** (sun/sh)(Zones 4-8)(12x30 inches)

The dwarf form of one of Ohio's rarest native plants and a top-notch garden plant for the midwest. This forms low rungs of tiny, shiny, evergreen leaves that look fresh and new in the depths of summer or winter. We have found this to be amazingly adaptable to full shade in very dry soils or even full sun in very dry soils. Not too many broadleaf evergreens you can say that about. A member of the Celastraceae, and very scattered in its minimal natural distribution.

1GAL \$6.95 #0628

***Philadelphus*, Mockorange.** (sun)(Zones 4-9)(varies)

To truly appreciate the Mockorange, it is necessary to visit England sometime during the month of June and take in the heady aroma of the flowers as they greet you at every street corner. They are much more widely planted in UK than the US and in their cool summer climate, the flowers seem to last forever. Here in the Midwest, the duration of the flower display is more condensed, but the intensity of the fragrance is ten-fold. The basic format of the Genus is pretty much the same: upright growing shrubs with arching stems and multitudes of saucer-shaped, white flowers with yellow centers emanating a fragrance that reminds me of bubble gum. The scent is enough to make you salivate, literally. These will thrive for years in harsh, dry soils and appreciate an occasional removal of old stems to help encourage vigorous young growth that will bloom more freely.

A. 'Polar Star'. A selection with an unusually long bloom period. The initial flush of flowers occurs in early June and seems to continue, sporadically, throughout the summer. Dirr indicates that it blooms in June and again in fall, but this is not what we have experienced. Grows 8-10x6-8 feet.
5GAL \$29.95 #2373

B. *P. x lemoinei* 'Innocence'. An interesting, variegated-leaf form with hints of golden-yellow interspersed erratically through each leaf. To me, this is the most fragrant of the forms we grow and is worth growing just for that reason. Produces relatively small leaves and flowers, but beautiful in its own right. Grows 6-8 feet tall and wide.
5GAL \$29.95 #2392

C. *P. lewisii* 'Snow Velvet'. An excellent form with large, semi-double white, sweetly scented blooms. Reputed to bloom sporadically, but we have not seen this tendency in the nursery. Very lush and full in bloom, each flower appears like white linen draped over the branches.
5GAL \$29.95 #2397

D. P. x *virginialis* 'Minnesota Snowflake'. A smaller growing form with fully double, fragrant white blooms. The plant grows only 5-6x5-6 feet and will work well in smaller gardens.

5GAL \$29.95 #2398

***Physocarpus opulifolius*, Eastern Ninebark.**

(sun/sh)(Zones 2-8)(10x8 feet)

Ten years ago nobody in the US would have thought twice about planting this. This is not unusual though, because many of our native plants have been shunned in their homeland, while the Europeans have a field day selecting new and improved cultivars with unique characteristics and then sell them back to us at a premium price. Now, after the introduction of several superior cultivars, the demand for this plant is almost without limits. Hey, we've jumped on the bandwagon too and are growing these wonderful new shrubs and are thrilled to be able to offer them to you. Fast growing, drought tolerant, and pest free, there are few plants that will tolerate such extreme conditions as admirably as the Ninebark. Some selections can grow quite large, but can be cut to the ground in late winter with little ill effect.

A. P. *opulifolius* from Adams Co., Ohio. These are produced from seed, snatched from plants growing in dolomite crevices. Light green leaves and white clusters of flowers in May that age gracefully to pink. Yellow fall color.

3GAL \$24.95 #1556

B. P. o. 'Dart's Gold'. A form with golden foliage in spring that fades to chartreuse in summer. Characteristics otherwise the same as the species.

7GAL \$34.95 #0625

C. P. o. 'Monlo' Diabolo. One of the first introductions out of Europe and an asset to gardens everywhere. Tall, cascading stems of with deep purple foliage in spring the ages to deep wine-red in summer. The white flower clusters stand out from the dark folial back-drop and age to a bright pink that contrasts beautifully with the leaves. Excellent, khaki colored, peeling bark that stands out in winter.

3GAL \$24.95 #1559

D. P. o. 'Nugget'. Similar to 'Dart's Gold', but with dense, compact foliage on a plant that reaches only 6x5 feet. Foliage starts yellow, ages to lime green and back yellow in fall.

5GAL \$29.95 #2425

E. P. o. 'Seward' Summer Wine. Very similar to Diabolo, but smaller in all parts and with a slightly deeper burgundy coloration to the leaf. Grows only 5-6x4 feet, lending itself to almost any landscape application. Very beautiful and fast growing.

3GAL \$24.95 #2904

***Picea abies*, Norway Spruce.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 3-7)(60x20 feet)

One of the most commonly planted and adaptable conifers in our zone, the Norway Spruce persists long after the person who planted it is gone. At first, a dense, conical tree with upswept branches eventually forms a tall tree with widely spaced braches that are parallel to the ground. Tolerant of poor, compacted sites and even fairly wet sites, the Norway Spruce takes it in stride. We have large trees of the species and a cultivar or two.

A. P.a. 'Nidiformis'. The Bird's Nest Spruce. One of the most commonly encountered dwarf conifers in the landscape, this forms squat, biscuit-shaped shrubs with green needles. Grows very slowly and therefore a good foundation plant.

3GAL \$24.95 #2090

***Pieris japonica*, Japanese Pieris.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 5-8)(varies)

A charming Rhododendron relative with lustrous evergreen foliage and pristine white, drooping, Lily of the Valley flowers in very early spring. This appreciates similar conditions to Rhodies, but seems more adaptable to conditions other than optimum. Performs best in partly shaded areas with loose, organic soil that never dries completely and is shaded in the winter. The biggest killer of broadleaf evergreens in the Midwest is clear, cold nights that freeze hard, followed by sunny, mild mornings. The sun thaws the above-ground parts of the plant and it then tries to pull moisture from the frozen root zone to meet the needs of respiration, but it can't uptake ice, so the plant ends up dehydrating itself and therefore, burning. This is probably more important than soil preparation in a lot of cases.

A. P. j. 'Valley Valentine'. A pink-flowered form of great beauty. Low mounds of glossy evergreen foliage with red stems and petioles, and copious quantities of light pink, hanging, urn-shaped flowers on vivid red pedicels. Very beautiful and hardy, we planted some first year cuttings outside in the fall and they look great.

2GAL \$17.95 #2923

***Poncirus trifoliata*, Hardy Orange.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 6-9)(6x4 feet)

Perhaps the common name should be "Hardly an Orange" because if you live in Chicago and think this will produce crops of edible oranges on a regular basis, you are flat wrong. What this is, is a spiny tangle of irregular branches, armed and ready to slice you up. The leaves are quite small and hardly noticeable. The best thing about the plant are the small white flowers that bear an intoxicating citrus fragrance that makes you forget about the rest of the plant. It does fruit, although the small, pale orange fruits are hardly palatable to any mammal. I've heard they make excellent marmalade, though.

2GAL \$24.95 #2120

***Potentilla fruticosa*, Bush Cinquefoil.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 2-6)(2-3x2-3 feet)

There are not many homeowners or gardener that aren't familiar with this plant, because at one point I think it came standard with every new landscape planted in the Midwest. Ultimately forming wiry mounds of tiny, dissected gray-green leaves and copious quantities of saucer-shaped flowers in an ever-expanding range of hues. Some of the new introductions are quite lovely and I have become smitten with a few of them. This grows well in dry or wet, exposed, windy situations and keeps on thriving. Usually found growing in bogs and wet areas in the wild, but amazingly tolerant of adverse situations. Not the most heat tolerant plant in the world and tends to languish even a little south of here.

A. P. f. 'Abbottswood'. My favorite of the cultivars with a low, mounded habit and prodigious quantities of pure white saucers with yellow centers. There's just something about the purity of white flowers that makes this cultivar so attractive, and I can't quite find the words to say it correctly, so I won't.

3GAL \$24.95 #1468

B. P. f. 'Pink Beauty'. A new introduction from Spring Meadow, and after its first year of growth, we are quite impressed. Low mounds of foliage and attractive pink flowers with a melon overtone that is enough to make your mouth water.

2GAL \$18.95 #2911

***Rhamnus frangula*, Glossy Buckthorn.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 3-7)(varies)

This species has a bad rap for being invasive, and a little north of here, that is very true. In the Cleveland area, this is nearly as noxious as the honeysuckle is here, and it should therefore never be planted there. In our area it does not reseed, and besides, it is not the straight species we are concerned with. There are a couple of fine cultivars that are worthy of integration into the landscape that do not set hardly any seed at all. They are adaptable to very cold areas and thrive in poor, drought stricken soils.

A. R. f. 'Asplenifolia', Fernleaf Buckthorn. An excellent selection, a world apart from the straight species and valuable for its extremely fine textured, lacy foliage that looks like a green puff of smoke in the landscape. Often called the poor man's Japanese Maple for its similarity to that the Laceleaf Japanese Maples. Sets very little, if any, seed and performs well in our area. Can grow 10-12x6-20 feet, but is usually smaller, and not that fast growing.

3GAL \$24.95 #0990

B. R. f. 'Ron Williams' Fine Line. A brand new plant that is catching the eye of all who see it. The foliage is the same as the Fernleaf Buckthorn, but the habit of the plant is strictly columnar. Very valuable for tough, dry places with very limited space. The tag says its hardy to -50 degrees Fahrenheit and grows 6-8x3-4 feet. Does not set seed.

7GAL \$32.95 #0995

C. R. f. 'Tallhedge'. This is a narrow, upright grower with rounded, glossy leaves and copious fruit set. Valuable for its columnar growth habit, and tolerance of poor soils, but not recommended north of here due to a potentially invasive habit. We have grown it at the nursery for years, where it sets much seed, but there are no stray seedlings anywhere, and I have not noticed a tendency towards invasiveness in the Cincinnati area.

Rhododendron, Deciduous Azaleas.

(sun/psh)(Zones 5-8)(varies)

This is the first leg of the Rhododendron race, as there will be other headings for the different members of the Genus. First we start with the Deciduous Azaleas, a group of plants whose main distribution is in the Eastern USA. These flamboyant plants often flower before the leaves emerge, and provide a rich, pure display of color that is unrivaled by any other group of shrubs. The flowers are born in ball-shaped trusses and come in yellow, red, orange, pink, white, and everything in between. These are generally much easier to grow than evergreen Azaleas and Rhododendrons, but still require evenly moist, well-drained soils that are slightly acidic, or at the bear minimum, a neutral pH. Marvin has a pure yellow-flowered hybrid in his yard that blooms heavily every year and thrives in full sun. All you need is a little compost. We offer an ever-expanding range of cultivars and species.

A. R. 'King's Red'. An exciting cultivar that is not easy to come by as it is quite difficult to propagate. This produces ball-shaped trusses of bright red flowers in mid-spring and apple green leaves in summer. The fall color is an exquisite deep purple that commands attention. Grows 6-5 feet over many years.

2GAL \$19.95 #2650

B. R. 'Gibraltar'. Perhaps the most famous of all the Deciduous Azaleas, 'Gibraltar' stands supreme with its refulgent display of the brightest orange flowers imaginable. This Exbury hybrid has deep crimson buds which add an extra dimension of color to the landscape. Very beautiful and highly regarded. Grows to 6x5 feet.

2GAL \$19.95 #2653

C. R. 'Madame Jolly'. Demure lavender flowers are the highlight of this hybrid. I believe this is a R. occidentale hybrid that does not perform well in areas with hot summers, but seems to be doing very well here. Appreciates good drainage. Grows 4-6x4-5 feet.

2GAL \$19.95 #2651

D. R. 'White Swan'. A white flowered selection with widely flaring, funnel-shaped flowers with a large yellow blotch. The plant is grown mainly for its intensely sweet fragrance that permeates the air for hundreds of feet around it. Grows 4-6x4-6 feet.

2GAL \$19.95 #0276

Rhododendron, Lepidote Rhododendrons. (Small Leaf)

(psh/sh)(Zones 4-7)(varies)

These are the small-leaved compliments of the large-leaf Lepidotes mentioned above. Lepidote means scaly and refers to the scales that are present on the leaves and sometimes stems. The smaller leaved plants are typically the hardiest of the evergreen Rhodos and thrive in northern climates and less than ideal Rhodo areas, like the Midwest. We offer a few selections of these hardy plants. These are more adaptable to winter sun and the leaves bronze in response, but never drop. Early flowering, these are some of the first shrubs to bloom in April.

A. R. 'Northern Starburst'. This patented selection was selected for its pastel pink flowers that lack the astringent purple coloration of many hybrids in this group. This selection bears small rounded leaves that turn mahogany in winter. Grows 3-4x3-4 feet.

2GAL \$18.95 #0678

B. R. 'Weston's Pink Diamond'. I believe this is an English selection with a decidedly upright growth habit. The real show is in the fully double, clear pink flowers that look like little Camellia blossoms. The plant blooms very early and is an asset to the landscape. Grows 4-6x3-4 feet.

5GAL \$29.95 #2142

Rhododendron, Evergreen Azalea Hybrids.

(psh/sh)(Zones 5-8)(varies)

The last grouping of Rhododendrons and some of the most floriferous in the plant kingdom. These are generally low, evergreen shrubs with tiny, glossy leaves that bear singular, funnel-shaped flowers that flare widely. They are much loved by plant breeders and there are numerous hybrid strains that are well adapted to particular growing conditions. Our selections are bred to withstand Midwestern winters and still put forth a worthy display of bloom in spring. Most all of the foliage falls off, and only the whorl of leaves surrounding the flower buds will remain. This is not true of all selections, though. All require good drainage and slightly acidic soil to thrive.

A. R. 'Girard's Variegated Hotshot'. A first rate plant developed on the shores of Lake Eerie at Girard's nursery. Light green leaves with an irregular creamy margin and a vibrant display of red flowers in April or May. The variegation appears very intense from a distance and the plant is a good doer. Grows 3x4 feet.

3GAL \$24.95 #2143

***Rhus aromatica*, Fragrant Sumac.**

(sun)(Zones 3-9)(6-8x10-12 feet)

This could very well be the best sumac for general landscape use. In its regular form it develops upright, twiggy colonies of glossy, clover-like foliage. The plant is not exactly fragrant, but smells mildly of skunk and citrus when bruised. The plant will tolerate extremely dry soils and is useful for compacted, polluted sites where little else will grow. This has some of the most magnificent fall color of all plants, astounding in shades of deep red and orange.

5GAL \$29.95 #0638

A. R. a. 'Gro-Low'. This prostrate form is the one most commonly seen in the trade and is a fabulous landscape plant. It grows only 2-3x6-8, although it can easily be maintained at a smaller size. The fall color is an amazing, glossy red.

5GAL \$29.95 #0643

***Rhus glabra*, Smooth Sumac.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 3-9)(15x15 feet)

A common site along roadways and fencerows and other out of the way areas. The plant forms suckering colonies of thick, pithy, smooth stems with pinnately compound leaves. The flowers are lime green and born in conical clusters that eventually grow into fuzzy red fruits with much fall interest. The real show is in the fall color, which almost always turns a deep scarlet red that draws the eye immediately. Can be valuable for tough, dry positions in the landscape and is a good plant for naturalizing.

7GAL \$34.95 #0647

***Rhus typhina*, Staghorn Sumac.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 4-8)(15-25x15-25 feet)

The basic difference between this and the above species is the presence of a thick, fuzzy pubescence on the stems. The fall color is also a bit different, usually orange to yellow, but very showy and eye catching. Grows well in poor, dry soils and thrives on neglect.

10GAL \$54.95 #0641

***Ribes alpinum* 'Spreng' Green Jeans, Green Jeans Alpine Currant.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 2-6)(3-5x3-5 feet)

A choice Spring Meadow introduction that forms well-branched, dome-shaped shrubs with rich, green, glossy foliage. The plant prefers good drainage and some shade from midday sun in hot climates. Excellent as a foundation plant or component of the mixed shrub border.

3GAL \$24.95 #1156

***Rosa*, Shrub Roses**

(sun)(Zones 4-8)(varies)

The Shrub Roses present an option to people who enjoy roses, but don't enjoy the painstaking care that many require. These hardy hybrids were selected for their tenacious habit, long season of bloom and unparalleled insect and disease resistance. The shrubs generally form a mounding habit and do not require much in the way of pruning or deadheading, although removing old branches that have lost their vigor will help the plant immensely.

A. R. 'Meipreston' Ruby Meidiland, Ruby Meidiland Rose. One of the older selections from this group, but still a plant par excellence. Low, mounding shrubs with spiny stems and copious quantities of ruby red, small roses born in clusters like grapes. The show persists for quite some time, usually spanning the length of the summer into early fall. Grows 3-4x3-4 feet.

2GAL \$19.95 #0919

B. R. 'Morden Blush'. A very beautiful Shrub Rose with peachy-flesh colored blossoms that are individually quite large for this type of Rose. Each bloom is fully double and reminds me of an English Tea Rose. The plant is relatively disease and insect free and truly thrives on neglect after it is established. Grows 2x3 feet.

2GAL \$19.95 #2907

C. R. 'Nearly Wild'. A dainty beauty with a natural air about it that attracts all who see it. A low,

mounding shrub with an abundant display of cheery, single pink flowers with a white center. The plant blooms over along period and withstands harsh conditions when established. Grows 2x4 feet.

2GAL \$19.95 #2906

***Salix gracilistyla* 'Melanostachys', Rosegold Pussy Willow.**

(sun)(Zones 4-7)(10x10 feet)

One of the glories of late winter, and an excellent cut stem plant. A large, mounding shrub with fiery red late winter stems and charcoal colored catkins. The plant produces pretty green leaves that hold well into fall and produce yellow fall color. This appreciates a wet or damp location in the garden that doesn't dry out too severely. An occasional pruning of the older limbs will help keep the plant healthy.

5GAL \$29.95 #1446

***Salix koriyanagi* 'Rubykins', Willow.**

(sun)(Zones 4-7)(8-12x8-10 feet)

I'm not sure of the nomenclature of this name, but what I do know is that this is a very beautiful Willow. Upright stems of amber-yellow that makes itself known in the winter landscape and small, but numerous silvery catkins. The shrub is rounded in habit and it is best to remove the older, less vigorous stems to maintain the health of the plant. Moist or wet soils are best, and this is an excellent plant for preventing erosion on banks and hills.

10GAL \$39.95 #1179

***Salix sachalinensis* 'Sekka', Japanese Fantail Willow.**

(sun)(Zones 4-7)(10-12x10-12 feet)

More of a curiosity than anything else, the Japanese Fantail Willow gets its name from the way the ends of its stems flatten and widen, giving an almost two-dimensional fan-like effect. They are very popular as cut stems in arrangements and it is with that intent that people grow it. Appreciates wet or damp conditions, and can assume large proportions if left to its own devices.

10GAL \$39.95 #1449

***Sambucus canadensis*, American Elder.**

(sun/sph)(Zones 3-9)(varies)

A common native plant of the eastern seaboard and Midwest, often seen growing in drainage ditches and other out of the way, wet areas. This normally forms a dense stand of upright branches cloaked in pinnately compound leaves and large flat clusters of white flowers that mature into purple-black fruits. The fruits have been used traditionally for making jams, pies, preserves, and the like and the plant is excellent for those wishing to attract birds. The plants are very easily grown, and grow best when given adequate moisture, and they respond very well to nutrition.

A. S. c. 'Aurea', Golden leaved American Elder. This form possesses brilliantly hued spring and summer foliage. The new leaves emerge in tones of golden-yellow and gradually fade to chartreuse and then lime green as the summer drags on. Excellent for combining with darker foliated plants, or wherever you desire drama in the garden.

5GAL \$29.95 #1191

B. S. c. 'Laciniata', Laceleaf American Elder. Like a Queen Anne's Lace on steroids, this laceleaf version of the elderberry catches every plant lover's eye. Upright stems of very finely dissected foliage with large clusters of white flowers and purple-black berries. Grows 8-10x6-8 feet.

5GAL \$29.95 #2147

***Sambucus nigra*, European Elder.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 5-7)(varies)

Essentially the European compliment of our native species and similar in most regards. The species has had several selections made from it and the range of forms much greater than with our native. The preference for growing conditions is the same and the plant is easily grown. We grow a few cultivars.

A. S. n. 'Guicho Purple'. Interesting in its coloration of dull green leaves with a smoky, purple overlay in spring and summer. In Europe, this thing is almost totally purple, and appears to be a different plant. This grows 4-7x4-7 feet.

5GAL \$29.95 #2146

B. S. n. 'Madonna'. In my opinion, the best of the cultivars with regard to performance and showiness in our area. Relatively short clumps of upright stems clad in green leaves with a prominent golden yellow margin. The variegation remains showy throughout the summer and even looks great with a half day of shade. This is quite a good little plant, which is more than I can say for most Elders. Grows 4-6x4-5 feet.

2GAL \$14.95 #1192

***Sorbaria sorbifolia*, Ural Falsepirea.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 2-7)(8-10x8-10 feet)

Imagine if you can, a 10 foot tall Astilbe with white blooms in mid-summer. Forms a colony of woody stems with Sumac-like foliage that turns red and crimson in fall. The fall color starts in late summer and provides an unusually long procession of color. Grows well in a variety of soils, as long as they do not get too dry.

5GAL \$29.95 #1728

***Spirea*, Spirea.**

(sun)(Zones 4-8)(varies)

OK, if your not familiar with Spirea, you must be walking around with your eyes closed. These plants are the bread and butter of landscapers and there is hardly a new landscape planted in Cincinnati that does not have at least a few of these in the design. They generally form low mounds of very thin stems and flattened clusters of sugar pink flowers. There are some different forms that are also very nice and just as easy and adaptable as the others. In general, these are very drought and pollution tolerant plants that will grow and look good even under the worst of circumstances.

A. S. decumbens, Ground Cover Spirea. A very low growing form of the 'typical' Spirea that reaches only 15x24 inches. It bears liberal quantities of soft pink flowers almost all summer long.

3GAL \$24.95 #1229

B. S. fritschiana 'Wilma' Pink Parasols, Pink Parasols Spirea. This is my favorite of the selections we offer for its rounded, gray green foliage with a blunt tip. The flowers are an intense, rich pink and form large, flat, rounded clusters in spring. The plant grows 2-3x3-4 feet and thrives in adverse situations like other Spirea.

3GAL \$24.95 #2385

C. S. japonica 'Candle Light'. We grow this and 'Dakota Goldcharm' and the differences between the two are minimal at best. This is the basic Spirea with pink flowers, only in this cultivar the leaves are bright yellow in spring, fading to chartreuse in summer.

3GAL \$24.95 #1730

D. S. japonica 'Neon Flash'. A form of the basic Spirea with flowers of a more intensely hued, richer pink. Seems to stand out better than typical soft pink forms and a good doer, too.

3GAL \$24.95 #1732

Stephanandra incisa 'Crispa', Cutleaf Stephanandra.

(sun/psh)(Zones 3-8)(2-4x2-4 feet)

I have often thought of this as the woody equivalent to parsley. Don't try to eat this one though, for it is a superficial resemblance, not a palatable one. This forms very thin twigs covered in frilly-cut foliage that produces highly textural mounds of light green foliage that looks good all summer long. The plant is not tolerant of extreme drought, but is easily grown where it won't be dried to a crisp. The fall color is a pleasing yellow-orange.

2GAL \$12.95 #1233

Symphoricarpos x doorenbosii 'Magic Berry', Coral Berry.

(psh/sh)(Zones 3-8)(3-5x3-5 feet)

A very pretty hybrid Coral Berry that forms spreading mounds of round, blue-green foliage and a showy display of red fruit in late summer and fall. The plant is tolerant of shady, dry areas and merits much attention for such areas of the landscape. Tolerant of drought when established.

5GAL \$29.95 #1237

Syringa patula 'Miss Kim', Miss Kim Lilac.

(sun/psh)(Zones 4-7)(3-10x3-6 feet)

I think most people are under the impression that this is a compact Lilac that reaches no more than 3-5 feet, but that is simply not the case. It does grow rather slowly, though and makes a good foundation plant that will stay within its boundaries for some time. With a little pruning of long, vigorous shoots, the plant will remain at a reasonable height. This produces spade-shaped leaves and beautiful, fragrant clusters of pale lavender flowers. Tolerates dry soils.

5GAL \$29.95 #1240

Syringa x prestoniae, Preston Hybrid Lilacs

(sun)(Zones 3-7)(8-10x8-10 feet)

These were originally bred in Ottawa, Canada for improved cold hardiness. The result is a group of plants with extreme interest to anyone who fancies Lilacs. The plants are most similar to the *S. villosa* parent with

dull green leaves with impressed venation and moderately fragrant flowers that appear long after those of *S. vulgaris*. These season extenders are excellent, low-maintenance plants that will grow and prosper for many years. We offer a few selections

A. 'Donald Wyman'. One of the deepest pink flowers available from this hybrid with flowers being almost reddish-pink.

5GAL \$29.95 #1596

B. 'Miss Canada'. This is my favorite of the mix for its late season display of rose-pink buds opening to light pink flowers. Often repeat blooms for us sporadically throughout the summer. Excellent foliage.

5GAL \$29.95 #1244

C. 'Royalty'. This is impressive for its abundant display of rich, deep purple flowers that open late in the season. Fragrant.

7GAL \$34.95 #1540

***Syringa x hyacinthiflora*, Early Flowering Lilac**

(sun)(Zone 3-7)(8-12x6-10 feet)

These are extremely hardy plants that were produced to flower before the *S. vulgaris* types. These were first produced in France some years ago, but the hybridization torch has been re-lit by a few modern hybridizers. These are for anyone that needs their Lilacs as early as possible.

A. 'Clarke's Giant'. Light lilac flowers in early spring. Very fragrant.

5GAL \$29.95 #1251

B. 'Pocohontas'. An excellent form with rich, reddish-purple buds open to purple flowers. Very beautiful and free flowering.

3GAL \$24.95 #1253

***Syringa vulgaris*, Common Lilac.**

(sun)(Zones 3-7)(8-15x6-10 feet)

Who doesn't love the fragrance of Lilacs in spring? If you are a Midwesterner, you have known what these plants were even before you could talk. Around here they never seem to die and old, abandoned lots still hold ancient lilacs that have stood the test of time and climate. These are very easy to grow and don't require much in the way of maintenance, except for removal of old, non-vigorous limbs. They can get powdery mildew pretty bad, but it never kills the plant.

A. 'Charles Joly'. This form is highly regarded for its resistance to powdery mildew and exceptional magenta-purple flowers.

5GAL \$29.95 #1735

B. 'Congo'. A light purple flowered form that is exceptionally fragrant.

5GAL \$29.95 #1248

C. 'Madame Lemoine'. A pure white flowered form in which every bloom is semi or fully double. Not as fragrant as other types, but still quite good. The floral effect is much meatier than other lilacs.

5GAL \$29.95 #1245

D. 'President Grevy'. A good form with reddish-purple flower buds opening to blue-purple, exceedingly fragrant flowers.

5GAL \$29.95 #1444

E. 'Sensation'. The most popular of our selections, this old, French hybrid is showcased by its purple and white, bi-colored flowers. Truly sensational.

5GAL \$29.95 #1494

***Tamarix ramosissima* 'Pink Cascade', Pink Cascade Tamarix.**

(sun)(Zones 2-7)(10-15x8-12 feet)

This never ceases to attract attention in early summer when the plum-purple blooms erupt from the ends of the stems. The foliage is very finely textured and needle-like and has the same texture as the inflorescence. The overall effect is utterly unique. The plant can grow in pure sand, and in the Great Basin and other arid regions of the USA, these are terribly noxious weeds. They have the ability to exude salt that they absorb from the soil and in that way can tolerate very extreme conditions. Old stems lose vigor very quickly and

every effort should be made to prune them out.

7GAL \$34.95 #1457

Tamarix ramosissima 'Rubra', Red Tamarix

(sun)(Zones 2-7)(10-15x8-12 feet)

This is listed as the being the same species as the one above, but they are different plants, at least from a floral standpoint. This blooms on old wood before the new leaves of the season are produced. The blooms are catkin-like and not as showy as the above, but certainly distinctive. The foliage is almost the same. Appreciates similar conditions to the above.

7GAL \$34.95 #1257

Taxus x media, Anglojap Yew.

(sun/sh)(Zones 4-7)(varies)

Yews are just one of those groups of plants you have to admire, even though they are planted to the point of blatant commonality. A lot can be said for them, though, as they have the ability to survive full sun or full shade, wicked winter winds, and poor soils. Most often they are pruned or sheared into dense globes or meatball shapes that totally ruin the natural beauty inherent in open grown specimens. The bark becomes russet red, and peeling in older specimens and the plants will continue to develop and enhance this character for the next 1000 years or so. Yews are long-lived plants. We offer a couple of selections, but be warned, they have not been subjected to the Felcos very much.

A. 'Beanpole'. A fabulous fastigate selection that forms narrow, tapered columns of lush green growth. Worth a try in a tight spot where space is very limited from side to side. 10-12x1.5-2.5 feet.

2GAL \$24.95 #1266

B. 'Everlow'. One of the standards of the nursery trade, but often sheared into a globe, ruining its unique natural form and grace. If left untouched, this forms low, spreading branches cloaked on the ends by slightly pendulous branches. One of those love/hate plants for me. Grows 3-5x4-6 feet.

5GAL \$34.95 #1261

Ulmus x elegantissima 'Jacqueline Hillier', Dwarf Hybrid Elm.

(sun/sph)(Zones 5-7)(6-8x3-5 feet)

Most people are not much on Elms, but collectors will want this one. Upright-oval mounds of twiggy branches with very small leaves that grow on a tight, compact plant. Good as an accent for small areas. I have seen this in a few gardens in Ohio performing quite well. Tolerates relatively poor conditions, but does best with a little coddling.

7GAL \$39.95 #0650

Viburnum carlesii, Koreanspice Viburnum.

(sun/psh)(Zones 4-8)(4-8x4-8 feet)

One of the most coveted of Viburnums for fragrance alone, there is no one who simply walks past this and ignores it when in full spring splendor. This forms pompoms of white flowers that are heavily scented of cloves and only a couple of stems are needed to perfume an entire room. The plant has gray-green foliage that looks good throughout the growing season. Grows in a variety of settings and very tolerant of pollution and poor soils.

5GAL \$29.95 #1316

Viburnum cassinoides, Witherod Viburnum.

(sun/psh)(Zones 3-8)(4-6x4-6 feet)

One of our most underutilized native Viburnums that puts forth quite a show in fruit and foliage. This forms a relatively low, spreading shrub clad with white flowers in May and that changes to green fruit that ages to bright red and then finally to purple-black. The procession of color changing fruit is enough in itself to grow this plant, but it also dazzles with its intense cherry red fall color that develops late in the season. If you are a native plant person, you must grow this. Tolerates a wide range of soil types and growing conditions. Best in well-drained soil.

5GAL \$29.95 #1326

Viburnum dentatum, Arrowwood Viburnum.

(sun/sh)(Zones 3-8)(varies)

One of the hardiest shrubs to be known or grown, this will grow and thrive in nearly any situation that can be thought of. This tolerates extremes of wet and drought without dropping a leaf. Generally, this forms tall shrubs of upright stems with glossy green, toothed foliage that turns red or yellow in the autumn. The flattened clusters of white flowers appear in May and give rise to pretty heads of pearly, sapphire blue berries that last late into the season. The plant can be pruned severely with no ill effect, but it is best to do any shaping immediately after the flowers are finished to ensure the plant blooms next year. This thing is tough, I'm tellin' ya.

A. V. d. 'Christom' Blue Muffin. A Spring Meadow introduction and a first rate landscape plant. This compact growing selection reaches only 5-7x3-5 feet, and is perfect for use around the home and in other areas with space limitations. Excellent clusters of rich blue fruit in autumn that are preceded in spring by white flowers.

7GAL \$39.95 #1318

B. V. d. 'Synnesvedt' Chicago Lustre. A large growing variety with great natural form that lends itself to hedging and screening purposes. It forms an upright-oval mound of dense, glossy green foliage with white flower clusters in May and copious quantities of blue berries in autumn. Grows 10-12x8-10 feet.

7GAL \$39.95 #1322

***Viburnum dilatatum*, Linden Viburnum.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 5-7)(varies)

I am hereby claiming this as one of my favorite all time plants and I am bound and determined to make it yours. This generally forms upright, rounded mounds of glossy green foliage that turns blazing orange, red, or yellow in fall. The real show is the fruit display, whose longevity can be rivaled by few other hardy shrubs. The May display of white flowers gives way to a luxuriant display of jeweled ruby red fruit that lasts from late summer into the extreme depths of winter. The fruit is not bothered by birds and as I write this the fruit is still in evidence in late winter. This prefers a little protection, but is very hardy and tolerant of adverse conditions. Prefers good drainage.

A. V. d. 'Asian Beauty'. Probably the best of the group in regards to fruit display. This forms a very upright growing shrub that reaches 8-10x4-6 feet and is perfect for screening out unwanted views or if you simply want a shrub that looks good all year. The fruit will last from August until April in our climate and is usually still in evidence when the new leaves are emerging.

7GAL \$39.95 #2377

B. V. d. 'Catskill'. This seedling selection was made for its superior compact growth and fall color, which is one of the best of this species on our nursery. The fall color ranges from red to orange, and yellow and usually all colors are apparent on the plant at the same time. This has a rounded habit and grows 5-6x6-8 feet. The fruit display is red.

5GAL \$34.95 #2387

C. V. d. 'Michael Dodge'. An excellent yellow fruited form that produces abundant crops of fruit. The plant seems to be a relatively slow grower and will mature at about 5-6x5-6 feet.

5GAL \$34.95 #2386

D. V. d. 'Mt. Airy'. A new selection for us, but discovered right here in Cincinnati by Michael Dirr many years ago. He selected for its unusually large fruits and glossy, leathery, dark green foliage on a plant that will reach 5-7x5-7 feet.

2GAL \$22.95 #1609

E. V. d. 'Henneke' Cardinal Candy. This Spring Meadow Nursery introduction always garners attention in the nursery. This forms a broad, upright, but squat shrub that will reach only 5-6x5-6 feet. The foliage is exceptionally dark green and lustrous and the plant develops blazing autumn tones of orange. Add to that an abundant display of vivid red fruit and you've got yourself a four-season shrub.

7GAL \$39.95 #1832

***Viburnum farreri* 'Nanum', Dwarf Farrer Viburnum.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 5-7)(2-3x3-4 feet)

One of the choicest dwarf shrubs we grow, this always has mass appeal. It forms low mounds of very dark green foliage that is heavily imbued with tones of plume purple in spring and late into the growing season. The rounded clusters of pink flowers open very early in the season and are sign that spring is near, or they get pounded by frost and remind you that winter is here to stay. The Groundhog of the plant world.

2GAL \$18.95 #1894

***Viburnum lantana*, Wayfaringtree Viburnum.**

(sun/sh)(Zones 3-7)(8-12x6-10 feet)

One of the most durable plants we can grow, the Wayfaringtree can withstand sun or shade and extreme drought when established. This forms large, upright shrubs clad with leathery, semi-evergreen foliage that develops a burgundy cast in winter. This is large grower and requires ample space in the landscape, but works well for out of the way areas and as a screen, hedge, or component of the mixed shrub border. We

offer 1 cultivar.

A. V. I. 'Variegata'. I'm not usually a huge proponent of this species, but this variegated form has some of the most beautifully marked leaves I have ever seen. The heart-shaped leaves are irregularly splashed and splotched with cream, yellow, and white and provide much color in the landscape.

3GAL \$22.95 #2384

***Viburnum opulus* 'Roseum', Snowball Bush.**

(sun)(Zones 4-7)(8-12x6-8 feet)

An old-fashioned Viburnum, cherished for its exuberant display of huge white flower clusters that look like snowballs. This forms a large, hulking plant that is best suited to open areas or as a lawn specimen.

3GAL \$24.95 #1833

***Viburnum plicatum* var. *tomentosum*, Doublefile Viburnum.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 5-8)(varies)

Dirr calls this the most elegant of flowering shrubs, and I have to agree, its pretty good and long as the pruning shears don't ravage its fine natural form. This typically forms large, upright shrubs with beautifully layered, spreading branches that give the plant a tiered habit. The flat clusters of flowers are born from paired buds along every stem and the plant is hard to beat for intensity of floral display. These flowers give way to red fruit that is very attractive in late summer. The fall color develops early and seems to hang on forever. The brick red fall color is unique in the landscape. We offer a few forms and suggest you give one of these a try, they are beautiful, durable and long-lived.

A. 'Lanarth'. An excellent selection with larger flowers than the typical Doublefile. The plant grows quite large, to 10-12x8-10 feet.

5GAL \$29.95 #2383

B. 'Mariesii'. One of the most desired of all forms for its wide-spreading, layered habit and abundant blooms. Grows 8-10x10-12 feet.

5GAL \$29.95 #2269

C. 'Nana'. A dwarf growing form of this species from Don Shadow that reaches only 4-6x4-6 feet. It still produces the same display white flowers.

5GAL \$29.95 #0655

D. 'Popcorn'. I think this is the straight species and not var. *tomentosum*. It bears copious quantities of snowball clusters of white flowers in spring on upright growing shrubs 6-8x6-8 feet.

5GAL \$29.95 #1835

E. 'Shoshoni'. A seedling from 'Shasta' that is very much like that plant, but in smaller dimensions. This will grow 5x8 feet and is a USNA introduction.

5GAL \$17.95 #1321

F. 'St. Keverne'. A form of this species with exceptionally large flowers that never sets fruit. Grows 6-8x6-8 feet.

5GAL \$29.95 #2393

G. 'Watanabei'. One of the most unusual forms for its tendency to flower on and off all summer and upright, almost columnar growth habit. The leaves are extra glossy and put on quite a show as they age from green to wine-red. 4-8x3-5 feet.

5GAL \$29.95 #1838

***Viburnum sargentii* 'Onondaga', Sargent Viburnum.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 3-7)(6x6 feet)

One of the best Viburnums for spring foliage effect. The maple-like leaves emerge in tones of deep burgundy and gradually fade to deep green by mid summer. This forms upright, vigorous shrubs that produce rounded clusters of white blooms in May. Excellent as a cut-back shrub that can be utilized among perennials for added spring color. Grows well on any draining soil.

3GAL \$24.95 #1323

***Viburnum sieboldii* 'Seneca', Siebold Viburnum.**

(sun)(Zones 4-7)(10-18x8-12 feet)

One of the 'green pepper' Viburnums whose foliage weaks of said fruit when bruised. The leaves of this plant are long, bright green and leathery and lend much substance to the summer landscape. The white

flower clusters appear in May or June and bear liberal quantities of red fruit held on pretty red pedicels. That plant can grow quite large and will develop a naturally pyramidal shape that is very attractive. This is one of the hardiest of all Viburnums.

7GAL \$34.95 #2370

***Viburnum trilobum* 'Nana', Dwarf Cranberrybush Viburnum.** (sun)(Zones 2-6)(2x3 feet)

An excellent landscape plant for its tight, cushion-like habit that requires no pruning. Perfect for foundations and similar tight areas, where few plants are small enough to grow. This never flowers and so does not produce any fruit. Likes well-drained soils.

3GAL \$22.95 #2908

***Viburnum x pragense*, Prague Viburnum.** (sun/psh)(Zones 5-8)(6-8x6-8 feet)

I think Hinckley described this best when he described its leaves as, "...as glossy as a dead, calm sea at noon." Exceptional, dark green, glossy leaves that are evergreen in most years. The plant is upright growing and extremely vigorous and dense, making it a top-notch choice for screening and hedging, but beautiful enough to be used and specimen or in the mixed shrub border. This will tolerate dry soils and Black Walnut roots.

3GAL \$18.95 #1763

***Viburnum x rhytidophylloides*, Lantanaphyllum Viburnum.** (sun/sh)(Zones 5-8)(8-10x6-10 feet)

A hybrid Leatherleaf Viburnum that will grow anywhere you plant it. It is valuable for its vigorous, dense growth, adaptability to most growing conditions, and semi-evergreen leaves. This forms large upright shrubs with gritty, leathery leaves that droop in cold weather. You can prune this into oblivion, if you like, or let it develop on its own, either way the plant will do well and look good.

A. 'Alleghany'. One of the best cultivars for this group, it performs well in cold and warm climates and is valuable for its white flowers and large, leathery leaves that last late into the season.

3GAL \$22.95 #1861

B. 'Dart's Duke'. A new plant that is very similar to the above, but may have larger flowers.

3GAL \$22.95 #1874

***Viburnum x utile* 'Conoy', Conoy Viburnum.** (sun/psh)(Zones 6-9)(4-5x4-5 feet)

This gets the award for glossiest, shiniest foliage at our nursery. This forms a low mound, densely clad in very dark green foliage that attracts the eye from afar. It also bears an abundant display of white flower clusters that are not fragrant, but very visually attractive. A USNA introduction and a first rate plant that is little known.

3GAL \$24.95 #1859

***Vitex agnus-castus*, Chastetree.** (sun/psh)(Zones 6-9)(6-8x6-8 feet)

Not considered to be hardy around here, or anywhere to the north, for that matter, this has performed well in Marvin's yard for a number of years as a summer blooming cut-back shrub. This form upright shrubs with sprawling stems covered in fragrant, five-lobed leaves that resemble a Japanese Maple. The real reason to grow this is for the candle-like spears of flowers in shades of pink, white, and most commonly, lavender purple. Likes well-drained soil and performs well in our hot summers. I planted one of these in my mother's yard in Cleveland and it has done well there for a few years.

A. 'Blushing Spires'. An excellent light pink flowered selection.

5GAL \$29.95 #1335

B. 'Silver Spires'. An excellent white flowered selection.

5GAL \$29.95 #1336

***Weigela florida*, Weigela.** (sun)(Zones 4-8)(varies)

One of the most traditional shrubs in the Midwest, this old-fashioned favorite is currently undergoing a resurgence in popularity due to several new and exciting cultivars. This is generally a lax, spreading shrub with branches that turn upwards at the end and bear lots of tiny flowers that provide a collective impact that is hard to beat in mid-May. The plant will continue to bloom sporadically throughout summer and it is hard to find a plant without any flowers during the growing season. This can be pruned at any time of the year and is tolerant of poor soils and polluted areas.

A. 'Alexandra' Wine and Roses. This started the recent interest in this plant and with good reason. This forms spreading mounds of very deeply hued purple foliage that looks good throughout the season. The flowers are an intense rosy-pink and contrast well with the foliage. Not bad for a Weigela and worth growing for the season long display of purple foliage. Grows 3-5x4-5 feet.
3GAL \$24.95 #1933

B. 'Carnaval'. A new tetraploid plant from France with flowers of unusually thick substance in shades of white, pink, and rosy-red. The plant is a good grower and always seems to have more flowers in summer than any of our other cultivars. Grows 3-5x4-5 feet.
5GAL \$24.95 #1582

C. 'Elvera' Midnight Wine. Very similar to Wine and Roses, but with a very dwarf habit, the whole shrub reaching only 1x2 feet at maturity.
2GAL \$19.95 #1845

D. 'Java Red'. The precursor to Wine and Roses with bronzy purple foliage and washed out pale lavender flowers for a time in spring and summer. Grows 3-5x4-5 feet.
5GAL \$29.95 #1340

E. 'White Knight'. A patented selection from Iowa with an abundant display of pure white flowers and good, deep green foliage. Grows 5-6x5-6 feet.
7GAL \$29.95 #1847

