

Plant Project 2017

Our Favourite Plants

Hammonds Plains Area Garden Club
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Trish Patterson

Cherry Bomb Barberry

Berberis thunbergii "Cherry Bomb"

- Growth Habitat – compact, branching, mounded shrub with crimson leaves
- Hardiness zone: 4
- Height: 3-4' Width: 3-4'



Cherry Bomb Barberry

3 seasons of interest:

- red leaves in spring & summer
- rusty red leaves in fall
- yellow flowers in spring
- red berries in fall & winter



Cherry Bomb Barberry



Water: well drained soil; won't tolerate wet areas

Good as low hedge or accent plants.

Where: on my property I have 2 plants in mixed beds with part sun & irrigation system for dry spells

Cherry Bomb Barberry

Light: grows best in full sun, tolerates part sun

best leaf colour in full sun

mix of red & green colour on leaves in my garden in summer (part sun)



Cherry Bomb Barberry

Special care: has spines so need to be careful in location & pruning

Deer & rabbit resistant
Attracts birds

Where to buy this plant:

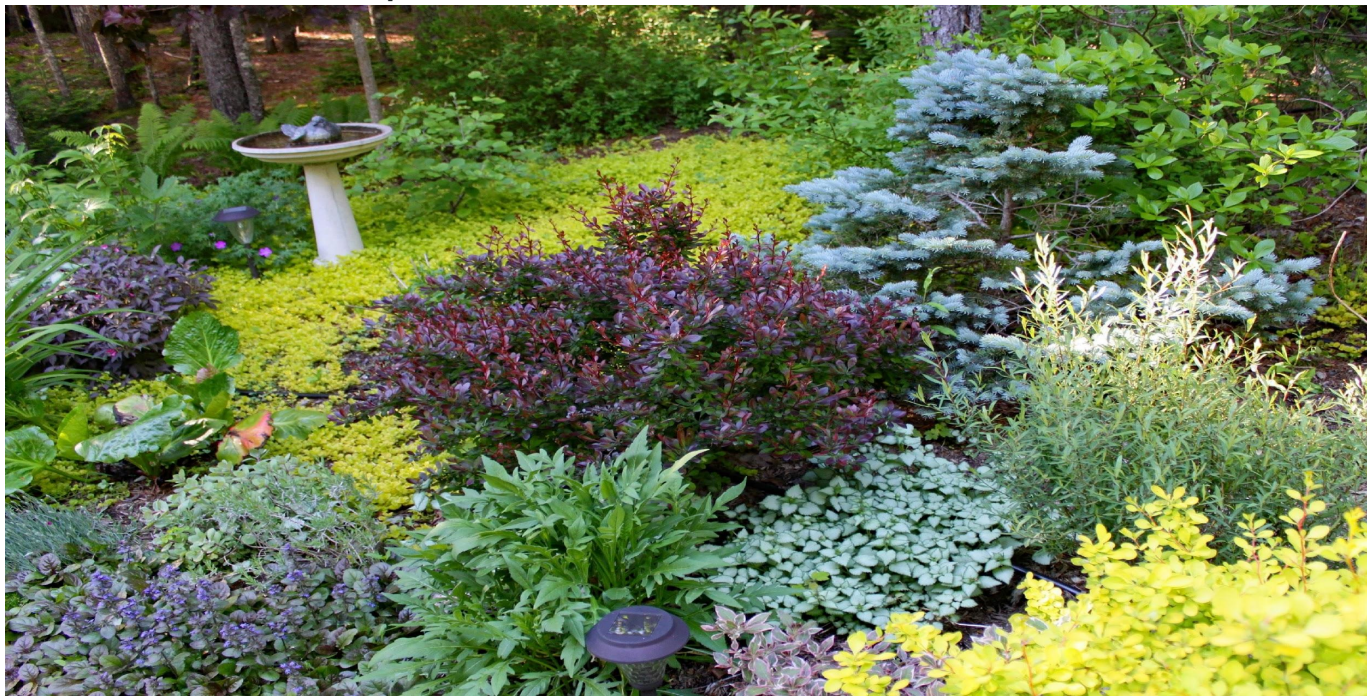
Local nurseries & garden centres



Cherry Bomb Barberry

Why I love this plant:

- Small shrub so fits into mixed beds
- Nice shape
- Vibrant leaf colour adds impact in 3 seasons



Cherry Bomb Barberry

Red leaves pick up colour in other plants!



Brad Spencer

Leonard Messel Magnolia

- Deciduous shrub
- Multiple stems
- Accent or specimen plant
- Grows slowly
- 15 feet high 12 feet wide in ideal conditions



Leonard Messel Magnolia

- Blooms in the spring
 - Two-tone flowers (pink and white)
 - Lasts a couple of weeks
 - Blooms before leafing out



Leonard Messel Magnolia

- We bought ours at Bloom.
- We planted it when Robin was four months old for it to be her tree.
- Full sun
- We have it out alone in the front lawn
- Claims to need regular watering but I don't
- The deer only eat it when they're desperate



Leonard Messel Magnolia

- It's a hardy plant.
- It spent Winter 2015 under all that snow.



David Trott

MY PERFECT PLANT

MARY AND DAVID TROTT

THE DAYLILY

Hemerocallis (Beauty for a day)

- ❖ Easy to grow
- ❖ Wide range of colours and shapes
- ❖ Many northern hardy varieties
- ❖ Variety of bloom times
- ❖ Requires sun
- ❖ Watering need varies
- ❖ Easy to divide
- ❖ Easy to propagate

Two Favourites

ICE CREAM DREAM



ROSE F KENNEDY



PORCUPINE MAIDEN GRASS

(*Miscanthus Sinensis* 'Strictus')

- ❖ ORNAMENTAL GRASS
- ❖ PERENNIAL
- ❖ LATE SUMMER PLUMES
- ❖ HARDINESS ZONES 5 -9
- ❖ FUSS FREE
- ❖ DEER AND RABBIT RESISTANT

GROWING IN MY GARDEN

2015



2016



Mike Blaesing

Yellow Tree Peony

- Latin Name: Paeonia
- Growth Habit: Upright
- Hardiness Zone: 3-8
- Characteristics
 - Height: 3-4 feet
 - Width: 2-3 feet
 - Bloom Colour: Yellow
 - Bloom Fragrance: Little fragrance
 - Bloom Time: June
- Other details:
 - Leaf: Large, green
 - Light: Full sun
 - Water: Moderate
 - Where: In full sun



Yellow Tree Peony

Why I love this plant:

Deer resistant, stays upright,
doesn't need staking, large
beautiful yellow blooms, disease
and pest resistant

Where to buy this plant:

Bloom, other nurseries?



Debbie Blaesing

Campfire Rose

- Latin Name: Rosa 'A 29' PP24,435
- Growth Habit: Compact Shrub
- Hardiness Zone: 3
- Characteristics
- Height: 3-4 feet
- Width: 3-4 feet
- Bloom Colour: yellow and red buds open to semi-double flowers of yellow edged in pink, matures to deep pink or white



Campfire Rose

- Bloom Fragrance: Little fragrance
- Bloom Time: continuous until hard frost in late November or December
- Other details: low maintenance, except for cleaning up mounds of spent blooms
- Leaf: bright glossy deep green
- Light: Full sun
- Water: Moderate
- Where: In full sun



Campfire Rose

Why I love this plant:

Deer, disease and pest resistant, continuous bloomer, colour all season, only shortcoming is little fragrance

Where to buy this plant:

Bloom, other nurseries?



Candace MacDonald

Ptilotus Exaltatus

- Common Plant Names: Joey plant, Bottlebrush flower, Lambs-tail, Mulla Mulla
- Growth habit: Sturdy Annual
- Hardiness zone: Perennial native in Australia. Tender perennial in our zone.
- Characteristics: Feathery conical-shaped flower spikes resembling bottle brushes.
- Height: 12-24 in
- Width: 12 in



Ptilotus Exaltatus

- Bloom colour: Silvery- pink with neon pink tips.
- Bloom fragrance: Not usually
- Bloom time: Summer
- Other details: Will not thrive in shade.
- Leaf: Compact plant with thick silver-green foliage.
- Light: Grows best in full sun.
- Water: Drought and heat tolerant.



Ptilotus Exaltatus

- Where: Will grow in flower beds. Good in pots and hanging baskets, alone or with other vibrant flowers.
- Special Care: None. Will tolerate some neglect.
- Why I love this plant: Exotic and unusual looking. Very eye-catching. Same type flowers as on my Japanese Burnet.
- Where to buy this plant: Several nurseries carry them. Have bought them at Bloom, including my first one a few years ago.





Sue Stuart

Serviceberry

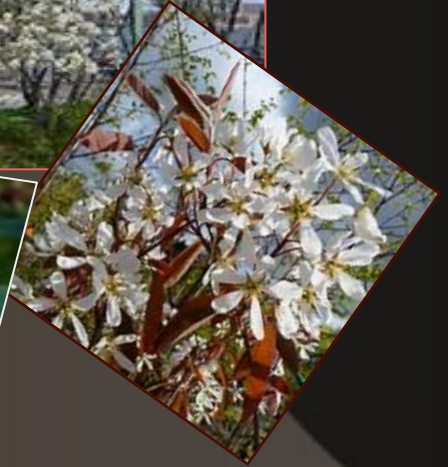
Amelanchier

Other common names:

Shadbush, Shadwood, Shadblow,
Saskatoon berry, Chuckley Pear

Growth Habitat: Shrub or Tree
native to North America

Hardiness zone: Zone 2-9



Amelanchier

- **Characteristics:** Shrub or small tree with 6-33 different species
- **Height:** 3'- 20' **Width:** 4'-20'
- **Bloom colour:** White, five-petaled flowers
- **Bloom:** Fragrant, terminal flowers in clusters of 1-4 flowers or racemes of 4-20.
- **Bloom time:** Early spring "when shad run". One of first trees to bloom in spring.
- **Shade tolerance:** Full sun → part shade. Filtered light best. Wind tolerant
- **Disease resistance:** Susceptible to few diseases or pests
- **Soil:** Wide range - Prefers moist soil (not waterlogged)
- **Seasonal interest:** All season: flowers early spring, attracting bees, butterflies and beneficial insects. Produces edible, red to purple berries June to August and
- **Leaf:** Deciduous, alternate, simple, lanceolate to elliptic with hairy underside
- **Fruit:** Berry-like pome, red→purple→black, 5-15 mm diameter with varying sweetness by variety.

Serviceberry

- **Water:** Water regularly when newly planted, but needs little watering or fertilizing when mature.
- **Special Care:** Requires little special care when planted in appropriate conditions
- **Why I love this plant:** This is one of my favourite trees because it is native to our area, is one of the first blooming plants in spring and it has beautiful pink to purple berries through the summer which make tasty desserts if you can beat the birds to them when ripe! It is also Deer Resistant!!
- **Where to buy this plant:** Most nurseries that carry shrubs or trees will have Serviceberry shrubs.



Mary MacNeil

Regal Red Japanese Fern

Athyrium nipponicum



Growth

- Perennial
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- Zone 5
- 45 cm tall x 60 cm wide





Appearance

- Mounding shape
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- Bright silver edges
- Dark violet red fronds





Care

- Part sun to shade
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- Drought tolerant, but does well in wet soil
- Low maintenance





In My Garden

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- They grow well in the shade garden in my back yard

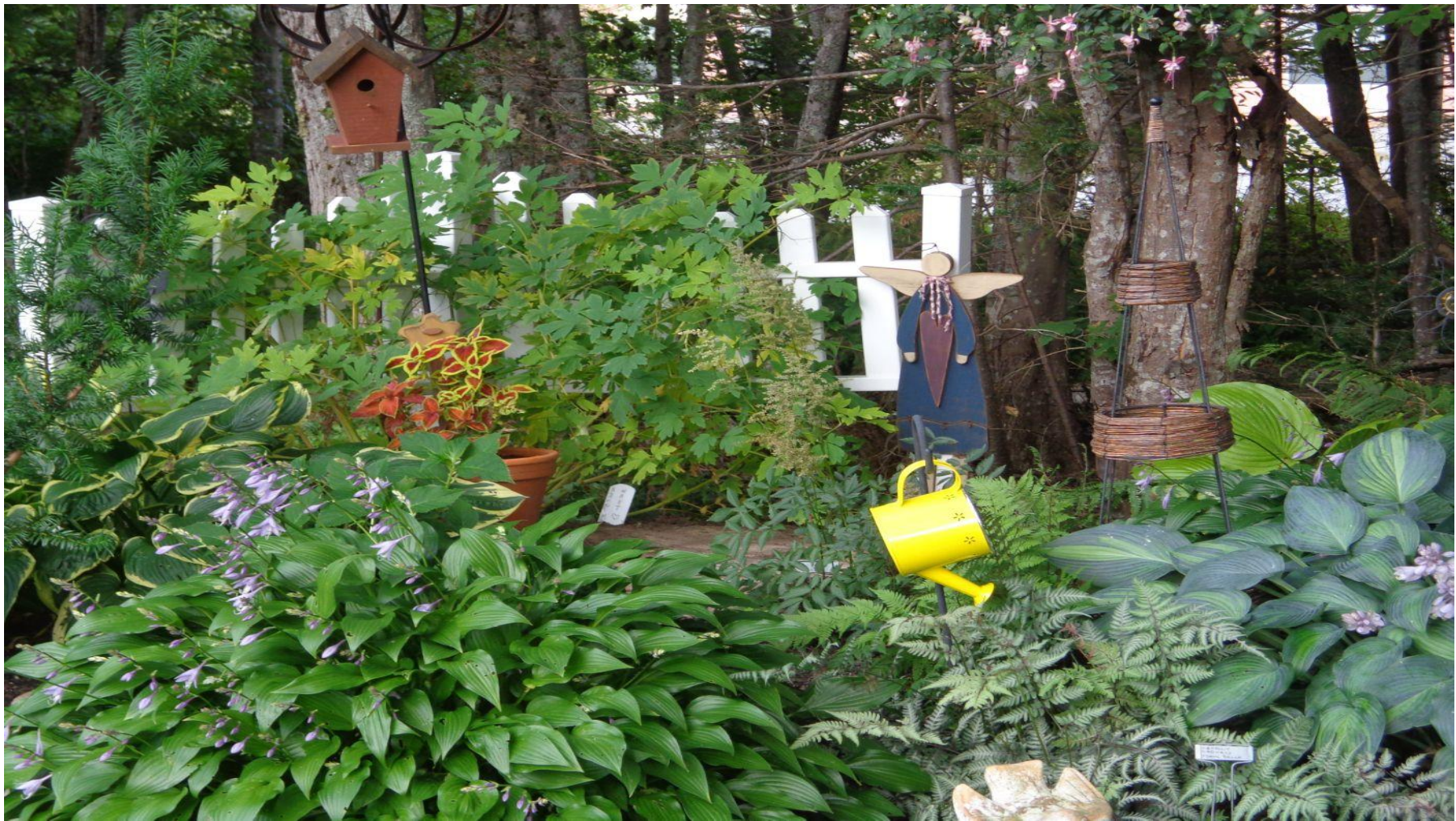


Why I Love This Plant

- I like the contrast of foliage in the garden, and its gentle movements

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Trish Patterson

Arctic Blue Willow

Salix Purpurea "Nana"

- dwarf cultivar of purple osier or basket willow (*Salix purpurea*)
- shrub with thin stems that are strongly vertical & bear a haze of narrow blue-green leaves
- new bark is attractive dark red-purple
- Hardiness zone: 4



Arctic Blue Willow

Characteristics:

- Height: 3' Width: 3'
- No blooms
- seasonal interest: summer

□ Leaf:

- Delicate, fine texture
- Blue green
- Whimsically called mermaid hair ☺

- Light: grows best in full sun, part sun



Arctic Blue Willow

- Water: requires regular irrigation; suitable for bogs & water gardens (not good in dry areas)
- Where: on my property I have 3 plants in mixed beds – part sun
- No special care, except to maintain thin branches & soft form:
 - allow it to grow through spring & summer without pruning
 - then every autumn, cut all stems back to 10 inches above ground (I don't do it that often)
 - If die-off, cut it back & will fill in with new growth



Where to buy this plant

Why I love Arctic Blue Willow



- Provides a different texture & colour in the garden, so it's an interesting "filler"
- Supple quality of the stems allows wind to ruffle through the leaves, a great part of its charm

Why I love Arctic Blue Willow



Provides a different texture & colour in the garden, so it's an interesting "filler"

Blue green colour is nice contrast with green, purple, yellow or silver foliage