

The University of Tennessee Gardens 2008 Best Plants Report

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2008 UT Garden Winners

Best in Show Annual – Ornamental Pepper ‘Purple Flash’ had striking purple and white foliage variegation. Dark purple fruits that ripened to red added to the display. A PanAmerican selection, it was a garden visitor favorite.

Best New 2008 Annual Variety – Vinca ‘Mediterranean Red XP’, from PanAmerican, boasted vigorous, ground hugging plants that were covered in masses of red blooms.

Best Old Annual Variety – Impatiens ‘Jambalaya Orange’ from Syngenta bloomed profusely all summer. Bright, deep orange blooms were a showstopper in the garden!

Top 10 Annual Performers:

Begonia ‘BIG Red with Green Leaf’ from Benary was a beautiful selection with lush foliage. Large blooms were held above the foliage and were self-cleaning.

Bracteantha ‘Strawburst Yellow’ from Fischer boasted eye-catching bright yellow blooms. Dense, uniform plants held numerous blooms all summer long.

Calibrachoa ‘Million Bells Cherry Pink Improved’ from Jackson & Perkins was notable for abundant blooming all season. The vivid pink blooms were a great attention-getter!

Double Impatiens ‘Rockapulco Orchid’ from Proven Winners had showy flowers on dense plants all season. Fantastic rose-like blooms!

Euphorbia ‘Diamond Frost’ from Proven Winners had loads of soft, airy flowers which covered the plant all season adding a soft texture to the landscape. Great for containers or in mass plantings.

Geranium ‘Mystical Deep Rose’ was a profuse bloomer with a deep dusty rose color. From J.P. Bartlett, it was beautiful all season.

Lantana ‘Luscious Grape’ was an exceptional selection from Proven Winners that was covered with blooms all season long and had a groundcover growth habit.

Petunia ‘Supertunia Vista Fuschia’ had outstanding color and numerous blooms on strong plants. A vigorous selection from Proven Winners.

Salvia ‘Fahrenheit Violet’ from Grimes Seed had showy blooms on dense plants all season. Fantastic bright violet flowers really stood out against dark stems!

Verbena ‘Lanai Bright Pink’ was a lush groundcover plant which provided non-stop vivid blooms all season. From Fischer, it is great as a border/edging plant in the garden.

Top Cool Season Annual Performers

Diascia ‘Darla Light Pink’ from Fischer performed well as a cool season annual. Plants were covered with delicate pink blooms.

Diascia ‘Darla Deep Salmon’ from Fischer performed well as a cool season annual. Plants were covered with delicate blooms in late summer and fall.

Osteospermum ‘Asti White’, an AAS Winner, had a long season of striking blooms. The white flowers with vivid blue centers were a showstopper in the garden.

Osteospermum ‘Tradewinds Deep Purple’, a Fischer selection, bloomed prolifically all season. The unusual bloom color was beautiful and eye-catching.

Other Annual ‘Top Performers’

Agastache ‘Purple Pygmy’ – from Thompson & Morgan was valued for its tidy, compact habit and abundant, bright purple flowers. Attracts bees butterflies, and birds; very fragrant.

Basil ‘Boxwood’ – from Ball Seed was valued for its unique growth habit and finely textured foliage. Plants truly resembled a compact boxwood shrub in the garden.

Begonia - The **‘Volumia’** series from Syngenta was covered with loads of beautiful flowers all season. Most notably, **‘Volumia Rose Bicolor’** had a delicate brush of blush rose on flower margins with deep green foliage. **‘Lotto Red’** and the **‘BIG’** series, both from Benary, offered lush foliage and blooms throughout the season.

Calibrachoa - The **‘Callie’** series from Fischer was mounding and uniform and great for containers. **‘Liberty’** series from J. P. Bartlett had wonderfully intense, almost neon colors. **‘Million Bells’** series from Jackson & Perkins had great colors, habit and performance.

Celosia – past AAS Winners **‘Fresh Look Gold’** and **‘Fresh Look Yellow’** were self-cleaning and had brilliant colors all summer. **‘Fresh Look Red’** from Benary boasted bright red plumes all season.

Chrysocephalum (Strawflower) **‘Flambé Orange’** and **‘Flambé Yellow’** from Proven Winners were unique plants which flowered non-stop all season and were self-cleaning. They had silver-grey foliage and button-like flowers. Great for containers or as a border/edging plant in the garden.

Coleus - **‘Henna’** and **‘Indian Summer’** from Ball Floraplant were striking in the garden. Along with **‘Mint Mocha’**, from Ball FloraPlant, all provided a good foliage contrast to flowering plants nearby, and the plants were uniform and vigorous.

Coreopsis - **‘Presto’**, from Tezier, and **‘Rising Sun’**, from PanAmerican, are perennial selections that can be grown as bedding annuals. **‘Rising Sun’** in particular had an excellent bloom – bright yellow with red at the base of each petal.

Cuphea ‘Totally Tempted’ put on a show all summer long, with dense plants covered in bright magenta blooms. From Proven Winners, it stood up well to our heat and humidity.

Diascia – the **‘Darla’** series from Fischer and AAS Winner **‘Diamonte Coral Rose’** perform well as cool-season annuals in our garden.

Echinacea – **‘Magnus’** from Jellito offered large blooms in lovely pink shades on strong sturdy stems.

Gaillardia – **‘Arizona Sun’** from Benary, **‘Maxima Aurea’** from Jellito, and **‘Golden Goblin’** and **‘Granada’** from Ivy Garth are perennial selections that can be grown as bedding annuals. All are colorful and have a long season of bloom in the garden.

Geranium Vegetative types: The **‘Rocky Mountain’** series from Fischer was outstanding; **‘Americana Dark Red’** and **‘Americana Rose Mega Splash’**, both Fischer selections, had fantastic bloom colors. The **‘Mystical’** series from J.P. Bartlett was a strong bloomer with nice foliage. Also from J.P. Bartlett, **‘Anne’**, **‘Beth’**, **‘Cherokee’**, **‘Emily’**, **‘Faith’**, and **‘Mayflower’** were great selections with lush blooms in beautiful, vivid colors.

Helianthus ‘Constellation’, from Syngenta, boasted huge blooms on sturdy, compact plants.

Impatiens - The **‘Jambalaya’** series from Syngenta was mounded and loaded with blooms; The Double Impatiens **‘Rockapulco’** series from Proven Winners and the **‘Silhouette’** series from Fischer were beautiful with great colors.

Impatiens, New Guinea Type –The ‘**Sonic**’ and ‘**Super Sonic**’ series from Fischer always put on a great show. You are guaranteed success with selections from either of these series. Favorites from the Sonic series include: Sonic ‘**Hot Rose on Gold**’, and ‘**Pink**’. Favorites from the Super Sonic series include: Super Sonic ‘**Cherry Cream**’. The ‘Infinity’ series from Proven Winners and ‘Celebrette Icy Blue’ from Ball Floraplant offered striking bloom colors.

Ipomoea ‘Lime’ from Jackson & Perkins provides a colorful foliage contrast to flowering plants. The extremely vigorous, chartreuse vine really stands out in the garden.

Lantana - The ‘**Bandana**’ series from Fischer; ‘**Landmark Pink Glow**’ from Ball FloraPlant; ‘**Luscious Grape**’ and ‘**Luscious Lemonade**’ from Proven Winners were all impressive and made a great show in the landscape or in containers. Many great new colors not seen before! ‘**Luscious Tropical Fruit**’ from Proven Winners paired soft yellow and pink blooms with beautiful variegated foliage.

Laurentia – ‘**Avant Garde Blue**’ and ‘**Avant Garde Pink**’ from Thompson & Morgan were covered all summer long in delicate blooms. Ferny foliage worked well in the garden.

Lavandula – the ‘**Ellagance**’ series from Kieft were strong and vigorous bloomers all season long. ‘**Purple Ribbon**’ from Kieft and ‘**Sancho Panza**’ from Sahin also performed well.

Lobelia ‘Techno Heat Upright Blue’ from Fischer was a heavy bloomer all season long, standing up to our heat and humidity.

Mecardonia ‘Prima Bright Yellow’ was a Jackson & Perkins selection that covered itself in yellow blooms all season. Great groundcover in the landscape or cascading plant in a container.

Nierembergia - The ‘**Summer Splash**’ series from Jackson & Perkins were strong plants that were covered with numerous cup-shaped blooms. Airy, attractive foliage on dense plants was an added bonus.

Ornamental Pepper ‘Black Pearl’, an AAS Winner, had striking purple-black foliage with lavender blooms leading to round black-purple peppers turning bright red in late summer. A real showstopper in our gardens. ‘**Calico**’ and ‘**Purple Flash**’ from PanAmerican Seed offered stunning purple and white variegated foliage.

Osteospermum – the AAS Winner ‘**ASTI White**’ had a long season of striking blooms. The ‘**Tradewinds**’ series from Fischer also turned in impressive performances, most notably from the ‘**Purple Bicolor**’ and ‘**Dark Purple**’ selections.

Pentas – ‘**Northern Lights Lavender**’, from Benary, was compact and uniform with large flowers - self-cleaning and weather durable.

Petunia – Seed types: ‘**Easy Wave Pink**’ from PanAmerican performed well, as well as their ‘**Dreams Fuschia**’ selection. The ‘**Plush**’ series from Syngenta had great colors and a durable, showy habit too. 2007 AAS Winner, ‘**Opera Supreme Pink Morn**’ was a showstopper with its bright pink and white blooms. ‘**Ramblin’ Shades of Pink**’ from Goldsmith Seeds, ‘**Logro Yellow**’ from Grimes Seed, and ‘**Madness Plum Crazy Improved**’ from Ball were beautiful all season. Vegetatively produced and groundcover types: The ‘**Surfinia**’ series from Jackson & Perkins performed well, especially ‘**Surfinia Patio Hot Pink**’ and ‘**Surfinia Patio Coral Pink**’; and the ‘**Supertunia**’ series from Proven Winners was impressive and care-free.

Phlox – ‘**Astoria Silver**’ and ‘**Astoria White**’ from Jackson & Perkins performed well, with beautiful blooms.

Portulaca – The ‘**Toucan**’ series from PanAmerican had exceptional, long lasting flowers. Bright, showy blooms attracted bees all summer.

Ruellia ‘Southern Star Blue’ boasted great color on dense and strong plants. From PanAmerican Seed.

Salvia – farinacea types: AAS Winner ‘**Evolution**’ and ‘**Fahrenheit Violet**’ from Grimes Seed were vigorous and floriferous all season.

Scaevola – ‘**Bombay Blue**’ and ‘**Bombay Pink**’ from Fischer flowered prolifically all summer. The ‘**Surdiva**’ series from Jackson & Perkins had strong foliage covered in profuse blooms.

Snapdragon – ‘**Bells Yellow**’ from Goldsmith Seed offered dense, showy plants with incredible season-long color. **Tecoma** ‘**Mayan Gold**’ from PanAmerican was a perfect selection with tall, dense growth and vigorous, amazing blooms.

Torenia – ‘**Torrie Blue**’ from Fischer and the ‘**Summer Wave**’ series from Jackson & Perkins had great colors and prolific blooms. Notable selections in the series were ‘**Summer Wave Amethyst Ice**’, ‘**Summer Wave Violet Ice**’, and ‘**Summer Wave Large Blue**’.

Verbena – ‘**Ipanema Silver**’ and the ‘**Lanai**’ series from Fischer, as well as the ‘**Tapien**’ and ‘**Temari**’ series from Jackson & Perkins, all displayed uniform habit, compactness, profuse blooming, and showy colors. Plants were fast growing and resistant to powdery mildew. All thrived in our heat and full sun. ‘**Rigida Rose**’ a seed-grown selection from Grimes, was a heavy bloomer that also performed well.

Vinca - AAS 2007 Winner ‘**Pacifica Burgundy Halo**’ was striking with a great upright habit. AAS Winner ‘**First Kiss Blueberry**’ had impressive color, large blooms and uniformity in habit.

The ground hugging ‘**Mediterranean XP**’ series and the more upright ‘**Pacifica XP**’ series, both from PanAmerican, had great foliage and heavy blooms all season.

Zinnia – ‘**Zowie! Yellow Flame**’ AAS Winner is a showstopper with its pink and yellow bi-color flowers. ‘**Profusion Cherry**’ and ‘**Profusion White**’ from Sakata had profuse, hearty blooms in great colors. The ‘**Zahara**’ series from PanAmerican, had numerous, beautiful blooms in bright, eye-catching colors.

Top Perennials

Aster oblongifolia ‘**Rachel Jackson**’ – **Aromatic Aster**. A special selection from the garden of Rachael Jackson at the Hermitage in Nashville. This Aster is the last one to bloom, when, in late fall, the compact, densely-branched plants are covered by myriad small lavender Daisy flowers. It continues to provide an astonishingly colorful display even after autumn's first light frosts. Grows best in full-sun and partial shade and gets to be 2.5 tall and just as wide.

Brunnera ‘**Jack Frost**’ – **Heartleaf Brunnera**. One of the most outstanding foliage perennials ever. The leaves are a frosted silver color with light green veins that break up the silvery overlay. The leaves look like cracked porcelain. The leaves shimmer in the sunlight and brighten any shady area. Blue forget-me-not flowers are an added bonus in the spring. Grows to 15” tall and just as wide. Prefers full-shade to light-shade.

Buddleia marrubifolia – **Woolly Butterfly Bush**. Winter hardy to 15 degrees the Woolly Butterfly Bush is a full sun, drought resistant plant with orange flower heads. Butterflies are attracted by the smell of its flowers. Grows to 5 feet tall and just as wide.

Coreopsis grandiflora ‘**Presto**’ – **Presto Coreopsis**. Compact growth and spectacular flower power in this new, choice selection. Large bright-yellow, mostly double, Daisy flowers keep coming all summer on rounded plants little more than 6in high and 8in across. Ideal in containers and at the front of sunny borders. A 2007 award-winner in Europe.

Dianthus x ‘**Spangled Star**’ – **Spangled Star Cheddar Pinks**. A selection of the Border Pinks or Cheddar Pinks, a group of *Dianthus* that are a favorite for planting in rock gardens or using as a border edging. This British selection forms a mound of grassy blue-green foliage, with an early summer display of fragrant single flowers, deep red with pale-pink to white blotches and a narrow picotee margin. Great for edging or in the rock garden. Makes a nice evergreen groundcover. Shear plants back lightly after blooming to maintain a tight, compact habit. Plants require good drainage and are an excellent choice for hot dry sites or gravelly soils. Grows best in full-sun. Grows just 6” tall with an 18” spread.

Euphorbia characias ‘**Shorty**’ – **Shorty Spurge**. A great, drought tolerant perennial growing to just 2' tall x 2' wide. The narrow blue recurved-edge leaves take on a purple hue in the winter months and are topped with short stalks of yellow flowers in March/April. Good drainage is the key for all *E. characias* forms and hybrids and don't forget to cut them back severely after flowering.

Iris pallida ‘**Albo-Variegata**’, ‘**Aurea-Variegata**’ - **Variegated Sweet Iris**. This old-fashioned perennial is renowned for the fragrance rather than the form of its blooms, which are said to smell like grape soda. The lavender-

blue flowers are bearded and complement the foliage nicely, but it is the foliage variegation that makes this plant so lovely. Needs well-drained soil in sun to light shade. Grows 2 to 2 1/2 feet tall. The foliage keeps its lovely striping for 9 months every year, adding fascinating color to the sunny garden.

***Muehlenbergia capillaris* – Muhly Grass.** A fantastic ornamental grass that burst with feathery pink plumes in late summer into fall. Most showy when massed together. Grows to 24" tall. Does best in full-sun to partial shade.

***Sedum 'Black Jack'* – Black Jack Stonecrop.** This new and distinct plant cultivar of Stonecrop having large dark-mahogany leaves with stiff upright stems and long-lasting wine-colored flowers valuable for landscaping, potted plant, or cut flower. Unlike other purple sedums which have a sprawling habit, this one displays thick, broad leaves on strong, stout, upright stems. It is a sport of 'Matrona' with the same habit and more brilliantly colored pink flowers. The flower heads can measure a massive 8 inches across!

***Stipa tenuissima* - Mexican Feather Grass.** No other grass exhibits quite the refinement of texture as this species. Its bright green foliage resembles delicate filaments that arise in elegant, vase-like clumps and spill outward like a soft fountain. All summer it bears a profusion of feathery panicles, which mature from foamy-green to blonde. A real drought tolerant grass that thrives in full-sun and well-drained soil. Great for use in containers or in mass in the garden. Grows to 2.5 feet tall and just as wide.

Top Herbs

***Allium 'Ambassador'* – Giant Onion.** This new hybrid has dramatic large round blooms atop thick stems reaching up to 4-5 feet in height. Plant bulbs in the fall for a beautiful show in mid-summer. As with other alliums, it has edible and medicinal uses.

***Arctium lappa* – Burdock.** Although many parts of this plant are tasty and it is also used medicinally, it could succeed on its ornamental qualities alone. Bold, beautifully textured leaves make quite an impression on garden visitors. The purple blooms rise 3-4' above the large basal leaves.

***Cerintho minor 'Bouquet Gold'* - Honeywort.** Nodding stems are graced with charming yellow flowers on this compact, mounding plant. Foliage is green with attractive white spots. Grown centuries ago for the pleasure of sipping the honey from the flowers.

***Galega officinalis* - Goat's Rue, French Lilac.** This tough perennial's nature is at odds with its delicate appearance. A member of the Pea family, it has pale pink blooms and small compound leaves. It contains compounds used to treat diabetes by lowering blood sugar and has uses within the cosmetic industry.

***Leycesteria formosa 'Golden Lanterns'* – Golden Partridgeberry, Himalayan Honeysuckle.** Crimson-burgundy flowers and berries really stand out against the attractive yellow foliage of this deciduous shrub. Hollow stems have been used to make whistles and flutes.

***Ocimum basilicum 'Boxwood'* – Basil.** A compact, small-leaved basil which looks like boxwood and is more uniform than other dwarf basil. Very bushy and productive, it is great for pesto and other culinary uses, as well as ornamental. 12-16 inches tall.

***Penstemon barbatus 'Iron Maiden'* – Scarlet Bugler Penstemon.** This hardy perennial puts on a show with slender spikes of bright scarlet blooms. Can reach heights of up to 4 ft. It makes an excellent cutflower and was used medicinally by certain Native American tribes.

***Petroselinum crispum crispum 'Afrodite'* - Afrodite Parsley.** An ultra-curly parsley with deep green color. Leaves are so finely curled they look like lush moss! Excellent for edging paths and great for pots. Has a tight and compact habit but really large foliage.

***Solanum torvum 'Thai Green Pea'* – Wild Eggplant.** This tall (to 6 ft. or more) plant makes a splash in the garden with its bold texture. Tiny round fruits are a favorite in Asian cuisine and the plant has been used medicinally as well.

***Tagetes tenuifolia 'Orange Gem'* – Citrus Marigold** is highly fragrant annual herb and loaded with small but vibrant orange blooms all season long.

Top Vines

***Basella rubra* – Malabar Spinach.** This extremely vigorous annual vine sports attractive dark red stems against large, deep green leaves. This beautiful climber looks wonderful on trellises or arbors and does best in full sun. As if that weren't enough, it lives up to its common name by being edible.

***Jasminum officinalis* 'Frojas' - Fiona Sunrise Jasmine** is a great new introduction. It has bright golden-yellow foliage all summer, becoming a stronger gold as the plant becomes mature. It flowers from May to September, producing white flowers with a heavenly scent. Even after defoliating its bright gold stems and branches have great winter interest.

***Mina lobata* – Firecracker Vine.** It's hard to believe such an exotic looking vine is so easy to grow each year from seed. Intriguing blooms have a combination of red, orange, yellow, and cream all on the same spike. This climber loves full sun.

***Polygonum aubertii* 'Lemon Lace' (synonym *Fallopia aubertii*) – Lemon Lace Vine.** This golden-leaved sport of the popular Silver Lace Vine boasts bright-red stems and fragrant, foamy-white flowers. Grow this vigorous climber in full sun.

***Senecio confusus* – Mexican Flame Vine.** This annual vine in the *Asteraceae* family is a vigorous grower producing loads of bright orange daisy-type flowers all season. The 2" size flowers stand out against the almost velvety dark green foliage.

Top Tropicals

***Canna x generalis* 'Tropicanna Black' - Tropicanna Black Canna** is a striking selection for its bright orange flowers that grace its dark burgundy, almost black foliage. Large, broad leaves make a statement in the landscape.

***Dahlia* 'Ferncliff Illusion' - Dinnerplate Dahlia.** Late summer through fall this dahlia was simply loaded with enormous (8-10") blooms of white with lavender blush edges. Larger than regular dahlias, this plant is definitely an attention-getter in the garden.

***Ensete superbum* – Thai Hardy Banana Plant.** The Thai banana is striking for its pronounced erect form. Its bright green leaves are large and sturdy reaching 8' long with a width of nearly 2'. It is hardy to 30 F.

***Musa acuminata* 'Siam Ruby' - Siam Ruby Banana.** Extremely rare red banana from the wilds of New Guinea. Makes a statement in any landscape with its bright red and chartreuse variegated foliage. Grows to 8 feet tall. Not believed to be cold hardy. Very fast growing. Leaves are the main attraction.

***Musella lasiocarpa* - Chinese Dwarf Banana, Golden Lotus Banana.** A great, winter hardy shrub banana species. Valued for its showy golden flowers that can last a few months. The large, lotus-like flowers appear beneath leathery, tropical gray-green leaves throughout the summer. Not your typical banana! Winter hardy to zone 6 with good winter protection such as pineneedles. Makes an impressive container plant.

Top Roses

***Rosa* 'Rainbow' – Rainbow Knockout Rose.** A great addition to the Knockout series. A disease-resistant shrub rose that flowers non-stop all season with pink flowers with a yellow center fading to almost white. Grows to 3 feet and just as wide. Thrives in full-sun to part-shade.

***Rosa rugosa* 'Hansa' – Hansa Rugosa Shrub Rose.** All the good, rugged features of the Rugosa family are combined with big shapely buds and bright purple fragrant flowers which blooms throughout the season. Large, striking red hips in fall. Grows up to 5' tall and just as wide. One of the great 'no-spray' selections from Dr. Mark Windham's rose disease research at UT.

***Rosa x* 'Madame Alfred Carriere' – Climbing Tea-noisette Rose** – Thanks to UT Gardens volunteer and Master Gardener, Ione Smith, this antique climbing is in the Gardens rose collection. Introduced in 1879, the flowers are intensely fragrant, cupped, and double opening the palest of pinks, then cooling to creamy white. Vigorous to about 20 feet and easy to work with, "Madame Alfred" will create a vertical focal point in any garden. Its nearly thornless canes make it a very easy rose to train. Flowers early.

Rosa x 'Nearly Wild' – Nearly Wild Floribunda Rose. Blooms non-stop all summer with fragrant single pink, white-eyed flowers. Grows to 3' tall and 5' wide and is self-cleaning. Another of the 'no-spray' selections from Dr. Mark Windham's rose disease research at UT.

Rosa x 'Phyllis Bide' – Climbing Polyantha Rose. 'Phyllis Bide' is a hardy climbing polyantha rose producing clusters of rosette-shaped, double yellow flowers, flushed pink, with many lax shoots and shiny, mid-green leaves. Lightly scented. Ideal for training on small structures. Everblooming. Another contribution to our Gardens rose collection by Ione Smith.

Top Trees & Shrubs

Abelia x grandiflora 'Kaleidoscope'; 'Canyon Creek' - Flowering Abelia. 'Canyon Creek' and 'Kaleidoscope' are two great new selections valued for their colorful variegated foliage. Both thrive in full-sun and grow to about 3' tall.

Acer palmatum var. dissectum 'Watnong' – Watnong Laceleaf Maple. A fast growing laceleaf maple with new growth that comes out slightly red before turning a spectacular pink and then fading to green as the foliage begins to harden-off. Fortunately this is such a fast grower that the pink new growth tips last well into the summer when it finally gets too hot and the plant stops growing to rest during our hot summers. Fall color is a great mix of yellow, orange and sometimes red. A nice low-growing selection to just 3 feet tall and 6 feet wide. Does best in a partial-shade location with moist but good drainage.

Caryopteris 'Sunshine Blue' - 'Sunshine Blue' Blue Mist Shrub, Bluebeard. 'Sunshine Blue' is hands down the best yellow leafed form of Blue Mist Shrub available. It holds its color through the summer. It is also the most hardy and reliable *Caryopteris* on the market.

Cercidiphyllum japonicum 'Pendula' – Weeping Katsura Tree. This is a magnificent cultivar of the species that grows into a beautiful weeping form. New leaves emerge a rich reddish purple and change over to a bluish green, fall color of yellow or apricot; leaves are similar to Redbud but smaller and give a wonderful effect when shimmering in the breeze. Can grow to 15 to 20 feet tall and 12 to 15 feet wide. The striking specimen in the UT Gardens is 20 years old and one of the most beautiful trees in the Gardens for its striking, weeping form. .

Cercis canadensis 'Hearts of Gold' is the first known redbud with yellow foliage. With a mature height of only about 15 and 18' spread, 'Hearts of Gold' would make an excellent feature in any lawn. 'Hearts of Gold' should bloom its first year and appears to be a faster grower than other cultivars of *Cercis*, growing 10' in its first 5 years.

Corylus avellana 'Red Majestic' – Red Corkscrew Hazel. This is the latest contorted hazel which combines the charm of the twisted hazel with beautiful red foliage. Has upright habit growing to 5 feet tall with intricately contorted branches which are most showy in the winter. It also produces purple catkins in late winter which accompany the rich purple foliage beautifully. It is a deciduous variety which grows best in a moist, well drained soil in full-sun to partial-shade.

Cryptomeria japonica 'Mushroom' -Mushroom Japanese Cedar. Dwarf, round form growing to 3' tall. Soft green in spring and summer, the finely textured foliage of this mounding, mop-like Japanese Cedar turns a dramatic russet in winter. Its thin, evenly-spaced needles on delicate branches create an open, airy look that requires little to no pruning to maintain. Full-sun to part-shade.

Cryptomeria japonica 'Sekkan Suji' Grows to approximately 12' tall and 4' wide in 10 years. Narrow, upright evergreen with striking yellow new growth and nice pyramidal form. Resistant to sunburn.

Cupressus glabra 'Raywood's Weeping' – Raywood's Weeping Arizona Cypress has a soft gray-blue foliage with a weeping habit.

Gardenia jasminoides 'Daisy' – Daisy Hardy Gardenia, Cape Jasmine. Small fragrant single blooms of 2-3" with pale yellow center. Evergreen shrub growing to 2 feet tall and 3 feet wide. Blooms sporadically from spring to late summer. Performs best in sun to partial-shade and moist but well-drained soil. One of the more winter hardy selections on the market.

Hydrangea serrata 'Beni Gaku' – Mountain Lacecap Hydrangea features attractive tricolor, lacecap flowers on a compact, deciduous plant. Flowers emerge white, then darken to pink with deep red edges. The small fertile florets

are a dark purple, opening to light blue. As the season progresses, all three colors are present at the same time. Prefers a moist, well-drained soil rich in organic matter. Does best in part-shade to shade.

***Hypericum patulum* 'Hidcote' – Hidcote St. Johnswort.** This selection can grow to a 6 feet tall x 6 feet wide, making it one of the larger varieties of St. Johnswort. Easily kept more compact and in the three by four foot range if pruned late each winter to remove all old wood. This will keep it from getting leggy & will promote the new growth and more flowers. Large yellow flowers bloom sporadically throughout the summer thru October. Prefers full-sun to partial-shade and a well-drained soil.

***Juniperus chinensis* 'Holbert' – Holbert Juniper.** Grows to a height of 2-4 ft with a spread of 6-12 ft. Full sun, low water needs (xeric). Silvery-blue foliage on a low-growing, widely spreading form. Retains its attractiveness through the winter. Mostly scale-type foliage. A beautiful and underused spreader.

***Lagerstroemia indica* 'Prostrata Rosey Carpet' – Rosey Carpet Prostrate Crepe Myrtle.** This groundcover crepe myrtle grows just 6" tall with a 3 ft. spread. Flowers non-stop throughout the growing season with bright pink flowers. Great in containers or as a groundcover.

***Magnolia stellata* 'Royal Star' - Royal Star Magnolia** is a popular magnolia cultivar producing scads of large mildly fragrant snowy-white double-flowers from mid-March through April before its leaves emerge. It prefers full sun but will tolerate a partially shady location. Grows to 12' tall.

***Physocarpus opulifolius* 'Diablo', 'Coppertina' – NineBark.** These great selections are valued for their deep burgundy to bronze foliage. Spring flowering with soft white blooms. Prune each spring to keep rejuvenated and looking great. Can grow to 10 feet if not pruned.

***Pinus densiflora* 'Aurea' – Japanese Red Pine.** This yellow Japanese Red Pine variety lives up to its name. The long, graceful needles turn bright golden in winter, and remain pale gold through the summer. Even the cones are gold. Prefers full-sun and well-drained soil. Has upright growth habit. Can grow quite tall if not pruned.

***Pinus mugo* - Corley's Mat Mugo Pine.** A low-growing form with a flat-topped appearance, with thick shoots. Bright mid-green foliage. Grows to 1 foot high and 3 feet wide in 10 years. Thrives in full-sun and a well-drained soil. Great for rock gardens.

***Pinus strobus* 'Blue Shag' – Dwarf Blue Shag White Pine.** Soft blue foliage and a round compact habit growing just 2' tall and 4' wide. Full-sun to part-shade.

***Platycladus orientalis* 'Van Hoey Smith' - Van Hoey Smith Oriental Arborvitae.** Nice neat vertical sprays of foliage are bright gold flecked with green, and a touch of silver/white. Very pyramidal / cone shaped growth habit. Likes full sun to achieve the best color, but will tolerate some shade. Truly a must have for the collector, or for anyone who wants something that is way out of the ordinary. Excellent as an accent planting, or when planted in groups of 2 or 3.