New and Underused Perennials and Grasses - Brent Horvath, Intrinsic Perennial Gardens, February 2024 WHPS Meeting

Genus	Species	*Variety/Color*	Common Name	Notes
Allium	**x**	***Big Beauty PPAF***	**Ornamental Onion**	Wide grey-green foliage and soft pink flowers in July on 24" stems.
Artemisia	x	*Garden Ghost*		
Aster	**x**	***Thunderdome PPAF***	**Aster**	
Astilbe	x	*Dark side of the Moon*	Astilbe	
Bouteloua	**gracilis**	***Honeycomb PPAF***	**Blue Grama**	Unique horizontal tan flowers, 3 foot tall. Dry to well-drained soil.
Carex	humilis	*Hexe*	Sedge	
Coreopsis	tripteris	*Flower Tower*	Tall Coreopsis	Tall upright habit to 7 ft. Would be nice with Rudbeckia Herstonne.
Dianthus	carthusianorum		Meadow Pinks	Grassy green foliage, 24" stems topped with black purple buds and near magenta pink flowers.
Echinacea	x	Watermelon Deluxe	Coneflower	
Eryngium	**yuccifolium**	***Prairie Moon***	**Rattlesnake Master**	Shorter form to 3' tall, thinner, bluer foliage. Nice with Alliums.
Eupatorium	maculatum	*JoJo*	Joe Pye Weed	Double flowers on 4' plants.
Eupatorium	**perfoliatum**	***Blind Date PPAF***	**Boneset**	Chocolate purple foliage on 4-5' plants
Eupatorium	**x**	***Polished Brass***	**Boneset**	Glossy bronze foliage in spring followed by creamy white flowers in mid- late summer 4-5'
Geranium	**maculatum**	***Huggy Bear PPAF***	**Cranesbill**	
Hosta	x	*Party Streamers*	Hosta	Thin wavy gold foliage.
Hosta	x	*Silly String*	Hosta	Thin wavy blue foliage.
Ligularia	**x**	***Treasure Island***	**Ligularia**	
Molinia	arundinacea	*Dark Beauty*	Tall Moor Grass	From Piet Oudolf
Molinia	**arundinacea**	***Dutch Dreamer***	**Tall Moor Grass**	Grows to 5-7'+, Upright yellow fall color.
Monarda	**bradburiana**	***Midnight Oil PPAF***	**Bee Balm**	Chocolate red new growth fades to glossy deep olive green foliage on 18" plants that bloom pink in June. Wine spotted flowers yeild chocolate brown seedheads.
Monarda	didyma	*Red Velvet*	Bee Balm	Dark foliage, red flowers. 24"+
Muhlenbergia	cuspidata		Prairie Satin Grass	12-15" tall and 18-24" wide clumps of grayed green fine foliage.
Muhlenbergia	reverchonii		Ruby Muhly Grass	30-36" tall and wider, blooms late sept- Oct. Adaptable
Nepeta	x	*Blue Prelude*		24-30" tall
Origanum	x	*Bellissimo*	Ornamental Oregano	Great vigor on 6-8" plants spreading to 18-24"
Panicum	**virgatum**	***Dust in the Wind***	**Switch Grass**	
Pennisetum	**alopecuroides**	***Lemon Squeeze***	**Golden Fountain Grass**	Wide Gold foliage with light colored flower on 36-42" stems.
Pennisetum	**alopecuroides**	***Love and Rockets PPAF***	**Dwarf Red Fountain Grass**	Short red flowers above deep green foliage on 24"+ plants in August.
Pennisetum	**alopecuroides**	***Pure Energy PPAF***	**Golden Fountain Grass**	Bright golden foliage on 30-36" plants with reddish flowers in August.
Phlox	**x**	***Mr. Blue Sky***	**Spring Phlox**	Lavender blue fragrant flowers in May on 1' tall plants.
Pycnanthemum	**x**	***Smokey Mountain Mint***	**Mountain Mint**	Silvered tips above smokey purple folaige on 24" stems. Rhizomatous.
Rudbeckia	**x**	***Green Eyed Lady PPAF***	**Green Eyed Suzanne**	Yellow flowers on 30" upright branched stems.
Rudbeckia	**x**	***Sweet as Honey PPAF***	**Black Eyed Susan**	Many small yellow flowers on 15-18" upright branched stems.
Salvia	azurea		American Sage	Late bloom September, great with grasses, attracts hummingbirds
Sanguisorba	**x**	***Plum Drops PPAF***	**Burnet**	3-4' stems have many chocolate red bottlebrush flowers over dark pinnate foliage.
Scirpus	**pendulus**	***Stars and Stripes PPAF***		Yellow streaked foliage 8-12" tall followed by yellow stems 18-24" in July. Moist soil.
Schizachyrium	**scoparium**	***Little Red Fox PPAF***	**Little Bluestem**	24-30" tall wire like stems have red, purple, silver and more above low foliage.
Schizachyrium	**scoparium**	***Sandhill***	**Little Bluestem**	4'+ tall wider powder blue foliage, does not flop over winter.
Sedum	**spurium**	***Rock Candy PPAF***	**Two row stonecrop**	October through May reddish-purple foliage on tight mat forming clumps. Rose pink flowers in July on 4-5" stems.
Sedum	**x**	***Lime Joy***	**Stonecrop**	
Sesleria	x	*Brush Strokes*	Tall Moor Grass	Vigorous, drought-tolerant, blooms spring on 20" stems reaching 30"+.
Sesleria	x	*Tiny Dancer*	Moor Grass	Thin green foliage on smaller plants 6-8" tall foliage with 12" flower stems.
Solidago	**x**	***Sugar Kisses***	**Goldenrod**	Lime yellow buds open White in July on upright 18-24" stems above grassy foliage.
Sporobolus	airoides			
Sporobolus	**heterolepis**	***with gold folaige***	**Gold Prairie Dropseed**	in the future…
Stachys	byzantina	*Little Lamb*	Lambs Ears	a smaller form.
Stachys	**officinalis**	***Summer Crush***	Betony	White with pink spots. Vigorous 24" plants. Deer resistant.
Stachys	**officinalis**	***Summer Romance***	Betony	More pink than Hummelo and longer florets on 18-24" stems.
Ver-no-nia	**x**	***Southern Cross***	**Ironweed**	3-4' strong stems with purple flowers in August, good over winter.
Ver-no-nia	x	*Summer's Swan Song*	Ironweed	2-3' mounds with dark green foliage and purple flowers in August. Attracts pollinators. From CBG
Veronica	**incana**	***Pure Silver***	**Speedwell**	Clean silver foliage all year, blue flowers in June in 12-15"stems.
Veronica	**incana**	***Seaside PPAF***	**Speedwell**	Larger foliage and larger plants hold larger blue flower spikes, grows 24" +
Veronicastrum	**virginicum**	***Queen of Diamonds***	**Culvers Root**	Selected for it clean deep green foliage. 4' stems bloom soft pink late summer.

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Top 10 Landscape plant intros				
Genus	**Species**	***Variety/Color***	**Common Name**	**Note**
Andropogon	**gerardii**	***Red October PPAF***	**Big Bluestem**	upright plants with burgundy to scarlet fall color
Eryngium	**yuccifolium**	***Prairie Moon***	**Rattlesnake Master**	shorter form to 3' tall, thinner bluer foliage
Leucanthemum	**superbum**	***Daisy Duke PP***	**Daisy May**	
Pennisetum	**alopecuroides**	***Ginger Love PPAF***	**Dwarf Fountain Grass**	Thick red flower on 30-36" plants
Penstemon	**digitalis**	***Pocahontas PPAF***	**Beardtongue**	Industrial! Purple red foliage, pink flower.
Polemonium	**x**	***Heaven Scent PP#2021***	**Jacobs Ladder**	Grape Scented, blue flowers, Foliage red in Spring
Polygonatum	**x**	***Prince Charming PP22***	**Dwarf Solomon's Seal**	1' spreading groundcover, adaptable, blue berries and fall color too
Schizachyrium	**scoparium**	***Jazz***	**Little Bluestem**	2-3' tall blue foliage does not flop
Sedum	**x**	***Pure Joy and Thunder***	**Stonecrop**	proven winner, gray green foliage, massive pink flower dome in September
Vernonia	**lettermanii an**	***Southern Cross***	**Ironweed**	18-24" and 3-4' strong stems stems with purple flowers in August
Veronica	**incana**	***Pure Silver- blue***	**Speedwell**	Clean Silver foliage all year, blue flowers in June