



Wisconsin Hardy Plant Society

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Favorite Perennials for the Shady Garden Frank Greer, Wisconsin Hardy Plant Society

Gold Medal Plants for All-season Interest and Garden Structure

Hydrangea anomala subsp petiolaris (climbing hydrangea)

Tsuga canadensis (Canadian hemlock—cultivars):

- 'Gentsch white' (sheared every spring—only new growth is white)
- 'Sargent's weeping' (slow growing, dramatic plant)
- 'Brandleyii' (very slow growing < 3 feet after 12 years)
- 'Lewis' (18 feet after 20 years)

Tsuga diversifolia (Japanese hemlock) wonderful free form growth habit—many small ornamental cones; new 'dwarf forms available 'Loowit', 'Gracilus'

Acer shirasawanum 'Aureum' (yellow full moon maple)

Hakonechloa (ha-kon-ee-klo´a) *macra* Japanese hakone grass, species)

Numerous variegated cultivars now available: *Hakonechloa macra* 'Aureola' most widely planted

Epimedium—hybrid cultivars—vigorous growers:

- Epimedium x rubrum* (ep-ee-mee´dee-um rue´brum) "barrenwort" , "bishops hat"
 - Epimedium x versicolor* 'Sulphureum'
 - Epimedium x perralchicum* 'Frohnleiten'
- (note many new species and cultivars available—make great specimen plants)

Gold Medal Plants of Seasonal Interest

Adonis amurensis (a-don´is am-you-ren´ sis)

Eranthis hyemalis (e-ran-this hee-e-mah-lis) winter aconite

Crocus tommasinianus (tommies)

Scilla tubergeniana (syn. *S. mischtschenkoana*)

Chionodoxa forbesii (glory of the snow)

Primula sieboldii (prim´you-la sea-bold´ ee-i) "cherry blossom primrose, Nakoma primrose"

Hellebores (Royal heritage strain)

Woodland Peonies (Japan and China)

Paeonia japonica

Paeonia obovata

Paeonia mairei

Paeonia smouthii "Memorial Day Peony" (Madison's pass-along peony—tolerates some shade)

Ornithogalum magnum (or-ni-tho-ga-lum magnum) Russian asparagus

Lilium martagon (martagon lily)

Lilium martagon species

Lilium martagon alba

Lilium martagon 'Port Wine'

Lilium martagon 'Terrace City hybrids'

Lilium martagon 'Claude's shride'

Syneilesis palmata umbrella like foliage, insignificant flowers, slow spreader

Ferns

Dryopteris crassirhizoma large specimen type with fabulous croziers
Dryopteris goldiana “goldie fern” large fern, slow spreader
Osmunda regalis “royal fern” clump forming
Adiantum pedatum maidenhair fern very draught tolerant, slow spreader
Athyrium filix-femina lady fern (world’s most variable fern) clump forming
Athyrium niponicum ‘Pictum’ Japanese painted fern, clump forming
Cystopteris bulbifera (bladder bulblet fern, Door County fern) spreads by bulblets
Thelypteris hexagonoptera (southern beech fern) spreads by runners

Phlox paniculata ‘David’

Begonia grandis Hardy begonia Does not break dormancy until early June; blooms late August

Tricyrtis hirta

Tricyrtis latifolia (tri-kur-tis)

Tricyrtis macropoda

Tricyrtis macrantha subsp. *macranthopsis* (ma-kranth-op’ sis)

Sources of Plants

Forest Farm

(good source for woodies including maples, some perennials)

990 Tetherow Rd
Williams, OR 97544-9599
www.forestfarm.com

Plant Delights Nursery, Inc.

9241 Sauls Rd
Raleigh, NC 27603
www.plantdelights.com

Garden Vision Epimediums

(epimediums mostly—they have them all!)

PO Box 50,
Templeton, MA 014568-0050
www.home.earthlink.net/ darrellpro

Thimble Farm (Adonis amurensis)

175 Arbutus Road,
Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 1A3
www.thimblefarms.com
(source of many unusual plants—\$75 minimum order to US.
Order with a friend!!)

Far Reaches Farm

(woodland Peonies including *P. mairei*)

1818 Hastings Ave
Port Townsend, WA 98368
www.farreachesfram.com

Bulbs

Van Engelen Inc.

(sell wholesale to individuals—typically lots of 50 to 100 bulbs)

23 Tulip Dr
Bamtag, CT 06750
www.vanengelem.com

McClure & Zimmerman

108 W Winnebago St.
Friesland, WI 53935
www.mzbulb.com

The Lily Nook

(martagon lilies—best source—fall order)

Box 846
Neepawa, Manitoba ROJ1HO
Canada
www.lilynook.mb.ca

Local Sources

The Flower Factory (perennials)

4062 Hwy A
Stoughton, WI 53589
608-873-8329

Stonewall Nursery

(woody plants, including hemlocks)

763 Hwy 14
Oregon, WI



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