

Dream Gardens

Landscape & Design Management



Best New Plants for 2011

Perennials

☐ *Geranium-Crystal Lake*: 8" tall. Compact. Sun/Part Shade. Pale purple with dark purple-striped center. Pretty foliage.

☐ *Heuchera-Southern Comfort*: 18" tall and 24" wide. Sun/Part Shade. Orangish/Pink. Large hand-sized leaves. Very hardy and can take the sun.



☐ *Brunnera-Green Gold*: 12" tall. Shade. Bright green leaf blooms blue in early Spring.

☐ *Coreopsis-Star Cluster*: 18" tall. Sun. White with dark pink center. Needle-like foliage. Blooms in June but will rebloom in August if cut back.

☐ *Penstemon-Electric Blue*: 24" tall. Sun. Native. Blue/Purple flower. Good even in hot dry summers. Underused perennial!

☐ *Phlox-Shock Wave*: 20"-24" tall. Sun. Purple flower on beautiful variegated foliage.

☐ *Chrysanthemum-Matchsticks*: 24" tall. Sun/shade. Two tones of yellow/orange. Looks like matchsticks!

Annuals

☐ *Petunia-Phantom*: 8-12" tall. Sun. Flower is a black base color with yellow star pattern.

☐ *Coleus-Alligator Tears*: 15-18" tall. This award winner can take the sun!

☐ *Calibrachoa-Coralberry Punch*: This award winner is also called Million Bells. No deheading needed. In Honeysuckle Pink, which is the color of the year! Same as the plaid on my business card! We chose it first!

Shrubs

☐ *Boxwood-Wedding Ring*: 3' tall. Sun/Part Shade/Shade. Deer resistant. Variegated green foliage with lime margins.

☐ *Hydrangea-Little Lime*: 3'-5' tall. Sun/Part Shade. Dwarf form of Limelight. Great flowers with lime/cream coloration.

☐ *Ninebark-Little Devil*: 3' tall. Sun/Part Shade. Beautiful vase-shaped shrub with maroon leaves which are Japanese beetle resistant.

☐ *Weigela-Rainbow Sensation*: 3' tall. Sun. Grown for its attractive foliage of burgundy, yellow, and green. Blooms pink in Spring. Deer Resistant.

Trees

☐ *Variegated Pagoda Dogwood*: 10' tall. Moderate growth rate. Horizontal branching. Variegated dark green center with bright green gold margins.

☐ *Shiloh Splash Birch*: 10'-15' tall. Slow growing. Multi-trunk. Variegated foliage of green and white. Can take moist soil.

☐ *Scarlet Sentinel Maple*: 30' tall. Fast growing. Red with beautiful big leaves that are vase or egg-shaped.

Roses

☐ *Purple Splash*: 10-15'. Climber. Purple and white.

☐ *Coral Cove*: 3'. Shrub Rose. Bi-color. Yellow to coral orange.

☐ *Home Run Pink*: 3'. Shrub Rose. Pink Single. Bred to be resistant to Japanese beetles.



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“When one flower blooms, Spring awakens everywhere.”

—John O’Donohue

Did You Know? For 2011...

Color of the Year in plants is Honeysuckle Pink!

Perennial Plant of the Year Amosonia-Blue Star. 2-3’ tall and wide. Full Sun. Sky-blue flowers in late Spring. Gorgeous Fall color of gold and orange.

Hosta of the Year Praying Hands. 14” tall. Long thin foliage extends upward in a neat rounded habit. Dark green foliage has creamy white edge. Unusual crinkly curly leaves.

Jean’s Plant of the Year Amethyst Coralberry/Snowberry. 3’ tall. This underused plant has lots of vivid pink berries along the stems in late summer. Nice gray-green foliage too! Native.

Notes from Jean



Every Spring, I am amazed at the power of daffodils. They bring joy to my world! I am happy with just a few in a vase on my kitchen table. Just as I’ve had enough of winter, the first daffodil comes up in the garden. A sign that Spring will soon be here! It has been a long winter and I am so happy that, Dream Gardens is

alas working. I have been compiling my best of the best plant list for 2011. Some of my favorites are featured in this newsletter! They are mostly new plants and some old ones with a twist. For example, Flowering Quince. A double take is what you will do when you see the camellia-like flowers. Not only a beautiful flower, they are thornless too! Everyone is predicting a better season in landscaping, so please book your Spring-Clean Up early. Going on vacation? Dream Gardens will be happy to help with your mowing, weeding, or watering needs. Book early to ensure availability. Enjoy Spring!

Spring Tips

- Dormant spray Crabapples to help prevent leaf wilt. Also, some varieties of Magnolia. If you’ve missed the dormancy, call Jean for advice.
- Cut back roses.
- Cut back ornamental grasses.
- Prune ornamental tree hydrangea.



Better yet, call Dream Gardens and set up a free consultation.



McHenry Garden Club presents

Container Garden Gala

Thursday, April 28th, 2011

McHenry High School - West Campus

4724 W. Crystal Lake Road

7:00 p.m. (Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.)

Tickets \$10.00 thru Apr. 24, \$12.00 at the door

Designers from local garden centers will create beautiful container gardens... and you may take one home!

Commentator: Shelley Isenhart

Call Laura (815) 344-1965 for more information



“No Winter lasts forever,

no Spring skips its turn.”

-Hal Borland