



## Historic Columbia Spring Plant Sale

Come out to our [Spring Plant Sale](#) at our new location outside the nursery on the grounds of the Hampton-Preston Mansion! Historic Columbia will be offering a wide array of plants at the official sale on Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23. Historic Columbia members get early access on Thursday, April 21 so [join](#) today!

### Vitis x 'Herbemont' – An HC Exclusive!

Hybrid Wine Grape

\$35

Zones: 7 to 10

Height: greater than 50'

Culture: Full Sun



The Herbemont grape is named for Nicholas Herbemont, who popularized the variety in South Carolina in the 1820s. It is a cross between *Vitis aestivalis* var. *bourquiniana* (native to the Southeastern United States) and *Vitis vinifera* (native to the Mediterranean and Southwest Asia, and the species most commonly used to produce wine). The Herbemont grape, though small, was deemed so succulent that it was often used as a table grape in the early 19th century. However, it was most famous for producing quality wines. From South Carolina it spread throughout the Southern and Eastern US and became an important wine variety in Missouri and Texas. Herbemont grapes were sometimes made into a fortified wine modeled on Madeira (indeed, some called the variety “Herbemont Madeira”) because their flavor was said to resemble that of verdelho, one of the principal Madeira grapes. Usually, though, Herbemont was used in the production of pale red or white wines.

### Lespedeza thunbergii 'Samindare'



Bush Clover

\$15

Zones: 4 to 8

Height: 4' to 5'

Culture: Full Sun to Part Shade

*Lespedeza thunbergii*, commonly called bush clover, is a deciduous, semi-woody shrub with an arching, fountain-like habit. When cut to the ground in late winter to early spring, it responds by producing rapid annual growth to 3- 6' tall and as wide during the following growing season. 'Samidare' has bright fuchsia pink, pea flower-like blooms on long arching stems from midsummer into fall. It grows 4 to 5 ft. tall and 5 to 6 ft. wide.

### **Morus x 'Hick's Everbearing' – An HC Exclusive!**

Everbearing Mulberry

\$40

Zones: 7 to 9

Height: greater than 30'

Culture: Full Sun



A hybrid between the native red mulberry and the Asian white mulberry, the Hicks Everbearing was discovered right here in Columbia in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century! According to historic accounts, this tree bears fruit for more than 3 months, from late spring into summer. It was prized as a component of chicken and hog plantations across the south United States.

### **Hemerocallis x 'Autumn Minaret'**

Daylily Hybrid

\$20

Zones: 3a to 9b



Height: 75" tall

Culture: Sun to Part Sun

This daylily is a reliable, passalong deciduous hybrid that still ranks high on our list of favorite garden-worthy daylilies. In July and August, Hemerocallis 'Autumn Minaret' is topped with rigid, 75" tall, see-through stalks of fragrant yellow flowers with a dark peachy "eye" marking on every other petal...attractive to hummingbirds and gardeners who like daylilies they can look up to. I can think of few other daylilies that blend as well in the perennial border during a time that color is so valuable.

### **Spiraea thunbergii 'Fujino Pink'**

Bridal Wreath

\$20

Zones: 4 to 9

Height: 5' to 8'

Culture: Full Sun to Part Shade

Apple-blossom-pink blooms arranged in small, wreath-like clusters open in very-early-spring along the slender, gracefully arching branches of this deciduous, multi-stemmed shrub. In the summer, small leaves are a light-green. Foliage may assume a bronzy, peachy hue in the autumn.



### **Iris confusa 'Chengdu'**

Bamboo Iris

\$15

Zones: 7 to 11

Height: 1' to 3'

Culture: Part Sun to Part Shade

Need an easy, pretty and groundcovering perennial for your shady side yard – like that skinny strip against your house? Distinctive, tropical-looking and evergreen Iris confusa 'Chengdu' is a great choice! Forming dense clumps of strappy rich green leaves held in fans and topped for several months in Spring with exquisite, vanilla scented 2 1/2" ornately marked lavender blooms. Glamorous multi-branched stems hold up to 75 flowers at a time looking much like floating orchids! Not fussy about soil, it tolerates



both wet and dryish conditions. Spreads happily by rhizomes (easily controlled if necessary) to fill in a good sized area.

**Callicarpa dichotoma 'Shiji Murasaki'**

Japanese Beautyberry

\$15

Zones: 7 to 10

Height: up to 20'

Culture: Part Sun to Part Shade

This is definitely a foliage plant with its surreal reticulated variegation. It is a sparse bloomer and berry producer, but who cares - With leaves like this, it is worth planting! Don't push it into the fall with a lot of fertilizer, as this will render it susceptible to cold damage. It needs to harden off well before winter. Can be grown in sun or shade, but lower light seems to produce the best variegation.



**Canna indica 'Red Russian'**

Indian Shot Canna

\$10

Zones: 8 to 10

Height: up to 10'

Culture: Full Sun to Part Shade

Canna 'Russian Red' is a very impressive canna with large, banana like jungly dark red-bronze leaves with outrageous orange/red flowers which appear during summer. Reaching up to 3m in height, this fabulous Canna does best in a sunny spot planted in fertile moisture retentive soil. A very tough and easy to grow variety. Can also be grown in a large container but will need lots of water and regular doses of Liquid seaweed feed to keep it happy.



**Liriope muscari 'Pee Dee Ingot'**



Golden Monkey Grass

\$8

Zones: 6 to 10

Height: up to 1.5'

Culture: Full Sun to Part Shade

From South Carolina plantswoman Ursula Herz comes an incredible monkey grass that forms an 18" tall x 30" wide clump of brilliant golden foliage. In shade, the foliage of Liriope 'Peedee Ingot' fades to a chartreuse-green in late summer, but when grown with any sun exposure, the foliage remains bright gold all year. Liriope 'Peedee Ingot' (named after SC's Pee Dee River) makes a great golden textural accent in the garden, combining nicely with other contrasting colors. In late summer, the clumps are topped with typical 1' tall spikes of lilac-lavender flowers.

**Gymnaster savatieri**

Japanese Aster

\$10

Zones: 5 to 8

Height: up to 1.5'

Culture: Full Sun to Part Shade



This clumping perennial, long-blooming in summer, grows to only 12-18" tall with 3-4", lanceolate leaves as a backdrop for the daisy-like flowers. Shearing can promote rebloom. Full sun to part shade; accepting of summer moisture and some summer drought as well as hot and humid conditions.

**Sambucus canadensis 'Blonde Envy' – An HC Exclusive!**

American Elderberry

\$20

Zones: 4 to 9

Height: up to 15'



Culture: Full Sun to Part Shade

This exciting new introduction was found by HC's own Director of Grounds Keith Mearns near his home in Fairfield County, SC. 'Blonde Envy' boasts incredible bright yellow leaves and excellent vigor along with all the attributes of American elderberry, including saturated soil tolerance, heat tolerance, and it's fruit are edible and relished by wildlife.

### **Elletaria cardamomum**

Cardamom

\$15

Zones: 8 to 10

Height: up to 2'

Culture: Part Sun to Part Shade



This ginger relative produces attractive foliage from rhizomes. Here it can stay under 2 feet but it gets much larger in tropics where it is grown for the expensive spice Cardamom. . Leaves have a delightful fragrance when handled. Like most ginger relatives this plant likes fertile soil with lots of organic matter and ample water. Mulch for winter protection except in the warmest areas. Native to southern Asia.

### **Platycladus orientalis 'Franky Boy'**

Asian Arborvitae

\$25.00

Zones: 5 to 9

Height: up to 5'

Culture: Full Sun to Part Shade



This selection is a fantastic thread-leaf form of Chinese arborvitae. This cultivar is distinguishable through its teardrop shape and beautiful golden, fine thread like foliage. Annual growth can be up to 4 inches (20 cm), but this plant does best with a yearly shearing of up to one-third of its previous year's growth. This practice will keep the plant tight and tidy and less prone to splay in parts of the world prone to snow and ice.

**Itea virginica 'Henry's Garnet'**

Sweetspire

\$10

Zones: 5 to 9

Height: up to 6'

Culture: Full Sun to Shade

Brilliant red-purple fall foliage color lasts into winter to make this a standout in the landscape. Slender clusters of fragrant white flowers add to the multi-seasonal show from this award winning plant. Thrives in the dappled sunlight under the canopy of larger trees and in full sun with adequate moisture. Deciduous



**Chamaecyparis thyoides**

Atlantic White Cedar

\$35

Zones: 5 to 8

Height: 60' to 80'

Culture: Full Sun to Part Shade

Atlantic White Cedar is an evergreen tree in the cypress family that may grow 60 to 80 feet tall with a diameter of 2 ft. The foliage is scale-like and green to blue/green in color. The bark is fibrous with intersected flat ridges, which sometimes spiral along the stem. In South Carolina it is found in the coastal plain along bogs, streams, swamps and other wet sites.



**Buxus x 'Green Velvet'**

Hybrid Boxwood

\$25

Zones: 5 to 8

Height: up to 3'

Culture: Full Sun to Part Shade



This hybrid combines the hardiness and compactness of the Korean boxwood with the velvety deep green foliage of the English boxwood. This selection grows best in a mixture of sand and clay soil, receiving both sun and shade. 'Green Velvet' has a somewhat rounded habit that is slightly wider than tall. The foliage on this cultivar is a beautiful medium to light-green in spring and slowly transitions to a dark green.

### **Hypericum lissophloeus**

Smooth-Barked St John's Wort

\$15

Zones: 7 to 9

Height: up to 10

Culture: Full Sun



*Hypericum lissophloeus*, commonly known as smooth-barked St. Johnswort, is a narrow, upright, sparsely-branched, asparagus-like evergreen shrub with a tree-like character that typically grows to 6-10' tall and to 3-5' wide, with beautiful exfoliating chocolate colored bark. It is native to well-drained sandy soils on the slopes and margins of sink hole ponds and lakes located in an area of xeric uplands in Bay and Washington Counties on the Florida panhandle. It is listed as an endangered species in the State of Florida.

### **Rosa x 'Safrano'**

\$10

Zones: 7 to 9

Height: up to 8'

Culture: Full Sun to Part Shade



Though its parents are unknown, 'Safrano' is recorded by Roy Shepherd as "the result of the first successful attempt to control parentage by hand pollination", thereby introducing a new era in rose breeding. This rose has double, well scented flowers of bright fawn, with long-pointed buds. The new shoots of foliage are plum colored, contrasting nicely with the blossoms.

### **Rosa x 'Park's Yellow Tea'**

\$10



Zones: 6 to 10

Height: up to 8'

Culture: Full Sun to Part Shade

Thought to be the original Tea rose. Small climbing habit with large double blooms, cupped petals of soft sulphur-yellow. It has an unusual perfume and very few thorns. An excellent landscape rose!

### **Eryngium yuccifolium**

Rattlesnake Master

\$5

Zones: 3 to 9

Height: up to 2' with bloom

Culture: Full Sun



*Eryngium yuccifolium* starts the growing season as a rosette of attractive bluish sword shaped leaves. As summer approaches, branched stems soar upward bearing curious spherical flower clusters. The rounded flower orbs are actually compressed umbels with tiny creamy white florets. Spiny globular seed masses follow and are held into the winter. This is a striking architectural accent plant or stalwart prairie companion that is easy to grow in sun and well drained or dry soil.

### **Gaura lindheimeri 'Rosy Jane'**

Whirling Butterflies

\$5

Zones: 5 to 10

Height: up to 2'

Culture: Full Sun



A superior selection for its exceptionally low branching, compact habit and airy white flowers edged with bright picotee pink. Good for mixed perennial borders, containers & cut flowers. Tolerates drought, heat & humidity.

**Solidago shortii 'Solar Cascade'**

Goldenrod

\$5

Zones: 3 to 8

Height: up to 3'

Culture: Full Sun



Delightful, golden-yellow flowers are borne in axillary clusters along reflexing stems from late summer into fall. Reliable, deep green, glossy foliage remains clean throughout the growing seasons. Not an aggressive runner, 'Solar Cascade' is a clump forming perennial reaching knee height, maxing out somewhere between the taller 'Fireworks' and more compact 'Golden Fleece'. Performs best in moist to average garden soil under full sun or partial shade; extremely drought tolerant once established. This great garden plant is easy to propagate and proved to be a standout in The Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden perennial trials. Plant *en masse* for a dramatic effect or incorporate into seasonal arrangements.

**Coreopsis x 'UpTick Yellow & Red'**

Tickseed

\$5

Zones: 5 to 9

Height: up to 1.5'

Culture: Full Sun



This prize-winning perennial keeps its neat shape and performs well all summer long. Bright yellow flowers with red-banded petals appear continuously above the vigorous, upright, mounded foliage. Perfect for massing in low-maintenance borders or summer containers. Resists mildew.

**Muhlenbergia capillaris**



Sweetgrass

\$12

Zones: 6 to 10

Height: up to 4'

Culture: Full Sun

*Muhlenbergia capillaris* is a warm season perennial grass with striking seasonal color and texture. Plants form a dense mound of attractive needle-like olive-green blades. In late summer, foliage is topped by nebulous clouds of rosy-purple spikelets. Flowering continues for almost two months into autumn. As the season ends, foliage develops a tawny bronze patina and seed ripen to a soft beige. This handsome grass flourishes in sunny exposures with moist to dry soil.

**Agapanthus africanus**

Lily of the Nile

\$15

Zones: 8 to 11

Height: up to 3' with flower stalk



Culture: Full Sun

Attractive, deep blue flower clusters on stalks above clumping, narrow, strap-like, evergreen foliage. Effective in groups to create a lush tropical effect. Occasionally reblooms, if spent flower stems are promptly removed. A good container plant in colder areas or perennial color accent in outdoor beds where winters are milder. Agapanthus appreciates an annual lime application for good growth.

**Dianella tasmanica 'Variegata'**

New Zealand Flax Lily

\$12

Zones: 8 to 10

Height: up to 1.5'



Culture: Full Sun to Part Shade

Handsome, strappy, green leaves with contrasting yellow stripes will brighten the garden year-round. Stalks of shiny, turquoise blue, ornamental berries persist from fall into winter to create a colorful accent. Its tidy clumping habit is ideal for mass planting near pools, in garden beds and in borders. Evergreen.

**Stokesia laevis 'Honeysong Purple'**

Stoke's Aster

\$15

Zones: 5 to 9

Height: up to 1.5'



Culture: Full Sun to Part Sun

'Honeysong Purple' sports true royal purple flowers with a hint of red towards the center that darkens as it ages. The contrasting white stamens and purple-tinged stems add to its appeal. The individual flowers measure 4" across and have petals with deeply serrated edges. They are wonderful in fresh bouquets. The deep green foliage is neatly mounding. Stokesia is a native North American wildflower. It has been grown for many years for its beautiful flowers and ease of culture. Because of its heat tolerance, it is widely grown in the south.

**Tulbaghia violacea**

Society Garlic

\$12

Zones: 7 to 10

Height: up to 3'



Culture: Full Sun

Society Garlic is a tender perennial in the Amaryllidaceae family. Leaves and rootstock have a strong garlic smell when bruised, hence the common name. The plants have good drought and heat tolerance but do best with adequate moisture during the growing season. They work well in rock or herb gardens or planted along borders and edges. This plant is moderately salt tolerant. The edible flowers have an oniony to peppery flavor and may be eaten raw or cooked.