



Historic Columbia

April 6-8, 2023

Spring Plant Sale

One of two plant sales Historic Columbia holds every year, attendees will be able to purchase and learn about a wide array of plants propagated from the Living Collections across all of our historic sites. From herbaceous plants and woody perennials to evergreen plants, all of the selections that will be offered are integral to the stories we tell on our sites and most are either rare or not offered elsewhere. Examples include a gold-foliaged selection of American Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis* 'Blonde Envy'), a fascinating and unique passionflower (*Passiflora* x 'Incense'), and the impressively tall Mexican Tree Dahlia (*Dahlia imperialis*)!

Thursday, April 6 | 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

**HC MEMBER
PRE-SALE**

Friday, April 7 | 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 8 | 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Alocasia x 'Sumo'

Hybrid Elephant Ear

12 available

This hybrid elephant ear has extremely large leaves that are deep green on the topside and are lighter with red ribs and bronzy coloration underneath. This plant can handle part sun to full sun. Elephant Ear 'Sumo' makes a dynamic statement in a large pot or as a landscape specimen. This easy grower reaches 5-6' the first year and 8-10' tall by the second year. The dark, upward-pointing, green leaves are huge – up to 3-4' long when fully mature – and they reach 2.5' across. 'Sumo' is a hybrid between Alocasia 'Portora' and 'Purple Cloak.'

\$15

1 gallon

Zones 7b to 10b

5-10' tall

Sun to part sun

HP sunken patio



Habranthus robustus

Pink Rain Lily

30 available

Habranthus robustus, Pink Rain Lily, is a small yet utterly beautiful Amaryllid with pink flowers and yellow anthers. Typically, the flowers emerge following a rain (or watering) in mid-summer. Its foliage is thin and linear. Habranthus robustus is one of the most beautiful of the Rain Lilies and will quickly clump to form a large flowering mat. To do this, ensure it has a rich, loose, free-draining soil and mulch it well during the winter and through the late frosts. Flowers from mid-summer. Very easy to grow.

\$10

3.5" pot

Zones 7b to 9b

9" tall

Sun to part sun

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Salvia madrensis

'Red Neck Girl' Forsythia Sage

20 available

Red Neck Girl forsythia sage or Salvia madrensis 'Red Neck Girl' features butter-yellow flowers highlighted by red to reddish-purple stems, growing to 7 feet from September to frost. It is native to elevations between 4,000 and 5,000 feet in Mexico's Sierra Madre Oriental mountains.

\$ \$15

1 gallon

Zones 7b to 10b

4-7' tall

Sun

Seibels House front wall



Salvia elegans

Pineapple Sage

12 available

Be prepared for clouds of beautiful, eye catching, red flowers! "Pineapple sage" blooms late in the Summer into Fall providing a nectar for hummingbirds! This plant has crisp, yellow-green leaves, and a sweet smell. Native to Central Mexico, this perennial grows rapidly to a 4-5' tall & 2-3' wide shrub.

\$ \$15

1 gallon

Zones 8 to 10

3-5' tall

Sun to part sun

HP children's garden



Salvia leucantha

'Purple on Purple' Mexican Sage

20 available

This is the same wonderful late summer- and fall-blooming salvia as Salvia leucantha, but instead of white florets inside the purple calyces, the florets are also a velvety-purple. The flower is good for attracting butterflies, hummingbirds, and other beneficial pollinators. It's beautiful soft, gray-green foliage is a wonderful complement to the bright blooms. This shrubby perennial makes a stunning addition to a rock garden or mixed shrub border. A must-have for sunny Mediterranean-style gardens.

\$ \$15

1 gallon

Zones 7b to 10b

4-6' tall

Sun to part sun

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Piper auritum "Root Beer Plant"

RARE

12 available

The flavors of this plant are complex and aromatic, with notes of sassafras, anise seed, wintergreen, and pepper. In Mexico, the plant is known as hoja santa "sacred leaf". Chefs work the peppery leaves into a variety of dishes, grinding them and adding them to mole verde or shredding them for use as a seasoning in soups and egg dishes, or simply using them as an aromatic wrapper for tamales.

\$ \$25

1 gallon

Zones 8 to 11

3-8' tall

Sun to shade

HP welcome beds



Malvaviscus drummondii Turk's Cap Mallow

12 available

Malvaviscus drummondii is a unique deer-resistant hibiscus relative. This Southwest US native has round green leaves clothing the 5' tall woody stems. Beginning in late summer and continuing through fall, Turk's cap clumps are covered with hundreds of cute, brilliant reddish-orange, hibiscus-like flowers with unique swirled petals that never manage to fully open...a hummingbird delight. Red flowers usually are produced in showy profusion during hot weather at the end of summer and early fall.

\$ \$15

1 gallon

Zones 7b to 10b

4-6' tall

Part sun to shade

Seibels House garden



Iris confusa 'Chengdu' Bamboo Iris

12 available

Need an easy, pretty and ground covering perennial for your shady yard? The 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. This plant Spreads happily by rhizomes and can fill a good-sized area.

\$ \$15

1 gallon

Zones 7 to 11

2-3' tall

Part sun to shade

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Dahlia imperialis

Mexican Tree Dahlia

RARE

10 available

Brought to Europe from Mexico in the 16th century, this variety boasts pendant, or nodding, style flowerheads with a single row of lavender/pink petals offset by its orange center. Dahlia Imperialis is considered a tree dahlia, as it can grow from 6 to 15 feet high bearing thick stems and large leaves. The height of this plant makes for an incredible border that will bloom well into October or November. In the wild, Dahlia imperialis can reach 30', but our garden plants only reach around 15 ft in height. The bamboo-looking stalks easily grow to a massive 3" in diameter and are topped with oversized but typical dahlia foliage. The flowers always manage to open within days of our first killing frost. Nevertheless, this tropical-looking gem is worth growing just for its stature and texture in the garden...and to fool all your neighbors with its identity.

💰 \$25

🪴 1 gallon

🌡️ Zones 7b to 9b

📏 15' tall avg.

☀️ Sun

📍 Seibels House garden



Brugmansia × cubensis

'Super Nova' Angel's Trumpet

10 available

This splendid angel trumpet is a showstopper in the garden. Despite dying to the ground each winter in our climate, the deer resistant Brugmansia can reach a massive 10' in height each year with many flowers at once, starting in late summer and continuing until frost. The large, flaring creamy white flowers exude a honeysuckle-like nocturnal fragrance. Brugmansia is considered one of the most toxic ornamental plants because they contain tropane alkaloids. Don't eat any part of this plant- it's easy to avoid! They are easily grown in a moist, fertile, well-drained soil, in sun to part shade.

💰 \$25

🪴 1 gallon

🌡️ Zones 7b to 10b

📏 5-8' tall

☀️ Sun to part shade

📍 Seibels House garden



Rudbeckia maxima

Giant Cone Flower

15 available

Rudbeckia maxima, or Large Coneflower, is a herbaceous perennial in the daisy family that is easily grown in average well-drained soils in full sun. It is an easy-going plant that tolerates light shade, heat, some drought, nighttime visits from deer. it works well along a border, in a cutting, pollinator, or cottage garden or in a meadow or naturalized area. The flower stalks rise to 7 feet bearing intense, yellow-rayed flowers. Each flower is about 3 inches with drooping rays and a 2-to-6-inch dark brown central cone. After the blooms go to seed, it will attract songbirds including goldfinches.

💰 \$15

🪴 1 gallon

🌡️ Zones 4a to 9b

📏 4-7' tall

☀️ Sun

📍 Seibels House front wall



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Lilium formosanum

Formosa Lily

10 available

Formosa Lily is a flowering bulb in the lily family native to Taiwan that has large fragrant white flowers appearing in late summer to fall. This plant can grow 4-7 feet tall. This lily does best in full sun but will tolerate some shade. Plant in average to fertile slightly acidic well-drained loams. Use in the fall border, cutting garden or cottage garden.

\$ \$15

🪴 1 gallon

🌡️ Zones 6a to 10a

📏 4-6' tall

☀️ Sun

📍 HP children's garden



Hemerocallis x 'Autumn Minaret'

Daylily Hybrid

20 available

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.

\$ \$15

🪴 1 gallon

🌡️ Zones 3a to 9b

📏 75" tall

☀️ Sun to part sun

📍 HP children's garden



Callicarpa dichotoma

'Shiji Murasaki' Japanese Beautyberry

LIMITED

4 available

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.

\$ \$15

🪴 1 gallon

🌡️ Zones 7 to 10

📏 up to 20" tall

☀️ Part sun to part shade

📍 HP garden



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Sambucus canadensis

'Blonde Envy' American Elderberry

'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 its fruit are edible and relished by wildlife. This exciting new introduction was found by local plantsman Keith Mearns near his home in Fairfield County, SC.

\$ \$15

🪴 1 gallon

🌡️ Zones 4 to 9

📏 up to 15' tall

☀️ Full sun to part shade

📍 RM parking lot



Elletaria cardamomum

Cardamom

12 available

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.

\$ \$15

🪴 1 gallon

🌡️ Zones 8 to 10

📏 up to 2'

☀️ Part sun to part shade

📍 Seibels kitchen garden



Tulbaghia violacea

Society Garlic

12 available

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.

\$ \$15

🪴 1 gallon

🌡️ Zones 7 to 10

📏 up to 3' tall

☀️ Full sun

📍 HP children's garden



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Saxifraga stolonifera *Strawberry Begonia*

10 available

Neither a strawberry nor a begonia, but definitely a must have filler for the southern garden. Excellent in containers and well drained beds, strawberry begonia will also grow in cracks and crevices in the well watered garden. Petite and airy blooms grace these plants in spring and their silvery variegated foliage delights all year long.

\$ \$10

4" pot

Zones 6 to 10

5" tall

Part sun to part shade

Seibels House garden



Drimiopsis maculata *African Hosta*

25 available

This wild bulb from South Africa's Eastern Cape Province emerges in spring to form clumps of 8" long x 2" wide, fleshy green leaves covered with dark spots. The attractive 8" tall x 1' wide clumps of foliage are topped in late April through May with 1' tall spikes of tiny off-white bells, making quite a show when the clumps get large. Drimiopsis maculata does not prefer full sun, although it will take a few hours without a problem...very easy in an array of garden soils.

\$ \$10

4" pot

Zones 7 to 10

6" tall

Part sun to part shade

MoRE garden



Aspidistra oblanceifolia *Nagoya Stars*

15 available

Thanks to plantsman Ted Stephens for sharing this cast iron plant he picked up from a Japanese nursery. In five years, Aspidistra 'Nagoya Stars' makes a fantastic 30" tall x 6' wide clump of upright, outward arching, dark glossy-green leaves that are heavily speckled with medium-sized bright yellow spots. We've seen only a tiny bit of winter foliage burn at 9 degrees F. In early February the base of the evergreen foliage is adorned with dozens of small red flowers...one of the most prolific flowering cast iron plants we've ever seen, and without question, one of the best garden worthy cast iron plants ever introduced!

\$ \$15

1 gallon

Zones 7b to 10b

30" tall

Light shade to shade

HP children's garden



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Brassica oleracea

'Old Fashioned Purple' Tree Collard

16 available

Enjoy delicious and colorful greens all year with this amazing perennial kale that can live up to 20 years. The Purple Tree Collard was selected for its beautiful foliage as well as its particularly sweet leaves which are tastiest in cold weather but can be eaten year-round. Even tastier than typical collards and perennial too, tree collards are an essential piece of the perennial vegetable garden. While most brassicas are biennial, flowering in their second year, perennial tree collards continue vegetative growth for many years without flowering. While you may occasionally see a few flower buds on tree collards, picking them off will allow the plant to continue in its vegetative stage. Or if you are looking to breed your own perennial kale let it flower! Grow out the seeds and you might find a brand-new tree collard!

\$ \$15

1 gallon

Zones 7 to 10

5-10' tall

Sun

RM vegetable beds



Brassica oleracea

'Big Blue' Tree Collard

RARE

12 available

Big Blue Tree Collards are a 2020 introduction and extremely limited perennial tree collard. It is a naturally occurring garden hybrid that appears to be a cross between the Merritt Tree Collard, Dino Tree Collard, and maybe even Purple Tree Collard. Big Blue gets between 3 and 8 feet in height, and appears to naturally branch into a mid-sized shrub form. Once the Tree Collard reaches 2-3 feet in height, it would be best tied to a sturdy stake as it can be top heavy in storms and high winds. Because it is a new introduction, at this time it's cold hardiness or heat tolerance is unknown. Based on past experience, it should be at least as cold and heat tolerant as its parentage. One can expect it to be good in zones 8-11, and probably marginal in zones 7 a and b. So far it has done well in snow and temperatures down to 28 degrees.

\$ \$15

1 gallon

Zones 8 to 11

3-8' tall

Sun

Seibels kitchen garden



Passiflora x 'Incense'

Hybrid Passion Flower

LIMITED

5 available

A fascinating and unique passionflower, Incense is a hybrid of the North American Maypop (*Passiflora incarnata*) and the Brazilian *Passiflora cincinnata*. Incense produces large purple flowers followed by seed pods that contain juicy, tangy pulp. A sweetly perfumed cultivar that's a feast for the eyes! This winter hardy variety is used as a garden plant as far north as the coast of Southern New England. With large, five-fingered, 5" royal purple flowers, its lacy-edged corolla overlays the petals. The more sun this plant gets, the more it blooms. Blooms in the summer and is a great pollinator vine for the garden.

\$ \$25

1 gallon

Zones 6 to 10

w/ support 8-10' w

Sun to part sun

Seibels House front wall