

PERENNIALS

Armitage's Tantalizing Thirty Five (from a list of tantalizing 47)

- Plants I would like in my own garden -

Allium 'Globemaster', Globemaster onion, a hybrid with sterile purple flowers in spring. The best of the tall alliums. Propagated by bulb division. Ornamental seed heads. Hardy in zones 4 to 7. Full sun.

Allium schubertii, Tumbleweed onion. Looks like Don King's head. Two levels of pink flowers, inner fertile, most outers sterile, in spring. Hardy in zones 4 to 8. Ornamental seed heads. Full sun.

Amsonia hubrechtii, Arkansas blue flower. Needle-like foliage, light blue flowers in spring. Terrific golden yellow fall color. Hardy in zones 5 to 8. Full sun.

Angelica gigas, purple archangel, produces large purple flowers in spring of second year. Terrific seed heads in summer, Biennial, dies after seeding. Hardy in zones 4 to 8. Full sun.

Arisaema candidissima, white Jack, lovely white spathe suffused with pink in spring. Hardy in zones 5 to 8. Shade.

Arisaema sikokianum, gaudy Jack, white spadix in deep purple spathe. One of the finest arisaemas. Hardy in zones 4 to 8. Shade.

Asarum kumageanum, Yakku ginger, mottled leaves, interesting ginger flowers. Hardy in zones 4 to 8. Shade.

Aster 'Purple Dome', from Mt. Cuba, DE. Plant is compact producing many purple flowers in fall. Propagate by division. Hardy in zones 3 to 8. Full sun.

Astilbe biternata, native astilbe. Propagated by seed or root cuttings. Much underused. White flowers (like Aruncus) in late spring. Hardy in zones 4 to 8. Partial shade.

Baptisia alba or *pendula*, white indigo. Native of eastern and central United States, long racemes of pea flowers in spring. Excellent foliage and ornamental fruit. Hardy in zones 4 to 8. Full sun.

Campanula latiloba 'Amythyst', hard to find, flowers in spike, look like delphinium. Flowers in early summer, propagate by seed or cuttings. Hardy in zones 3 to 7. Full sun.

Chrysanthemum 'Ryan's Daisy', selected in Atlanta, GA, pink daisy flowers on 3-4' tall deep green plants in the fall. Propagate by division. Hardy in zones 4 to 7.

Corydalis flexuosa 'Blue Panda', terrific blue flowers in late spring and early summer. Goes dormant in summer. Hardy in zones 5 to 8. Partial shade.

Crocsmia 'Bressingham Beacon', Emily Mackenzie, grown from corms, planted in fall or early spring. Bicolored orange and yellow (BB) and burnt orange (EM) flowers in spring and summer. Hardy in zones 5 to 8. Full sun.

Cyclamen hederifolium, or other species are exceptional fall flowering corms. Plant when available (usually spring), pink flowers in fall. Hardy in zones 5 to 8. Partial shade.

Dicentra scandens 'Athens Yellow', produces yellow lockets in spring and fall. Hardiness to be determined. Aggressive self climbers. Hardy in zones 4 (?) to 8. Full sun to partial shade.

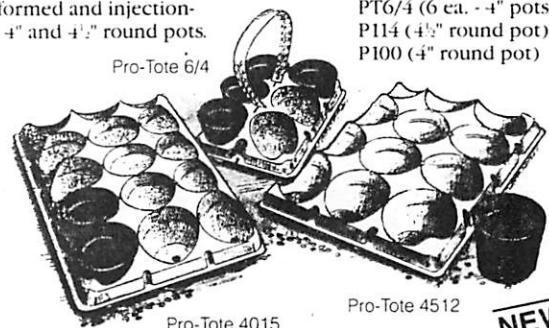
Euphorbia dulchis 'Chameleon', bronze-leaf low growing euphorb, green to bronze bracts. Hardy in zones 6. Full sun. Hard to find.

Euphorbia x martinii, a hybrid with bronze stems in spring and winter (in the south) with green bracts and purple centers. Hardy in zones 5 to 8. Full sun.

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Geranium 'Anne Folkard', a trailing hybrid geranium which can be used as a climber through shrubs. Magenta flowers over light green foliage. Hardy in zones 4 to 7 (?). Full sun.

Helleborus orientalis "New colors", the old favorite with new flower colors. Availability (?). Propagate by natural seeds. Hardy in zones 3 to 9. Partial shade.

Hosta 'Spritzer', 'Bright Lights'. To choose one hosta is nearly impossible, so I chose two. Both are magnificently variegated, 'Spritzer' is more sun tolerant, tends to lose variegation in heavy shade, 'Bright Lights' does not. Hardy in zones 3 to 8. Partial shade.

Iris unguicularis, Algerian iris, blue flowers with white on falls in early spring (winter in the south). Propagated by division or seed. Hardy in zones 5 to 8. Full sun.

Platycodon grandiflorus 'Sentimental Blue', a wonderful genetic dwarf form of the tall balloon flower. Height remains around 12-15" and large blue flowers are produced in late spring and summer. Hardy in zones 3 to 8. Full sun.

Pulmonaria 'Roy Davidson', narrow-leaved lungwort, a hybrid with stiff narrow mottled leaves with deep blue flowers in the spring. Long lived and persistent flowers. Hardy in zones 3 to 8. Partial shade.

Pulmonaria sacharata 'British Sterling', lungwort, with large white splotches on foliage. Blue flowers in spring. Outstanding lungwort. Hardy in zones 3 to 8. Partial shade.

Ranunculus 'Brazen Hussy', bears bronze leaves and deep yellow flowers in late winter and early spring. Very difficult to locate, but easy to propagate. Goes dormant in summer. Hardy in zones 4 to 7. Full sun.

Scabiosa 'Butterfly Blue' or 'Pink Mist', pincushion flower. Both relatively dwarf but bear many flowers in spring and early summer. 'Pink Mist' has slightly more pink but flowers can not be called deep pink. Hardy in zones 3 to 8.

Sedum 'Bertram Anderson', a new bronze leaved sedum with purple flowers. More compact than other bronze forms. Difficult to locate but will be soon available. Hardy in zones 4 to 7. Full sun.

Semiaquilegia ecalcarata, a spurless columbine look alike. Deep purple nodding flowers in spring. Long lived. Hardy in zones 5 to 8. Partial shade.

Stachys byzantina 'Primrose Heron', primrose lamb's ears, primrose yellow foliage in the winter (south) and spring. Maintains light yellow until heat hits, then reverts to gray. Shares melt-out tendencies with other lambs ears, but spring and fall foliage is wonderful.

Hardy in zones 4 to 7. Partial shade.

Symphytum x uplandicum 'Variegatum', boneset. Difficult to propagate, therefore difficult to find. A 3 foot tall plant with light green and white variegation and pink-blue flowers in spring. Marvelous when it emerges. Hardy in zones 4 to 8. Partial shade.

Thalictrum rochebrunianum 'Lavender Mist', meadow rue, probably a no-brainer, but much underused. Four to five feet, with lavender flowers in early summer. Airy foliage. Hardy in zones 5 to 8. Light shade.

Tiarella cordifolia 'Slick Rock', 'Laird of Skye' foam flower. Both new selections from Dunvegan Nurseries, PA. 'Slick Rock' has dissected foliage with pink flowers and is a runner. 'Laird of Skye' bears lobed leaves and white flowers. Hardy in zones 4 to 8. Partial shade.

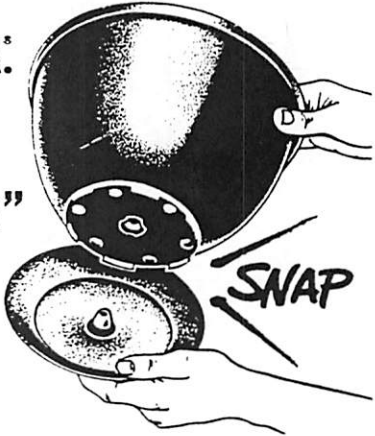
Tricyrtis formosana (White form), Formosa toad lily, the most upright of the toad lilies, with mottled flowers in late summer and fall. Hardy in zones 6 to 8. Full sun to partial shade.

Veronicastrum virginicum, Culver's root, native to eastern United States. Bears white or blue flowers over 4' tall plants with whorled foliage. Terrific native. Hardy in zones 4 to 8. Full sun.

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