PERENNIALS
**Ajuga, Bugleweed**

*Ajuga reptans* ‘Blueberry Muffin’

**Perennial – Evergreen**

- **Soil**: Well-drained
- **Bloom Color**: Deep Blue
- **Bloom Time**: May – June
- **Distinctive characteristics:**
  - Cold hardy
  - Prefers afternoon shade
  - Attracts Butterflies & Hummingbirds
  - Good for mass plantings, borders, crevices and containers
  - Faster growing, tougher and more weather resistant than other cultivars
Foxtail Fern
*Asparagus densiflorus*

**Perennial**

- **Soil:** Well-drained, moist, organic
- **Bloom:** White
- **Bloom Time:** Late Spring to Early Summer
- **Distinctive characteristics:**
  - Noted for its dense fern-like foliage which forms an arching mound
  - Member of the asparagus family
  - Tiny, inconspicuous, pea-like, fragrant white flowers
  - Flowers are followed by small red berries which ripen by fall
  - Parts of plant are poisonous if ingested
  - Considered a houseplant in our area unless planted in a very protected area
Baptisia
*Baptisia hybrid* ‘Decadence Lemon Meringue’

Perennial - Herbaceous

- **Soil:** Well-drained
- **Bloom Color:** Yellow
- **Bloom Time:** Spring into Summer
- **Distinctive characteristics:**
  - Charcoal gray stems make a striking contrast to yellow blooms
  - Long lived and easy maintenance
  - Seed pods provide Fall interest
  - Attracts Butterflies

30” - 36”
Butterfly Bush
*Buddleja davidii* ‘Nanho Blue’

**Perennial – Shrub**

- **Soil:** Normal to sandy, well-drained
- **Bloom Color:** Mauve blue
- **Bloom Time:** June - September
- **Distinctive characteristics:**
  - Showy fragrant blooms, good for cut flowers
  - Drought and heat tolerant
  - Plant in butterfly gardens and will attract butterflies and bees
  - Cut close to the ground in late winter to maintain compact shape
  - Remove spent flowers to encourage re-bloom

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**Butterfly Bush**

*Buddleja davidii* ‘Nanho Blue’
Gaura, Wand Flower
*Gaura lindheimeri 'Belleza Dark Pink'*

Perennial

- **Soil:** Well-drained
- **Bloom Color:** Dark Pink
- **Bloom Time:** Spring to summer
- **Distinctive characteristics:**
  - Tough, long blooming perennial native to SE USA
  - Great in containers or bed
Gaura, Wand Flower
*Gaura lindheimeri* ‘Sparkle White’
Perennial

- **Soil:** Fertile, well-drained, moist
- **Bloom:** White with pink blush
- **Bloom Time:** Late Spring – frost
- **Distinctive characteristics:**
  - Drought tolerant, (once established) heat and wind tolerant
  - Fleuroselect Gold Medal and 2014 AAS Bedding Plant Award Winner.
  - Only a few flowers are open on the stalks at one time
  - Bees love it
Geum

*Geum hybrid* ‘Sunkissed Lime’

**Perennial - Evergreen**

- **Soil**: Average to moist
- **Bloom Color**: Orange
- **Bloom Time**: Spring - Summer
- **Distinctive characteristics:**
  - Beautiful lime to yellow foliage topped with orange flowers
  - Attracts Butterflies
  - Dense mounding habit
  - Use in edging, borders, mixed beds
  - Wonderful accent to the garden
**Lobelia**

*Lobelia X speciosa ‘Starship Scarlet’*

**Perennial**

- **Soil:** Average uniform moisture
- **Bloom Color:** Scarlet Red
- **Bloom Time:** July - September
- **Distinctive Characteristics:**
  - Attractive bronze green foliage contrasts with scarlet blooms
  - Sturdy, bushy, plants may flower first year
  - Prefer afternoon shade
  - Use in woodland and rain gardens
  - Attracts Butterflies and Hummingbirds

**Native**
Russian Sage  
*Perovskia atriplicifolia*  
Perennial  

- **Soil:** Well-drained  
- **Bloom Color:** Light Purple  
- **Bloom Time:** Summer  
- **Distinctive Characteristics:**  
  - Pungently scented grayish green leaves  
  - Cut plants back to 12 in. after first hard frost  
  - Prune in early Spring
Pulmonaria, Lungwort

Pulmonaria ‘Trevi Fountain’

Perennial

- **Soil:** Well-drained, consistently moist
- **Bloom:** Cobalt blue
- **Bloom Time:** Late February
- **Distinctive characteristics:**
  - Heat and humidity tolerant
  - Beautiful in shaded gardens
  - Also used as ground cover
  - Division in Fall, seeds sown in early Spring
Pineapple Sage
*Salvia elegans*
Perennial

- **Soil:** Well-drained
- **Bloom Color:** Red
- **Bloom Time:** Fall
- **Distinctive Characteristics:**
  - Pineapple scented leaves
  - Great for hummingbirds
  - Used in teas, potpourri, cream cheese, jams, jellies
Mexican Bush Sage  
*Salvia leucantha*  
Perennial

- **Soil:** Well-drained
- **Bloom Color:** Purple
- **Bloom Time:** Fall
- **Distinctive characteristics:**
  - Tough and reliable
  - Short lived flowers
Salvia guaranitica

Salvia guaranitica

Perennial

- **Soil:** Well-drained, drought tolerant once established
- **Bloom:** Creamy white
- **Bloom Time:** Spring to frost
- **Distinctive characteristics:**
  - Thrives in heat and in coastal regions
  - Aromatic leaves, compact growth habit.
  - Attracts Hummingbirds
  - Deer, disease and pest resistant!
**Toad Lily**

*Tricyrtis*

Perennial

- **Soil:** Well-drained, moist, rich
- **Bloom Color:** White with dark purple spotting, showy
- **Bloom Time:** Late Summer - Fall
- **Distinctive characteristics:**
  - Valued because of their unique flowers, ability to flower in shade and late summer to fall bloom time
  - Plants gradually spread by stolons to form colonies
  - Borders, woodland gardens, shade gardens or naturalized areas
Society Garlic
*Tulbaghia violacea*

Perennial - bulb

- **Soil:** Well-drained
- **Bloom:** Lavender pink
- **Bloom Time:** Summer
- **Distinctive characteristics:**
  - Sweetly fragrant flowers
  - Long bloom period
  - Foliage has onion-like smell when crushed
- **Drought tolerant**
- **Salt tolerant**
Angelonia, Summer Snapdragon
*Angelonia angustifolia*, ‘Angelface Blue’

**Annual**

- **Soil:** Well-drained
- **Bloom Color:** Blue-purple
- **Bloom Time:** Spring to Fall frost
- **Foliage:** Grape scented
- **Distinctive characteristics:**
  - Excellent for providing height in containers and beds!
  - Great cut flower
  - Heat and drought tolerant
  - Deer and rabbit tolerant!
Angelonia, Summer Snapdragon

Angelonia angustifolia ‘Angelface Pink’
Annual

- **Soil:** Well-drained
- **Bloom Color:** Raspberry Pink
- **Bloom Time:** Spring to all frost
- **Foliage:** Grape scented
- **Distinctive characteristics:**
  - Excellent for providing height in containers and beds!
  - Great cut flower
  - Heat and drought tolerant
  - Deer and rabbit tolerant!
Angelonia, Summer Snapdragon
*Angelonia angustifolia* ‘Serenita Mix’

**Annual**

- **Soil:** Fertile, well-drained
- **Bloom:** Lavender pink, purple, raspberry, and white
- **Bloom Time:** Summer – Fall
- **Distinctive Characteristics:**
  - 2014 AAS Award Winner (Pink)
  - Attractive to bees
  - Deer and rabbit resistant
  - Heat and humidity tolerant
**Escargot Begonia**

*Begonia rex-cultorum* ‘Escargot’

**Annual**

- **Soil**: Average, well-drained
- **Bloom Color**: Pale pink to white
- **Bloom Time**: Late Winter to early Spring
- **Distinctive characteristics:**
  - Grown for its striking silver gray foliage and intricate veining
  - A real WOW in the shady garden
  - Does well in containers and as a houseplant. Bring inside to overwinter.
- **Thrives in high humidity**
- **Can be easily propagated**
Vinca
*Catharanthus roseus* ‘Cora M®’

**Annual**

- **Soil**: Well-drained, acidic
- **Bloom Color**: Red, Pink, Purple, White
- **Bloom Time**: June - September
- **Distinctive characteristics:**
  - Attracts Butterflies
  - Heat tolerant
  - Plant in containers, beds, borders or as ground cover
  - Disease resistant
Cleome, Spider flower
*Cleome hassleriana*

**Annual**

- **Soil:** Dry to medium, well-drained
- **Bloom Color:** Pink, purple, white and bi-colors
- **Bloom Time:** June to frost
- **Distinctive Characteristics:**
  - Attracts birds, hummingbirds and butterflies
  - Collect seed pods in fall for planting in spring
  - Low maintenance
  - Flowers are sweetly fragrant
Firecracker Plant
* Cuphea hybrid ‘Vermillionaire ’ ®

Perennial

- **Soil:** Average, well-drained
- **Bloom Color:** Orange w/red & yellow
- **Bloom Time:** June – September
- **Distinctive Characteristics:**
  - Long blooming, mounding habit sub-shrub.
  - Great in containers, borders, landscapes.
  - Can overwinter indoors.
  - Loves the heat.
  - Attracts Butterflies and Hummingbirds
Sweet William
*Dianthus barbatus* ‘Wee Willie Mix’

**Biennial**

- **Soil:** Well-drained / Moderate water
- **Bloom Color:** White, Red, Pink
- **Bloom Time:** Late Spring
- **Distinctive Characteristics:**
  - Plant soon after purchase with crown above soil line, 6-8 inches apart.
  - Great in pots and borders.
  - Remove spent flowers.
Livingstone Daisy
*Dorotheanthus bellidiformis*
‘Mezoo Trailing red’

Annual

- **Soil:** Sandy, gravelly, well-drained
- **Bloom Color:** Deep pink-red
- **Bloom Time:** June – Oct
- **Distinctive Characteristics:**
  - Succulent mat forming ground cover
  - Heat Tolerant
  - Great in containers, borders, rock gardens
  - Can be overwintered indoors
  - Good drainage is essential
Sweet Potato Vine
*Ipomea batatas*, ‘Marguerita’
Annual - Vine

- **Soil:** Consistent moisture
- **Foliage:** Chartreuse
- **Distinctive Characteristics:**
  - Does better in partial sun; lighter green foliage tends to fade in full sun
  - Frequently damaged by deer
  - Can be used in mixed containers
Sweet Potato Vine

*Ipomea batatas, ‘Blackie'*

Annual - Vine

- **Soil:** Consistent moisture
- **Distinctive Characteristics:**
  - Black/purple foliage, occasionally with light purple flowers
  - Does better in partial sun; tends to fade in full sun
  - A Real Simple magazine “Top 10 Goofproof Plant”
  - Frequently damaged by deer
Trailing Lavender Lantana
*Lantana montevidensis* ‘Trailing Lavender’

**Annual**

- **Soil:** Well-drained (drought resistant when established)
- **Bloom:** Lavender
- **Bloom Time:** June to frost
- **Distinctive Characteristics:**
  - Attractive to bees, butterflies and hummingbirds!
  - Resistant to insects, disease and mildew.
Scarlet Flax
*Linum grandiflorum rubrum*

**Annual**

- **Soil:** Prefers loose, sandy well-drained soil
- **Bloom Color:** Scarlet
- **Bloom Time:** Summer
- **Distinctive Characteristics:**
  - Can grow in hot, dry areas
  - Beautiful velvety red petals are a standout in the garden
  - Great for meadows and wildflower gardens
  - Will self sow, but not invasive
Golden Shrimp Plant
*Pachystachys lutea*
Annual - Shrub

- **Soil**: Moist, composted, well-drained
- **Bloom Color**: White with yellow bracts, showy
- **Bloom Time**: Summer
- **Distinctive characteristics**:
  - Grown as an annual in Zone 8.
  - Makes a great container plant
  - Best color when planted in light shade
Pentas Graffiti  
*Pentas lanceolata*

**Annual**

- **Soil**: Loamy/well-drained
- **Bloom Color**: Multi (Pink, lavender, violet, bright red, lacey red, rose, and white)
- **Bloom Time**: Early Summer to late Summer
- **Distinctive characteristics:**
  - Used in beds or containers
  - Attracts Butterflies and Hummingbirds
  - Cut and come again
Limoncello Supertunia
*Petunia hybrid* ‘Supertunia Limoncello’™

**Annual**

- **Soil**: Average
- **Bloom Color**: Yellow
- **Bloom Time**: Summer - Frost
- **Distinctive characteristics**:
  - Vigorous, continuous blooms of medium to large flowers all summer
  - Good for baskets, planters, containers and front of beds
  - No deadheading necessary
  - Cut back about 20% of plant the first week of July.
- **Fertilize often in summer**
- **Attracts Butterflies and Hummingbirds**
Coleus
Solenostemon scutellarioides ‘Rainbow Mix’
Annual

- **Soil:** Rich, well-drained organic
- **Bloom Color:** Pink to Purple
- **Bloom Time:** Summer
- **Distinctive characteristics:**
  - Easy to grow
  - Known for it’s colorful foliage
  - Great in containers and borders
  - Heirloom seeds – mix of the best and brightest colors
  - Pinch back for fuller plants
  - Can be overwintered as a houseplant
Coleus
*Solenostemon scutellarioides ColorBlaze™ ’Sedona’*

**Annual**

- **Soil:** Average, well drained
- **Bloom Color:** Blue
- **Bloom Time:** Spring – Summer
- **Distinctive characteristics:**
  - Grown for beautiful rusty orange color of foliage
  - Great accent in containers and landscape
  - Attracts Hummingbirds if allowed to flower
  - May overwinter inside, adaptable as a houseplant
Coleus

*Plectranthus scutellarioides* ‘Wizard Mix’

**Annual**

- **Soil**: Rich, moist, well drained
- **Bloom Color**: Various
- **Bloom Time**: Summer
- **Distinctive characteristics**:
  - Great for containers
  - Lightly fertilize 1-2 times per month
  - Remove any flower stalks
Blue Sky Vine
*Thunbergia grandiflora*

**Annual - Vine**

- **Soil:** Well-draining, moderately fertile
- **Bloom Color:** Purplish - blue
- **Bloom Time:** Summer
- **Distinctive characteristics:**
  - Trumpet – like blooms, flowers on new growth
  - Attracts bees and other pollinators
  - Do not keep soil overly wet or soggy
Wishbone Flower
*Torenia hybrid* ‘Catalina Gilded Grape’

**Annual**

- **Soil**: Average, well-drained
- **Bloom Color**: Yellow - Purple center
- **Bloom Time**: Spring - Frost
- **Distinctive characteristics:**
  - This low maintenance plant has cheerful blooms all summer
  - Great for baskets, containers and landscapes
  - Can also be used as a groundcover in shady areas
  - Pinch to promote compact, bushier growth
  - Attracts Hummingbirds
  - Bring indoors for winter blooms
Peachy Keen Verbena
*Verbena hybrid* ‘Royal Peachy Keen’
PW Superbena ®

**Annual**

- **Soil:** Average, will tolerate dry soil
- **Bloom Color:** Shades of Peach to cream
- **Bloom Time:** Spring to frost
- **Distinctive characteristics:**
  - Mounding and trailing habit
  - Good as “filler” and “spiller” in containers
  - Attracts butterflies
  - Trim back for fuller plant and more branching.
- **No deadheading required**
Zinnia
*Zinnia elegans* ‘Cut and Come Again’

**Annual**

- **Soil:** Evenly moist
- **Bloom Color:** Red, yellow, orange, pink, rose, lavender, green and white
- **Bloom Time:** Summer – Fall
- **Distinctive characteristics:**
  - Attractive to butterflies, birds and hummingbirds
  - Deer resistant!
GRASSES
Umbrella Grass
*Cyperus involucratus 'Baby Tut'*

Perennial

- **Soil**: Do not allow soil to dry out
- **Foliage**: Attractive grassy leaves remain green in color throughout the season, dwarf cultivar
- **Season of Interest**: Summer
- **Distinctive Characteristics**:
  - Semi-aquatic grass-like plant producing a mound of green stems with green bracts
  - Perfect for pond side or wet areas of the garden
- **Caution**: May spread (use as container plant) Avoid planting in areas that are opened to natural rivers or ponds.
Rush

*Juncus effusus* ‘Big Twister’

**Perennial**

- **Soil:** Wet
- **Bloom Color:** Straw-reddish brown
- **Bloom Time:** May – July
- **Distinctive Characteristics:**
  - Corkscrew twists add visual interest to landscape
  - Great for marshes, flood plains, and gardens
  - Cut back in Winter for new growth in Spring
  - Likes constant moisture
  - Low maintenance
Pink Muhly Grass
*Muhlenbergia capillaris*

Perennial - Ornamental Grass

- **Soil:** Well-drained
- **Bloom:** Airy Plumes of Pink
- **Bloom Time:** Late Fall
- **Distinctive Characteristics:**
  - Airy inflorescence often colored pink, purplish red, purplish gray; dries to a light buff

*Native*
Fountain Grass
*Pennisetum setaceum* 'Fireworks'
Ornamental Grass

- **Soil:** Well-drained
- **Bloom:** Red-burgundy foxtail flowers
- **Bloom Time:** July to October
- **Distinctive characteristics:**
  - Dramatic annual grass with variegated burgundy and hot pink foliage
  - Great accent in containers
  - Not winter hardy
Little Bluestem  
*Schizachyrium scoparium* ‘Smoke Signal’

**Perennial**

- **Soil**: Average to nutrient-poor soil / well drained to dry soil
- **Bloom Color**: Tan
- **Bloom Time**: Early fall
- **Distinctive characteristics:**
  - Grown for attractive foliage, blue green in summer, red purple in fall
  - Easy to grow in loam, sand and clay
  - Suitable for beds, borders, rain gardens
Blue-eyed Grass
*Sisyrinchium angustifolium*

Perennial

- **Soil:** Well-drained, poor to average
- **Bloom Color:** Blue with yellow eye
- **Bloom Time:** May to June
- **Distinctive characteristics:**
  - Will naturalize, good for groundcover, rock gardens, paths
  - May need division every 2-3 years
  - Will self seed