

Long Island Gold Medal Plant Award Winners 2015

Growing a greener Long Island since 1999



***Aucuba japonica* 'Serratifolia' (Serrated Japanese Aucuba)**

Serrated Japanese aucuba fills a niche as one of the premier broadleaf evergreen shrubs for light to deep shade. Foliage remains pristine through most of Long Island winters especially when the plants are sited out of winter sun and wind. The shrub will grow 6-8 feet tall and functions well as a hedge, or as a component of the woodland shrub border. Pruning is handled well and the species is moderately tolerant of salt spray and poor soil as long as drainage is good. It is a suitable alternative to *Prunus laurocerasus* 'Schipkaensis' (Skip Laurel) without the foliage problems.



***Hydrangea paniculata* 'Limelight' (Limelight Hydrangea)**

Limelight hydrangea is a much-loved deciduous shrub for its strong upright form, winter hardiness, and profuse display of flowers throughout the season. The large panicle flowers are borne on new growth and change from hues of lime green to white and mature to a soft pink. Planted as a singular planting in a mixed border or as an informal hedge, the effect in bloom is dramatic. A shrub grows 6 to 10 feet tall and about 5 feet wide in full or part sun with well-drained soil preferred. In spring, prune back to strong lateral buds to maintain growth and vigor.



***Coreopsis* 'Full Moon' Big Bang™ (Full Moon Tickseed)**

The long-blooming nature and reliability of this hardy perennial make it a workhorse of the garden. This wildflower works en masse, as a specimen planting in a mixed border, or in a container garden. The 3" diameter, canary-yellow flowers begin to show in early summer, with rebloom in fall if sheared. Tickseed has a graceful mounding habit reaching 16-20 inches and 18-24 inches wide. Full sun and average moisture are preferred, although poor soils and drought are tolerated once established.



***Lagerstroemia indica* x *faurieri* 'Natchez' (Natchez Crape myrtle)**

This upright, multi-stemmed deciduous shrub or small tree offers beauty in each season. Spring leaves emerge as bronzy red and mature to a glossy dark green. In August, panicles of bright white flowers adorn nearly every stem tip. Brilliant leaf shades of yellow, orange, and red and the ornate multi-colored bark decorate the fall and winter landscape. Natchez crape myrtle does best sited in full sun in moist, acidic soils. Allow room to grow since mature size is 20 feet in width and height.

Past Gold Medal Plant Award Winners

The mission of the Gold Medal Plant Program is to identify and promote exceptional ornamental plants that will thrive in the Long Island home landscape. Increased public education and awareness of sustainable plant selections are the main goals of the program.

Four award-winning plants are selected each year, which may include trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, groundcovers, or grasses. Gold Medal Plant Winners are identified by the Plant Selection Committee, which is a volunteer group of horticulture professionals.

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TREES

<i>Cornus florida</i>	2014
<i>Quercus palustris</i> 'Green Pillar'	2013
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	2013
<i>Chionanthus retusus</i>	2013
<i>Acer griseum</i>	2012
<i>Carpinus betulus</i> 'Frans Fontaine'	2011
<i>Cornus mas</i> 'Golden Glory'	2011
<i>Magnolia</i> 'Galaxy'	2010
<i>Styrax japonicus</i> 'Emerald Pagoda'	2010
<i>Parrotia persica</i>	2009
<i>Syringa reticulata</i> 'Ivory Silk'	2008
<i>Sciadopitys verticillata</i>	2007
<i>Picea orientalis</i>	2005
<i>Prunus</i> 'Hally Jolivette'	2005
<i>Sorbus alnifolia</i>	2004
<i>Thuja plicata</i>	2003
<i>Malus</i> 'Sugar Tyme'	2002
<i>Stewartia pseudocamellia</i>	2000

PERENNIALS

<i>Nepeta racemosa</i> 'Blue Wonder'	2014
<i>Amsonia hubrichtii</i>	2012
<i>Baptisia australis</i>	2011
<i>Sedum spurium</i> 'John Creech'	2011
<i>Salvia nemorosa</i> 'Caradonna'	2010
<i>Carex morrowii</i> 'Ice Dance'	2009
<i>Geranium x cantabrigiense</i> 'Biokovo'	2008
<i>Panicum virgatum</i> 'Heavy Metal'	2007
<i>Stachys byzantina</i> 'Helene Von Stein'	2006
<i>Leucanthemum x superbum</i> 'Becky'	2004
<i>Heuchera villosa</i> 'Autumn Bride'	2003
<i>Rudbeckia nitida</i> 'Herbstsonne'	2001

GROUNDCOVERS

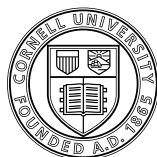
<i>Thujopsis dolabrata</i> 'Nana'	2013
<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>	2012
<i>Waldsteinia ternata</i>	2005
<i>Sarcococca hookeriana</i> var. <i>humilis</i>	2004
<i>Ceratostigma plumbaginoides</i>	2002
<i>Epimedium x perralchicum</i> 'Frohnleiten'	2001
<i>Microbiota decussata</i>	2000

SHRUBS

<i>Camellia japonica</i> April series & C. x Winter series	2014
<i>Ilex crenata</i> 'Soft Touch'	2014
<i>Lonicera nitida</i>	2013
<i>Aesculus parviflora</i>	2009
<i>Viburnum x burkwoodii</i> 'Conoy'	2008
<i>Abelia x grandiflora</i> 'Rose Creek'	2007
<i>Skimmia japonica</i>	2007
<i>Hibiscus syriacus</i> 'Diana'	2006
<i>Ilex pedunculosa</i>	2006
<i>Rosa x 'Radyod'</i> Blushing Knock Out® Rose	2006
<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i>	2005
<i>Hypericum frondosum</i> 'Sunburst'	2004
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i> 'Compacta'	2003
<i>Daphne x transatlantica</i> 'Jim's Pride'	2003
<i>Viburnum dilatatum</i> 'Erie'	2002
<i>Cephalotaxus harringtonia</i> 'Duke Gardens'	2001
<i>Stephanandra incisa</i> 'Crispa'	2001
<i>Corylopsis pauciflora</i>	2000
<i>Fothergilla gardenii</i>	2000
<i>Stewartia pseudocamellia</i>	2000

VINES

<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	2010
<i>Clematis montana</i> var. <i>rubens</i>	2008
<i>Hydrangea anomala</i> subsp. <i>petiolaris</i>	2002



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