



MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM – HENNEPIN COUNTY

LEARNING GARDEN TOUR 2018 – FAVORITE PLANTS LIST

GARDEN A

- Koukamon Tree Peony
- Little Quickfire Hydrangea
- Dwarf Burning Bush
- Sarah Bernhardt Peonies (these were planted last June so my fingers are crossed)
- Prairie Smoke
- Swamp Milkweed
- Bergenia
- Sliver Maple tree
- Anise Hyssop (new last spring so fingers crossed)
- Ficus Tree

GARDEN B

- Bur Oak, *Quercus macrocarpa*
- Pagoda Dogwood, *Cornus alternifolia*
- Lungwort, *Pulmonaria*
- Bleeding Heart, *Dicentra*
- Thyme, *Thymus*
- Hepatica
- Foam flower, *Tiarella*
- Nightshades, solanaceae including Tomatoes, eggplants, and peppers
- Baneberry, *Actaea pachypoda*
- Wild ginger, *asarum canadense*

DOWLING GARDENS -- C

- Igleheart Yellow Cherry tomatoes
- Juliet tomatoes
- Carmen (sweet paprika peppers)
- Rainbow Swiss chard
- Poppies - various throughout the gardens
- Joe Pye Weed
- Beauregard Sweet Potatoes
- Brussels Sprouts
- Broccoli
- Kale, various

GARDEN D

- Pussy Toes (*Antennaria plantaginifolia*)

This plant is a native and member of the aster family. It has velvety leaves and late spring flowers that look like tiny cat's feet. Good ground cover for dry areas and rock gardens. Likes medium dry soil. Parts of this plant are poisonous so deer, rabbits and other small animals won't touch! Zone 3. Height of 12".

- *Wisteria macrostachya* 'Blue Moon'

This plant is in the pea family. Cold hardy to -40. Needs a strong structure to grow on. Will grow 15-25ft. tall. Flowers in early summer and are 12" long and lilac blue in color. Likes full sun. Loamy soil.

- Screaming yellow False Indigo (*Baptisia sphaerocarpa*)

This plant has showy, bright yellow flowers and blooms in late spring-early summer. Zone 5. Grows 2-3ft. tall and 3-5ft. wide in 5 years. Needs plenty of sun. Attracts butterflies and good for use in rain gardens.

- Blue False Indigo (*Baptisia australis*)

This plant is in the pea family. The flowers are blue, pea like blossoms followed by seed pods. The pods turn black and are used in flower arrangements. They have a rattling sound when dried. Blooms in late spring to early summer. Garden uses include borders, cottage gardens, prairies, meadows and native plant gardens. Zone 3-4. Full sun. 4-5ft. tall and 3-4 ft. wide.

- *Clematis Integrifolia* "Fascination"

This plant can grow in containers. It is fragrant and a heavy bloomer. Blooms in mid-late summer. Flowers are blue-purple bell shaped with white edges and are 1 ½". It is a Dutch hybrid. Grows 6' tall. Zone 4-9.

- *Clematis Tangutica* "Helios"

This vine has nodding yellow coconut scented flowers that are bell shaped and 2in. Blooms in waves over the summer. Later in the season, the flowers turn into silky seed heads. The vine grows 6' tall. Likes full sun/part shade. Zone 4.

- Fern leaf peony (*Paeonia tenuifolia*)

This plant is unique because of the fern like foliage. This peony is herbaceous. It fades into the ground in the fall and emerges again in the spring. Emerges later than other peonies. Bright red flowers that bloom in late summer. They like full sun and moist soil. Zone 2-9. This grows 2ft. tall and wide. Attracts butterflies.

- Peony 'Pink Dogwood Whisper' (*Paeonia lactiflora*)

This plant has delicate, single flowers of soft pink that resemble a pink dogwood. Red stigmas and pistils. Blooms in mid. summer. Beautiful cut flower. Deer resistant. Slightly fragrant. Zone 2-8.

- *Angelica gigas* (Korean angelica, giant) Also call giant celery
This plant is a biennial (blooming 2nd year and produces foliage first year). Blooms in July-August. Produces red-purple leaf sheaths with dense, purple domed flower heads. Attracted to bees. Prefers Dry to medium moisture, full sun to semi shade. Grows 5-6' tall. Zone 4-9.
- Swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)
This plant is a favorite to Monarch butterflies that feed on the flowers and lay their eggs on the plants. Emerging caterpillars feed on the leaves. Loves damp soil. Herbaceous perennial. Blooms mid-late summer, producing small, fragrant, pink to mauve flowers in rounds umbels. After blooming, green seed pods develop then split open and release flat seeds with silver-white silky hairs. Zone 3-6.

GARDEN E

- Alpine Strawberry (*Fragaria vesca*)
This small, wild strawberry makes a great ground cover, and the berries it produces are delicate and sweet. The berries are produced throughout most of the summer, making this a favorite of our daughters (not to mention all the critters in our yard).
- Habanero (*Capsicum chinense* 'Cho colate' & 'Mustard')
Chili peppers are something I look forward to growing almost as much as I look forward to growing tomatoes. We grow a variety of different chilies for use in salsas, sauces, and for our own crushed pepper mix. Habaneros are a personal favorite of Jon's, and each year he grows several varieties. This year features Chocolate, Mustard, and Red.
- Lemon Mint (*Monarda citriodora*)
Also known as Lemon Beebalm, we grew Lemon Mint for the first time last year and thought it was a beautiful and fun plant to have in our yard. Bees and other insects love it, and the stacks of pink and white blooms make this flower visually interesting.
- Zucchetta Tromb oncino (*Cucurbita moschata*)
Here is a monster zucchini. This summer will mark the third year growing this fantastic heirloom, and we are excited to show it off! With a 15' reach, the vines of the Zucchetta Tromboncino weave their way around anything they encounter, and to keep this plant contained we have been trellising it around a large play structure in our backyard. The fruit of this variety can easily weigh several pounds, and while the smaller fruit definitely do have a superior taste, the larger zucchini pulled off the vines still retain a good flavor.
- Strawflower (*Helichrysum bracteatum*)
Strawflowers are beautiful and they make great cuttings to bring indoors. We've been growing strawflowers for years, and we look forward to these interesting flowers every summer.

- Volunteer Tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*)

A mysterious volunteer tomato that started coming up two years ago in the middle of our broccoli patch. We decided to let the plant keep growing, and it turned into a favorite in our kitchen. Indeterminate, high producer of plum-sized red fruits grown in clusters. We have found this variety great for canning. We decided to save the seeds from this plant, and this year will be the second year growing this mystery variety!

- Bronze Fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*)

We have a nice patch of Bronze Fennel that comes back strong every year. Bees and other insects really like this patch of fennel!

- Red Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnate*)

Ah, Red Milkweed. We have several varieties of milkweed spread across our yard, but our Red Milkweed is something we look forward to every year.

- Gooseberries (*Ribes uva-crispa*)

Gooseberries are delicious and fun, though the bush itself is replete in formidable spines. We decided to try growing our bushes up a simple trellis structure for better and easier access to the berries themselves.

- Scarlet Runner Bean (*Phaseolus coccineus*)

A beautiful vining bean with bright red flowers that insects and hummingbirds love! We use Scarlet Runner Bean vines for extra privacy in our yard, as they grow tall and fill in nicely.

GARDEN F

- Pagoda Dogwood (Golden Shadows)
- Black Lace Elderberry
- Redbud (Minnesota Strain)
- Katsura Tree (*Cercidiphyllum japonica*)
- Voodoo lily (*Amorphophallus konjac*; *Sauromatum venosum*)
- Cherry (North Star)
- Magnolia (Merrill)
- Japanese White Pine
- Willow (Hakuro-nishiki)
- Sumac (Tiger Eye)

GARDEN G

- *Asclepias tuberosa*/Milkweed - Butterfly Weed
- *Coreopsis verticillata* 'Moonbeam'
- *Salvia* - 'Common Sage' (I've never heard the common named being used)
- *Nepeta*/Catmint - variety: 'Walkers Low'
- *Cornus sericea*/Redosier Dogwood - 'Cardinal'
- *Liatris spicata* - 'Gayfeather'
- *Pontederia cordata* 'Pickerelweed'
- *Rudbeckia lacinata* "Hortensia" 'Golden Glow'
- *Nigella* 'Devil-in-a-bush'; 'Love-in-a-mist'
- *Sedum ellacombianum* - 'Stonecrop'

GARDEN H

- Weeping Crabapple
- Mint Julip Pom Pom Juniper
- Mocha Moon Hibiscus
- Red Twig Dogwood
- Plume Poppies
- Penstemon, Dark Towers
- Ragwort, *Ligularia Desdemona*
- Coral Bells/*Heucherella* (I have a lot of these but if I had to pick one I'd say maybe the Brass)
- Lantern variety)
- Roses (my marker tag with name is under snow; they're red)
- Virgin's bower clematis

GARDEN I

FRONT YARD

- Japanese Lilac Tree
- Japanese Painted Ferns - *Athyrium Niponicum*
- Frost Grass - Silver Spike Grass - *Spodiopogon sibiricus*
- Vine on the Boulder - Climbing Hydrangea

BACK YARD

- False Cypress - *Kochia*
- Hibiscus - Mocha Moon(Perennial)

SOUTH SIDE

- Japanese Maple Tree
- Katsura Tree - Cercidiphyllum
- Conifers - Dwarf Japanese White Pines
- Weeping Siberian Peashrub: Caragana Arborescens Pendula

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