

# The 365-Day Garden

with

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## The Plants

I select plants to serve a mix of functions:

**EPHEMERALS AND OTHER EARLY BIRDS** (herbaceous woodlanders and minor bulbs, the opportunists);

**AN ARMY OF SOLDIERS** (durable, unfussy plants with a long season of interest, such as painted fern or *Hakonechloa* or conifers);

**LATE-SHOW STARS** (e.g., *Lespedeza thunbergii* or *Ilex verticillata*);

**IMPERFECT BUT IRRESISTIBLE TYPES** with short peaks, but that you cannot live without (for me, that would include lilacs, Martagon lilies...);

**TRUE POWERHOUSE PLANTS**, of course, are the ones that fit into more than one category above (e.g., *Viburnum*, ornamental grasses, crabapples...).

Let's look at some from each functional group in chronological order according to the major colors of my garden (red, gold, purple-pink, green).

## Reds

*Pulmonaria rubra*

*Lilium martagon* 'Claude Shride'

*Lonicera sempervirens*

*Aesculus pavia* (only a moment, but what a moment)

Doublefile viburnum (*V. plicatum tomentosum* cultivar)

*Viburnum sieboldii*

*Viburnum setigerum*

*Malus* 'Ralph Shay'

(Crabapple bloom on hillside behind house)

*Ilex verticillata*

(Red chairs viewing purple *Lespedeza thunbergii*)

## Golds

*Eranthis hyemalis*

*Hylomecon japonicum*

Charles Price, troublemaker and teacher (underplanting in progress)

The awkward first birthday of an underplanting

Sheets of *Hylomecon* and more...division's rewards

*Hakonechloa macra* 'All Gold,' *Stylophorum diphyllum* join *Hylomecon*

*Dicentra* 'Gold Heart'

Gold-leaf *Corylopsis spicata*

*Hakonechloa* 'All Gold' in full force (w/*Hosta* June, painted fern, *Asarum europaeum*)

*Kerria japonica* 'Picta'

Detail of K.j. 'Picta' (also evergreen bark)

*Cornus sericea* 'Sunshine' (red twigs in offseason)

*Spirea thunbergii* 'Ogon' ("fall" color till Xmas)

*Aralia spinosa*

*Lindera benzoin* (earliest to flower, latest to go gold)

*Taxus baccata* 'Repandens Aurea'

## Purple to Orchid-Pink

*Anthocyanins* in emerging species peony...

...and in *Jeffersonia diphylla*...

...and in 'Gold Heart' bleeding heart

*Helleborus orientalis* hybrids (chance seedling in "black")

*Primula kisoana*

*Geranium macrorrhizum* (toughest of warriors, even in dry shade)

*Angelica gigas* in "Little Shop of Horrors" moment

'Will's Wonderful' mum

'Sheffield Pink' mum for the less raucous among us

## Greens

*Astilboides tabularis* (yellow-green color, but also bold scale and texture)

Hostas in all their colors/scales/textures: 'Sage'

Ferns: Autumn fern and Japanese painted

Variegation: *Cornus sericea* 'Silver and Gold' (yellow off-season twigs)

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