

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)

Spiraea 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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