

Cottage Gardening in Wisconsin Mark A. Konlock – Director of Horticulture Master Gardener Training

Plant List

Agastache foeniculum 'Golden Jubilee' – Golden Jubilee anise hyssop – zone 5, 2-3' high, 1-2' wide, sun to part shade, chartreuse foliage and blue bottlebrush flowers in mid-summer, a little shade protects leaf color, brightens a dark area, self-sows

Allium 'Ambasador' – Ambassador ornamental onion – zone 5, sun, 4' high, long lasting foliage, dark purple flower heads 5-8" across, flowers late May through June, great specimen plant, adds a 'Dr. Suess' element to any garden space

Amaranthus cruentus – tall amaranth – annual, 6-8' high, 2' wide, sun, dark purple foliage and flower spikes, long blooming, fall interest with blooms and foliage, compliments red and chartreuse colors in the garden, self-sows

Amaranthus caudatus – love lies bleeding – annual, 3-4' high, 2' wide, sun, long drooping clusters of reddish pink flowers, foliage takes on reddish tinge when temperatures cool in fall, fall interest with blooms and foliage, may self-sows

Alcea rosea – common hollyhock – biennial, 5-7' high, sun, classic old-fashioned plant, tall stems bearing mostly single blossoms of deep rose, pink, salmon-pink, and white; will bloom first year if planted early spring, will bloom second year if planted late summer, may self-sow

Anemone hupehensis – windflower – zone 4, 2-4' high, 2-3' wide, full sun to part shade, flowers silvery pink with white shading, blooms August to October, flowers dance above the foliage

Angelonia angustifolia – Serena® Mix angelonia – annual, 9-18" high and wide, sun, 3/4" blooms in blue, purple, lavender, lavender pink, and white shades, long-blooming, heat and humidity tolerant, does not require deadheading, ideal for containers

Aster laevis – smooth aster – zone 4, 2-4' high, 1-2' wide, sun; flowers small, violet blue to purple rays and yellow center disks; stems unbranched with smooth, bluish green foliage; fall interest, attracts butterflies

Begonia x benariensis 'Red with Green Leaf' – Red with Green Leaf Whopper begonia – annual, 34" high, 22" wide, part sun, 2-1/2" fire-engine red flowers appear in clusters, oversized glossy-green foliage, perfect for mass landscaping, edging, or containers, this begonia is a Whopper for sure!

Beta vulgaris 'Bright Lights' – Bright Lights Swiss chard – annual, sun, 20" high, stems and foliage in shades of red, orange, purple, yellow, and white; when used as an edible harvest young leafs for best taste, when used as ornamental remove discolored or damaged leaves as needed, can be used in spring or fall containers

Brassica oleracea 'Redbor' – Redbor ornamental kale – annual, 2-2.5' high, sun, purple-red curled leaves whose color and flavor is intensified by cool weather, will tolerate frost, great for late season interest, compliments red and chartreuse colors in the garden

Brassica oleracea 'Nero Di Toscana' – Nero Di Toscana ornamental kale – annual, 2' high, sun charcoal-green strap leaves, smoother textured foliage than Redbor, flavor enhanced by cold weather, will tolerate frost, great for late season interest

Canna 'Phaison' – Tropicanna® canna lily – zone 7b, up to 7' high (if started early indoors), sun, great foliage plant, green to purple leaves striped with yellow, red, or orange; bright orange flowers appear later in the season, adds a tropical feel, performs best in warmer weather when given adequate water, tubers can be dug and overwintered, preforms best when started early in greenhouse

Celosia plumosa 'Fresh Look Red' – Fresh Look Red cockscomb – annual, 12-16" high and wide, sun, rosy-red plumes 8-10" tall, thrives in summer heat and humidity, covers up spent plumes by producing new foliage and blooms, always looks 'fresh', great cut flower

Chrysanthemum – garden mum – zone 3, 20-36" high, 20-48" wide, sun; daisy-like flowers in shades of white, yellow, orange, pink, and red; flowers single or double; mounding habit, does not require deadheading, fall interest, some varieties may self-sow

Clematis viticella 'Betty Corning' – Betty Corning clematis – zone 3, vine, 8-10' tall (with support), full to part sun, lavender-blue flowers from mid-summer to early fall, flowers have light sweet fragrance, new foliage often tinted bronze, vigorous grower

Cleome 'Inncleosr' – Senorita Rosalita® spider flower – annual, 24-48" high, 18-24" wide, sun, clusters of bright, lavender pink flowers; unlike other cleomes is not sticky, lacks thorns, and does not self-sow; great for adding height to the garden, does not require deadheading

Cleome hassleriana 'Rose Queen' – Rose Queen spider flower – annual, 3-5' high, sun, 4-6" rosy-red blooms ideal for cutting, dark green narrow foliage, true cottage heirloom, combines well with woodland tobacco and tall verbena, tolerates humid heat, self-sows, also Cleome 'Violet Queen' with vivid deep violet flowers

Cobaea scandens – cathedral bells – annual vine, 10-20' high (with support), sun, papery buds open to reveal green saucer and purple bell-shaped flower, fast growing and trouble-free, covered with blooms from summer until first frost

Colchicum 'Waterlily' – Waterlily autumn crocus – zone 4, 6" high and wide, sun to part shade, planted as a bulb in fall, foliage appears in late spring then dies back in summer, lilac-purple blooms appear in fall, will naturalize over time

Cotinus coggygria 'Ancot' – Golden Spirit smoke bush – zone 5, 8-10' high and wide, sun to part shade, deciduous, foliage emerges lime green and matures to a brilliant gold and then coral, orange, and red in fall, this *Cotinus* cultivar is not known to bloom, prune back to live growth in spring

Crocosmia 'Lucifer' – Lucifer crocosmia – zone 5, 2-4' high, 1-2' wide, sun to part shade, flowers and foliage similar to gladiolus; tubular, nodding, scarlet-red flowers on arching flower scapes; narrow, sword-shaped basal leaves; great cut flower

Dahlia 'Kelvin Floodlight' – Kelvin Floodlight dahlia – zone 8, 32" high, sun, giant dinner-plate yellow flowers 6-8" in diameter, green foliage, will require staking, tubers can be dug and overwintered, performs best when started early in greenhouse, also *Dahlia* 'Bishop of Llandaff'

Dahlia 'Urchin' – Urchin dahlia – zone 8, 36" high, sun, 4" spiky burgundy blooms, green foliage, will require staking, good cut flower, tubers can be dug and overwintered, performs best when started early in greenhouse

Dahlia 'Sellwood Glory' – Sellwood Glory dahlia – zone 8, 36-48" high, sun, 8-10" silvery blooms that appear to be brushed with deep, dark raisin-purple; green foliage, very rare cultivar, will require staking, good cut flower, tubers can be dug and overwintered, performs best when started early in greenhouse

Datura 'Ballerina Purple' – Ballerina Purple angel's trumpet – annual, 1-3' high, 2-4' wide, sun, upward facing 6-8" twisted, double blooms, lilac striped with deep purple; blooms early summer into fall, large attractive seedpods following blooms, thrives in summer heat

Delphinium elatum – delphinium – zone 3, 5-6' high, 1-3' wide, sun, many cultivars and varieties, showy flower spikes in a variety of colors including blue, pink, lavender, purple, and white; cottage garden favorite, benefits from staking, tend to be short-lived

Echinacea paradoxa – yellow coneflower – zone 5, 2-3' high, 12-18" wide, sun; large daisy-like flowers with drooping yellow petals; large coppery brown to chocolate brown central cones; rigid stems with smooth, lance-shaped leaves; flowers mid-June through mid-July, dried coneheads are a favorite snack of goldfinches

Echinacea purpurea – purple coneflower – zone 3, 24-36" high, 18-14" wide, sun, purplish pink daisy-like flowers, rough-hairy green foliage, native to most prairies, meadows, and open woods in southeastern United States

Eremurus – **foxtail lily** – zone 5, 6-8' high, sun, each stem covered with 500-700 half inch wide starshaped flowers in shades of yellow, white, bronze, orange, or pink; flowers open from bottom up with each stem lasting two weeks or longer, flower scape continues to elongate as the pea-sized seed pods develop; plant on well-drained slope so roots don't rot over winter

Eschscholzia californica – California poppy – zone 6, 8-12" high 14-16" wide, sun, 2" bright orange flowers, lacey silvery-blue foliage, long lasting display, flowers close at night and open in morning, sprawling habit, self-sows

Eucomis 'Sparkling Burgundy' – Sparkling Burgundy pineapple lily – zone 7, 12-18" high, sun to part shade, dark burgundy strap-like foliage topped with a conical flower heads resembling a pineapple, great accent plant in containers, bulbs can be dug and overwintered, performs best when started early in greenhouse

Euphorbia 'Inneuphe' – Diamond Frost® euphorbia – annual, 12-18" high and wide, full to part sun, masses of pure white bracts above finely textured, apple green foliage; adds stunning texture and color to containers and borders; self-cleaning, extremely heat tolerant, great in containers

Euphorbia marginata – annual snow on the mountain – annual, 3' high, sun, flashy green and white foliage contrasts nicely against other summer colors, self-sows

Fritillaria imperialis 'Lutea Maxima' – Lutea Maxima crown imperials – zone 5, 36" high, sun, bulbous, herbaceous perennial; erect stems bearing whorls of narrow pale green leaves; nodding, bell-shaped bright yellow flowers borne in a terminal cluster in early summer; when foliage emerges in spring and when flowers open they release is a skunk-like fragrance

Glandularia canadensis 'Shauna Ann' – Shauna Ann verbena – zone 5, 6-8" high, sun, creeping habit, bright lavender-pink flowers provide season long color, great border plant, tolerates hot dry conditions

Hibiscus x moscheutos 'Kopper King' – Kopper King Hardy Hibiscus – zone 4, 3-4' high and wide, sun, distinctive copper-red maple-like leaves; hollyhock-like light pink flowers with red veining and a bright red eye; provides striking backdrop for other garden plants, dies back to the ground in winter, mulch well the first winter escpecially in zones 4 and 5

Ipomoea purpurea 'Heavenly Blue' – Heavenly Blue morning glory – annual vine, 6-10' high (with support), sun, 4" sky-blue blooms appear after much vegetative growth, does best in summer heat when receives afternoon shade

Kniphofia uvaria – red hot poker – zone 5, 3-4' high, 2-3' wide, sun, thick flower scapes rise from basil tuft of linear, sword-shaped leaves; emerging flowers are red but mature to yellow, giving each spike a two-toned appearance; drought tolerant, excellent focal point plant, deadheading will prolong blooming period typically lasting from early to late summer

Lablab purpureus 'Ruby Moon' – Ruby Moon hyacinth bean – annual vine, 6-20' high (with support), sun, lavender blooms, dark green foliage tinged with purple, showy dark violet seedpods, tolerates humid heat

Lagenaria siceraria 'Big Apple' – apple gourd – annual vine, 20' high (with support), sun, gourds average 6-7" in size, green flesh speckled with white, great in fall displays or dried and used for crafts

Lagenaria siceraria 'Birdhouse' – birdhouse gourd – vigorous annual vine, 15-35' high (with support), sun, large bulbous gourds with narrow necks (up to 14" tall and 12" wide), provide ample support so gourds do not pull vines down, ideal for birdhouses or other crafts

Lathyrus odoratus 'Cupani's Original' – Cupani's Original sweet pea – annual vine, 6' high (with support), sun, fragrant bicolor blooms in rich shades of purple and deep blue, grows best in cooler temperatures, harvesting flowers will prolong bloom, cottage garden heirloom

Lavandula angustifolia – English lavender – zone 5, 12-18" high and wide, sun, grey-green clustered foliage with short spikes of violet-blue flowers, aromatic, used for cutting, drying and essential oils, used in herb gardens and as a border plant, cut back to live growth in spring

Lilium lancifolium – tiger lily – zone 4, 3-6' high, clusters of orange flowers with purple-brown speckles, stems produce aerial bulbets in leaf axils, fallen bulbets produce new plants, a small clump can easily take over an area if left unchecked

Lilium 'Golden Splendor' – Golden Splendor lily – zone 4, 4-6' high, sun to part shade; trumpet lily; large outward-facing, trumpet-shaped flowers, 6-8" long in varying shades of yellow; blooms in summer, each stem carries 12-20 flowers, great cut flower

Lilium 'Forever Susan' – Forever Susan lily – zone 4, 2-3' tall, sun to part shade, Asiatic lily; upward-facing flowers, deep burgundy highlighted by bright orange accents, blooms mid-June through July

Lilium 'Red Dutch' – Red Dutch lily – zone 4, 3-4' tall, sun to part shade, orienpet lily; huge, fragrant, outward facing, red-orange blooms with lemon-yellow edges; fragrant, blooms mid to late summer

Lupinus perennis – perennial lupine – zone 4, 1-2' high, sun to part shade, short-lived perennial, many different color combinations; fragrant, pea-like flowers in late spring; palmately divided leaves into 7-11 leaflets, fixes nitrogen into soil

Lycoris squamigera – resurrection lily – zone 5, 18-24" high, sun to part shade, strap-like grayish-green leaves in spring, foliage dies back in summer, thick naked flower scapes emerge in late summer; each scape bears 4-7 funnel-shaped rose-pink tinged flowers, fragrant, naturalizes by bulb offsets

Oxalis triangularis – purple shamrock – zone 7, 12" high, up to 18" wide, sun to shade, rich burgundy trianglular leaves, soft pink flowers, does well in containers, great accent plant

Paeonia suffruticosa – tree peony – zone 4, 3-4' high and wide, sun to part shade, deciduous woody shrub, large 6-8" flowers, wide range of flower colors including pink, red, purple, yellow, and white; flower forms range from single to semi-double to double, blooms in early spring, cage in fall to protect from winter girdling by animals, prune to live growth in spring

Papaver somniferum – breadseed poppy – annual, 2-3' high, up to 12" wide, sun, a cottage garden favorite, blue-green foliage carries 3" papery blooms in shades of red, pink, and purple; some blooms are double and some are single, seed pods that follow are very ornamental but also a favorite snack of chipmunks (if saving seed it is advised to cut and dry seedpods indoors), prolific self sower, also *P. somniferum* 'Lauren's Grape' with single, dark grape hued petals

Passiflora incarnata - passion flower – zone 6, vine, 6-8' high (with support), sun to part shade, fringed flowers have white petals and sepals and a central crown of pinkish-purple filaments; can be grown as annual vine from seed or overwintered indoors, named in the 1600s for its religious significance

Pennisetum setaceum 'Fireworks' – Fireworks fountain grass – annual, 3' high, 2' wide, full to part sun, upright arching habit; blades variegated with stripes of white, green, burgundy, and hot pink; purple tassels appear in summer; great addition to containers or as specimen plant; fall interest

Pennisetum 'Princess Molly' – Princess Molly fountain grass – annual, 24-36" high and wide, full to part sun, deep burgundy leaves with a cascading growth habit, non-flowering variety, foliage looks nice all the way until frost, use as single specimen or in containers

Petunia 'Opera Supreme Pink Morn' – Opera Supreme Pink Morn petunia – annual, 10" high, 3' wide, sun; iridescent pink blooms fading to creamy white centers and yellow throat; continuously flowers, bred for hanging baskets but also fills in the garden nicely, self-cleaning

Phlox paniculata 'Starfire' – Starfire garden phlox – zone 3, 31-35" high, 23-29" wide, sun to part shade, cherry-red flowers, bronzy-green leaves, attracts butterflies and hummingbirds, remove faded flowers to encourage repeat blooms, be on the lookout for powdery mildew in late summer

Polygonatum orientale – Kiss-Me-Over-the-Garden-Gate – annual, 6-7' high, 2-3' wide, sun, another cottage garden favorite, numerous pendulous dark pink catkins, large smooth green leaves, blooms late in season, tends to be a 'Japanese Beetle Magnet', prolific self sower (make sure to thin seedlings or your garden will become a jungle!)

Pyrus communis – common pear – zone 4, 25-30' high, 15-20' wide, sun, upright branching pyramidal form; glossy dark green leaves which turn shades of red and yellow in fall; aromatic 5-petaled creamy white flowers appear in early spring; pear-shaped fruits ripen from mid-summer to fall

Ricinus communis 'Gibsonii' – Gibsonii castor bean – annual, 6-8' high, sun, a WOW plant, quick growing ornamental with tropical appearance, large red-tinged foliage with bright red blooms and seedpods (CAUTION: seeds and seedpods are poisonous)

Rosa cvs. – **David Austin roses-** zone 5, generally 4-5' high, 2-3' wide, sun, collection includes over 200 variety of roses, including climbers, ramblers, old roses, shrub roses, species roses, and modern roses; flower color and form varies by cultivar, generally all cultivars are known for their fragrance and multi-petalled flowers, blooms summer and autumn, benefits from a regular fertilizing program, requires winter protection, prune to live growth in spring

Rosa 'AUSmol' – Molineux English shrub rose – compact habit; double, fragrant, deep yellow flowers

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Rudbeckia hirta 'Irish Eyes' – Irish Eyes black eyed Susan – annual, 2-3' high, sun, flowers tipped in lemon yellow with green center disks, deadheading extends bloom season, heat tolerant, low maintenance, use for cut flowers, great fall interest, may self-seed and/or overwinter

Rudbeckia hirta 'Denver Daisy' – Denver Daisy black eyed Susan – annual, 2-3' high, sun, large 6-8" pure yellow blooms with dark red halo and chocolate brown cone; deadheading extends bloom season, heat tolerant, low maintenance, use for cut flowers, great fall interest, may self-seed and/or overwinter

Salvia farinacea 'Victoria Blue' – Victoria Blue salvia – annual, 1-2' high, sun to part shade, 4-8" racemes of violet-blue flowers; drooping gray-green leaves; compact habit, effective in mass planting, adds much-valued blue tones to the garden

Sempervivum tectorum – house leek – zone 3, 6-12" high and wide, sun, prefers sandy soils, evergreen foliage sometimes tipped in purple; upright flower stalks topped with red-purple flowers appear in summer, after which the blooming rosette dies; spreads by offsets to form colonies

Solenostemon scutellaroides 'Redhead' – Redhead coleus – annual, 18-24" high, sun to shade, maroon-red foliage, upright mounding habit, late to flower so little need to pinch flowers, pinch back stems to encourage compact habit; also 'Henna' with serrated leaves of chartreuse and copper backlit with burgundy undersides; also 'Dipt in Wine' with dark burgundy leaves tipped with bright green at the base

Solidago speciosa – showy goldenrod – zone 3, 2-3' high and wide, sun; tiny bright yellow flowers in dense clusters atop stiff, narrow-leaved stems; blooms mid to late summer, adds fall interest, attracts bees and butterflies, self-sows

Tagetes tenuifolia 'Gem Series' – Gem Series signata marigold – annual, 8-10" high and wide, sun; hundreds of petite yellow, orange, and maroon flowers cover neat, low mounds of lacy foliage; citrusy scent, long blooming, for beds, borders, and containers

Tamarix ramosissima 'Summer Glow' – Summer Glow tamarisk – zone 2, 12' high, 9' wide, sun; fine wispy foliage with plumes of fuzzy rose-pink flowers throughout the summer; loose and open habit, may get leggy, use as textural accent in the garden

Talinum paniculatum – jewels of opar – annual, 24" high, sun, succulent chartreuse foliage with attractive sprays of pink flowers followed by ruby-orange seedpods, great filler for any border or container, tolerates dry conditions, self-sows

Thymus serpyllum – mother of thyme – zone 4, 3" high, 12" wide, sun; hairy, prostrate, creeping perennial grown as ornamental groundcover; forms a flat mat of foliage, cut back or divide when gets woody; dense mat of deep pink to purple flowers appear in summer; attractive to bees

Tropaeolum majus – nasturtium – annual, 12-14" high, sun to part shade; blooms single or double, varying shades of cream, yellow, orange, red, burgundy; blue-green foliage; some varieties trailing; edible flowers and leaves add peppery flavor to salads

Verbena bonariensis – **tall verbena –** annual, 4' high, sun, strong stems support clusters of purple flowers, blooms heavily and continusoulsly until late fall frosts, nice airy appearance and season-long color, self-sows

Zinnia marylandica 'PAS553645' – Double Zahara Fire zinnia - annual, 16-20" high and wide, sun, upright mounded habit, red-orange double flowers, disease resistant, heat tolerant season long performance in beds and planters also *Z. marylandica* 'PAS553643' Double Zahara Cherry zinnia (deep magenta flowers)

Zinnia 'Zowie! Yellow Flame' – Zowie! Yellow Flame zinnia – annual, 30-36" high, 24-27" wide, sun, 3-4" semi-double flowers with magenta centers turning to red and petals tipped in yellow to orange, stands up to heat and drought, great cut flower

Zinnia elegans 'Swizzle Cherry & Ivory' – Swizzle Cherry & Ivory zinnia – annual, 10-12" high and wide, sun; giant 3-4" blooms, dramatic high contrast bicolor pattern with cherry center and ivory white edge; great for the border

Resources and Sources

Brent & Becky's Bulbs - https://store.brentandbeckysbulbs.com/

David Austin Roses - https://www.davidaustinroses.com/

Heritage Perennials - http://www.perennials.com/

Johnny's Selected Seeds - http://www.johnnyseeds.com/

PanAmerican Seed - http://www.panamseed.com/

Pinetree Garden Seeds - http://www.superseeds.com/

Plant Delights Nursery - http://www.plantdelights.com/

Renee's Garden - http://www.reneesgarden.com/

Seed Savers Exchange – http://www.seedsavers.org/

Select Seeds - http://www.selectseeds.com/