

# Village Garden Center

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## Carex flacca 'Blue Zinger'

### Glaucous sedge

Blue sedge spreads to form a mat of bluish-green foliage. The plant can be used as a ground cover or in rock gardens. Best growth occurs in the sun but the plant will grow in shade.

C. flacca can be found in calcareous grasslands and marshes in Europe and is adaptable to a wide range of soils. Drought tolerant once established. Spreads slowly by rhizomes. Propagate by division of clumps every few years. Cut foliage to the ground in early spring before new growth occurs. Use in containers, or as a



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slowly spreading groundcover in the shade and rock garden.

Grasses vary in color, size, and growth patterns and can add a nice sense of movement to your landscaping.

"Most grasses are virtually pest-free and winterhardy." For this reason, they are usually a practical, economical and long-term investment. They are easy to grow, even in areas and soil where other garden plants often fail. "One issue with ornamental grasses is deciding where to plant them and how to incorporate them into your landscape



## Montgomery Blue Spruce

### Picea pungens 'Montgomery'

Other Names: Blue Colorado Spruce; Colorado \ Blue Spruce

#### Description:

A small, dense mounded shrub, very unlike the species, starting as a mound and eventually becoming a miniature Christmas tree-like shape, adaptable and hardy; intensely silver-blue needles, an excellent choice for form and color in the garden composition

#### Ornamental Features

Montgomery Blue Spruce has attractive silvery blue foliage. The needles are highly ornamental and remain silvery blue throughout the winter. Neither the flowers nor the fruit are ornamentally significant.

#### Landscape Attributes

Montgomery Blue Spruce is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub. When pruning is necessary, it is recommended to only trim back the new growth of the current season, other than to remove any dieback. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Montgomery Blue Spruce is recommended for the following landscape applications;

Vertical Accent    General Garden Use



## *Thuja orientalis 'Franky Boy' (Platyclusus orientalis)*

### *Franky Boy Oriental Arborvitae*

Not just cool but extra cool! 'Franky Boy' is a wonderful textural treat sure to cause a stir with its bright gold, thread like growth that looks like the hair from an 80's punk rock band. If this isn't enough, in winter, the rounded shrub-like plants pick up rich orange-bronze tones providing added seasonal appeal.



### *Thuja plicata 'Whipcord'*

*Thuja plicata* 'Whipcord' is a shrubby, slow-growing, dwarf form of western red cedar that features pendulous whipcord-like green foliage which droops from branchlets rising upward from the center before arching downward.

This small shrub typically grows as a flattened mound when young, to 2' tall and to 3' wide (60 x 90 cm) over its first 10 years in the landscape. Eventually it will form a more rounded shrub up to 4 to 5 feet (1.2 – 1.5 m) tall and as wide. Its glossy green foliage usually acquires bronze tones in Winter.

Best grown in moist, fertile, well-drained soils in full sun to part shade. Thrives in cool summer climates. Intolerant of dry conditions. Best in full sun, but generally appreciates some light afternoon shade in hot summer climates that have different warm season temperatures and soil conditions than the species' native habitat of the Pacific Northwest.

## *Magnolia Grandiflora*

### *Kay Parris*

A beautiful evergreen Magnolia with glossy dark green foliage and large fragrant white flowers. From the USA, Kay Parris is an excellent small tree specimen. Compact and upright it has pointed leaves that have waved margins and a stunning coppery velvet underside. Flowering when young it



has a gorgeous, highly fragrant 18cm white flowers from December to May and longer in warm Climates.

#### Uses

Great specimen tree. This variety is also appropriate for using as an evergreen screen.

#### Position & Soil

Performs best in part shade, tolerates polluted city atmospheres. Magnolias require organic, well-drained soils with summer irrigation for success.

Kay Parris Magnolia will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 70 years or more.

It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species.



# *From The Garden of Eva*

## *May Day Pie Recipe*

### *For the Crust:*

- 1 1/4 cups (about 6 1/4 ounces) all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 10 tablespoons (1 stick plus 2 tablespoons) unsalted butter (frozen)
- 2 tablespoons bourbon (chilled)
- 3 tablespoons ice water

### *For the Filling:*

- 2 medium eggs (beaten)
- 3/4 cup (about 3 3/4 ounces) flour
- 1/2 cup (about 3 1/2 ounces) granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup (about 3 1/2 ounces) dark brown sugar
- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter (melted)
- 1/4 cup dark corn syrup
- 1/4 cup bourbon
- 1 cup dark (73% cacao) chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans



### *DIRECTIONS*

#### *1. For the Crust:*

Pulse flour, salt, and sugar together in food processor. Add butter a tablespoon at a time, pulsing until the mixture forms small, pea-sized clumps. Add bourbon one tablespoon at a time, followed by ice water. Pulse until the dough becomes moist and begins to pull away from the sides. Form the dough into a 1/4-inch thick disc. Secure with plastic wrap and refrigerate a minimum of two hours. Press into pie plate.

*2. For the Filling:* Adjust oven rack to center position and preheat oven to 350°F. Whisk together eggs, flour, and both sugars in a large bowl. Once combined, add melted butter followed by corn syrup, stirring continuously. Fold in bourbon, chocolate chips, and nuts.

3. Pour into prepared pie crust, bake until top is firm and golden, about 55 minutes. Allow to cool slightly, and serve.



## *Italian Pasta Salad Recipe*

Prep time 30 mins    Cook time 15 mins    Total time 45 mins    Serves: 10

### *Ingredients*

- 1 (1 lb) box Rainbow Rotini
- 2 cups chopped green peppers
- 2 cups diced tomatoes
- 1½ cups chopped red onions
- ½ lb cubed mozzarella cheese
- ½ lb sliced pepperoni
- ½ cup sliced black olives

#### Ingredients for Dressing

- ¾ cup extra virgin olive oil
- ¾ cup red wine vinegar
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon oregano
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper



### *Instructions*

Mix together dressing first and set aside until sugar is dissolved completely.

Cook pasta according to box directions and rinse under cold water until cool.

Slice the sliced pepperoni circles in half and separate slices.

Mix together all pasta ingredients.



*Fagus sylvatica* 'Dawyck Purple'

**COLUMNAR PURPLE EUROPEAN BEECH**

The dark purple foliage of this magnificent columnar tree is difficult to not notice.

In spring deep reddish-purple leaves emerge and darken to burgundy purple. In winter the strong upright limbs surround a central trunk with smooth pale gray bark create an interesting bare framework. It is one of the most striking and beautiful of all columnar trees.

Culture Notes

This European beech can tolerate a wide variety of soil conditions from sand to clay as long as the drainage is adequate. Once established it only needs occasional watering during prolonged dry periods. It is a handsome specimen and should be provided enough space to fully develop. It rarely needs pruning to maintain its naturally graceful and majestic form and the thin, delicate bark can be easily injured. For these reasons, consult an experienced pruner or arborist before attempting to prune. Woolly aphids can be a minor problem, but sprays are not required since they do not jeopardize the tree's vigor or health. Avoid planting near driveways or patios where the "honeydew" from the aphids can create sticky surfaces and the maturing roots can damage the pavement.



## *Azalea ( Rhododendron )*

### *'Lemon Lights' - Northern Lights*

Lemon Lights Azalea is a part of the Northern Lights Series of Azaleas that were developed in part by the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. All of the Northern Light Series of Azaleas are very



cold hardy, making them suitable for use in northern climates - flower buds are cold hardy at temps down to as low as -30 F. While they do very well in northern, cooler climates where the Southern hybrids fail, they are not very capable of withstanding the very hot & high humidity of the extreme southern growing zones past zone 7b, or maybe zone 8 if given adequate shade to help keep soil temps down during hot summer days.

Flower blooms are a super bright dazzling lemon yellow color, and usually occur very early in the season - many times before or at the same time the leaf buds are just emerging from dormancy. The bright yellow color is a color seldom seen in the warmer weather azaleas seen typically in the southern hybrids, which is a nice change of pace. Exact timing will vary a little, depending on just what climate you are located in. The warmer the climate, the earlier you should expect to see the fireworks begin, whereas the more northern climates may have to wait until mid may or so.

Another major distinction is that all of these cold hardy Azaleas are deciduous, and will lose all foliage during winter. Shallow, non aggressive root system makes them a great foundation planting choice, and can even be planted closely together for use as a colorful hedge. This fairly shallow root system however, also requires that Azaleas be given regular waterings - be sure that your Azaleas receive water equivalent to about 1" of rainfall each & every week throughout the growing season. We also highly recommend a good thick layer of organic mulch be applied around the base of each plant. This will serve two main, helpful purposes: 1) Keeps moisture from evaporating out of the soil during warmer times of year - and 2) Helps to insulate & keep soil temps down.....and we all know that Azaleas just love cool, moist soils to grow in.

## *Turn Empty Jars into a Butterfly Oasis*

This project was quick, easy, and very inexpensive. It would make a unique gift for someone- costing pennies. I bet you already have most of the stuff collecting dust in your house.

**Here is what you will need:**

2.5” Butterflies in Various Colors (as desired)

Green Moss

Hot Glue Gun and Glue Sticks

Wire Cutters

Twigs

Chipboard – from a spiral notebook, cereal box or anything else you could recycle from

Glass Jar(s) that you have on hand



You will want to choose sections of twigs that have a lot of “character.” V’s, and knobs and tiny branches for the butterflies to “sit” on.

You can use canning jars, those clear vases you get with flower arrangements, or old candle jars.

Using jars of different sizes and shapes makes your display more interesting.



Trim down the twigs to fit inside the jar. Use wire cutters to give the twigs a nice, clean edge.

Then, select the butterflies you would like to use, and arrange them onto your twig as desired. Glue them to the twig using hot glue. Make sure they are really secure, as you will not be able to make changes once they are inserted into the jar.



Insert your butterfly twig into the jar. Do not glue the twig, it should stay fine.

Now, take your jar, flip it upside down, and trace the bottom lip of the jar onto a piece of chipboard. I used the back of a spiral-bound notebook. You need the chipboard to be sturdy. A cereal box would also work well. Whatever you would like to recycle.



Adhere green moss to the circle using hot glue. Apply the glue generously, and mush the moss into the glue. (Mush is a very sophisticated crafting term.)

Then take your hot glue gun, and run a generous line of glue around the rim of your jar. You will need to work quickly here. While the glue on the rim is still hot, press your inverted moss circle onto the rim. Press and hold until the glue dries.

Some of the moss is going to fall down into the interior of the butterfly jar. That is okay. It will settle back down to the bottom when you turn it upright.

That is it!



## *Cornus kousa var. chinensis* '

### 'Milky Way'

#### Outstanding Qualities

'Milky Way' was selected for its large flowers and prolific bloom. In June star-shaped flowers open lime green and quickly change to a creamy white. The flowers can be so numerous you can hardly see any green leaves! In late summer bright red strawberry-like fruits hang from the branches until autumn turns the leaves deep red and scarlet. This small to medium sized tree has a graceful and refined layered branching pattern and older trees show a flaking patchwork of gray, tan and green on the trunk. This dogwood is resistant to dogwood anthracnose, the disease that affects our native Dogwood.



Best grown in humusy, organically rich, medium moisture, acidic to neutral, well-drained soils in full sun to part shade. Performs well in sandy loams. Appreciates consistent moisture during hot Summers.

A stunning small flowering tree or large shrub with excellent flowers, showy fruit, interesting summer foliage color, good fall color and some winter interest. Plant as a specimen or in small groupings on residential property around homes, near patios or in lawns. Also effective in shrub borders, woodland gardens or bird gardens.

Specific epithet is the Japanese name for this species.

'Milky Way' is one of the most popular cultivars sold in commerce today.

. Cultivar name suggests that the profuse bloom of flowers each year is suggestive of the billions of stars in the Milky Way



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