

## Frankstone Garden

1. *Trachycarpus fortunei* – Windmill palm – This palm, native to central china is extremely hardy with an attractive, compact crown and large, stiff, fan-like, green foliage and distinctive hairy black fibers covering its slender, graceful trunk.
2. *Nepeta x faassenii* ‘Walker’s Low’ – Catmint – Sensational periwinkle blue flower spikes adorn fragrant, compact mounds of finely textured, gray-green foliage. Lovely when cascading off walls or container edges. Can reach 2-3’ high and wide and responds well to pruning although leaving it weep over a walkway is beautiful too!
3. *Kalimeris mongolica* ‘Hortensis’ – Hortense, *Asteromoea mongolica*, *Aster mongolicus* or *Kalimeris pinnatifida* – This plant has had many name changes over its garden stint, but this slowly spreading deciduous perennial that arises in spring forms a dense patch of interwoven 20” tall stems, clothed with apple-green, serrated foliage, then topped with a creamy white, fully double, 1” chrysanthemum-esque flowers throughout the summer.
4. *Allium* ‘Ambassador’ – One of the tallest and longest blooming of the statuesque, garden-architecture Allium, intensely purple Ambassador has a tightly compacted 7” wide globes comprised of starry flowers that likely count in the hundreds! Rabbit, rodent and deer resistant, bee-loving Ambassador can bloom for five weeks, followed by weeks of its attractive dried form.
5. *Paeonia lactiflora* ‘Gay Paree’ – Peony – This is a fascinating Chinese peony and is incredibly beautiful in bloom! The large, anemone-shaped blossoms are rich cerise-pink on the outside and densely packed with creamy-white strap-like petals at their heart. Delightfully fragrant they are borne on strong stems reaching 36” so no staking required!
6. *Geranium sanguineum* ‘Album’ – Bloodred geranium – This herbaceous, clump-forming perennial typically grows in a mound 9-12” tall with white-hairy trailing stems spreading over time to as much as 24” wide. Flowers bloom in May and June with a sparse, but variable rebloom occurring throughout summer, turning an attractive shade of red after the first frost.
7. *Euphorbia x martini* ‘Ascot Rainbow’ – Ascot Rainbow Spurge – Elegant form covered with striking sage and lime green foliage edged in an attractive yellow border that turns pink-flushed or peachy-salmon in colder months. Vibrant green and yellow striped bracts with prolific, radiant red blooms. This is a heat tolerant, fuss free choice with low water needs as long as the soil is well drained!
8. *Hydrangea paniculata* ‘Jane’ – Panicle hydrangea – Typically growing 3’-5’ tall and wide with oval dark green leaves and upright, sharply-pointed, conical, terminal flower panicles that bloom from mid-summer into fall. Similar habit to ‘Little Lime’
9. *Iris germanica* ‘Immortality’ – Bearded Iris – Large fragrant blooms have pure white petals with soft lemon yellow highlights in the center.
10. *Rosa* ‘Ballerina’ – Hybrid musk rose – This showy rose reaching 4-6’ tall and wide produces a pastel cloud of small pink flowers with light centers from June through October. They are ideal for borders or hedges and make excellent companions in perennial beds and borders.