

## Brown/Protzman Garden Plant ID

### Front entry along driveway:

**Hellebore**-Lenten rose-Deer resistant evergreen perennial blooming in late winter, hundreds of colors, textures and blooms to choose from!

**Mertensia virginica**-Virginia bluebells-Ephemeral perennial whose foliage emerges purple then turns to green as it matures. The blooms are a purple pink and fade to sky blue lovely and nodding woodland understory plant.

**Arum italicum**-Arum-Woodland shade perennial that produces a white flower in spring that turns to a showy red fruit which persists. The arrow shaped leaves have pale white veins. **\*\*NOTE\*\***All parts of this plant are poisonous.

**Ficus carica**-Fig-Small flowering tree with tear shaped fruit. Lush tropical looking leaves with a milky sap that can irritate skin. Fruit is prevalent in late summer to early autumn.

**Rhodea japonica**-Sacred lily-Perennial that grows by rhizomes with large strap like leaves. The flower is a short, dense pale yellow spike.

**Dryopteris erythrosora**-Autumn fern-Semi-evergreen with new foliage emerging as bronze but maturing to a dark green. Thickly branches and forming several crowns per plant, easy to divide!

### Front entry parking and fountain courtyard:

**Mahonia bealei**-Oregon Grape-Deer resistant evergreen shrub with stunning fragrant lemon-yellow flowers in late winter followed by blue berries.

**Ajuga reptans**-Bugleweed-Flowering groundcover perennial in the mint family so it spreads! It's evergreen with green and purple foliage and a purple spike of a flower 4-6" tall. Primary nectar source for the pearl-bordered fritillary and other skippers and butterflies!

**Paeonia lactiflora**-Peony-Spring blooming perennial with cup or bowl shaped flowers. Lots of variety in color and petal! Butterfly attractant!

**Cornus florida**-Dogwood-This beautiful pink dogwood gracefully leans over the roof with its blush pink blooms in early spring fading to white as the blooms mature. A red berry fruit called a drupe is edible to birds and has a sweet tropical pudding like flavor.

**Matteuccia**-Ostrich fern-This lush frond unfurls from a tightly wound brown furry fiddlehead into a long 34" frond with a tapering tip. They are happiest in shade and wet areas and will happily self sow.

### Patio:

**Gardenia jasminoides**-Gardenia-Evergreen shrub with small clusters of white or pale yellow flowers. Ranging in size from 2-6' and blooming mid-spring through summer with a luxurious fragrance!

**Cercis**-Redbud 'Merlot'-Small deciduous tree with heart shaped leaves and pinkish-red flowers that emerge along naked branches in early spring. Many lepidoptera species use the redbud as a food source including the mouse moth.

**Trachelospermum jasminoides**-Star jasmine-This gorgeous evergreen vine exudes a sticky milk when cut. Their glossy leaves are the perfect base to show off the starry white flowers with a deep tube.

**Buddleia**-Butterfly bush-Semi-deciduous shrub with silvery gray foliage and tubular flowers that form on long lobes throughout the shrub. Colors vary from yellow to red but typically blue, pink and purple, these prolific bloomers attract hummingbirds!

**Asclepias tuberosa**-Milkweed-Perennial that is the host plant to the larvae of the monarch butterfly as well as other moths. It produces large whorled green leaves and dense orange or yellow blooms in clusters.

**Acer palmatum**-Japanese maple-Deciduous tree does best in understory woodlands. Often dome like in shape with crimson or green lacy leaves depending on the cultivar.

**Cryptomeria japonica**-Japanese cedar-Large evergreen tree with beautiful vertical peely red-brown bark. Spiral "leaves" are needle like and arranged in clusters looking like "puffs". They produce a hard brown capsule with seeds in the late winter.

**Osmanthus fragrans**-Tea olive-Evergreen shrub with green foliage often new foliage emerges orange or bronze, maturing to a dark glossy green. The flowers are white or pale yellow in clusters and have a strong fragrance, often like cotton candy in late winter and often again in the fall. The fruit is a purple-black drupe maturing in spring.

**Pachysandra terminalis**-Spurge-Evergreen groundcover massed with glossy green leaves, often starting out chartreuse. It is very slow growing with a white flower that appears in March and April.

**Ilex vomitoria**-Yaupon holly-Evergreen shrub with small leaves with coarsely serrated edges. Insignificant flowers with a small round shiny red fruit.

### Lake/Back Yard:

**Camellia**-Camellia-Evergreen shrub that flowers in late winter or early spring depending on Sasanqua or Japonica species. Lots of variety from white to pink to red with single or ruffled blooms.

**Loropetalum chinense**-Chinese fringe flower-Bronze leaves show off hot pink spidery flowers similar to the witch-hazel family which is closely related.

**Leucanthemum vulgare**-Ox-eye daisy-Perennial herb that grows by creeping rhizomes. The leaves are deeply lobed and has a daisy like flower with white petals and a yellow disc like center. It can be difficult to control or eradicate, so keep an eye on it as it can "romp!"

**Baptisia**-False indigo-The large leaved variety behind the sauna is 'Carolina Moonlight' which produces a beautiful butter-yellow spire above clover like foliage. The smaller foliage is the straight species australis with spires of blue to deep violet flowers. They bloom from spring to summer and produce a yellow brown kidney shaped fruit.

**Akebia quinata**-Chocolate vine-This climbing evergreen vine twirls its way up the porch leaving a scent of chocolate when the three or four leaved sepal like blooms open. The leaves are elliptical and clustered looking almost tropical, but don't let this vine fool you, it is TOUGH!!