



Cheekwood
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TOP PLANT PICKS

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Compact Strawberry Tree (*Arbutus unedo* 'Compacta')



Bloom Time: October-January

Sun Requirement: Full Sun to Part Shade

Water Requirement: Low to medium

Wildlife: Bees, Birds, Butterflies and Moths

Tolerates: Drought

Other: A small evergreen shrub with glossy foliage, cinnamon-colored bark, and white-pink flowers that are produced in the fall to winter.

Native to North America: No

Zones: 7-9

Location: [Sigourney Cheek Literary Garden](#)

Horned Violet (*Viola cornuta* 'Sorbet XP Marina')



Bloom Time: October-May

Sun Requirement: Full Sun to Part Sun

Water Requirement: Medium

Wildlife: Bees

Tolerates: Cold tolerant

Native to North America: No

Other: This compact, uniform perennial has soft blue flowers with a deep violet center and heart-shaped leaves. A perfect addition to any garden bed to add color during the winter months!

Zones: 4-9

Location: [Color Garden](#)

Camellia (*Camellia japonica* 'April Remembered')



Bloom Time: October-May

Sun Requirement: Part Sun to Full Shade

Water Requirement: Medium

Wildlife: Bumblebees and Honeybees

Tolerates: Shade

Native to North America: No

Other: A beautiful cold tolerant baby pink camellia that is a late winter bloomer with glossy evergreen foliage. Plant in a sheltered site to protect from cold winds.

Zones: 6-10

Location: [Herb Garden](#)

Mediterranean Spurge (*Euphorbia characias* subsp. *wulfenii*)



Bloom Time: May-June

Sun Requirement: Full Sun to Part Shade

Water Requirement: Low to Medium

Wildlife: Bees and Butterflies

Tolerates: Drought, Rabbits, and Deer

Other: Noted for its erect stems with spirally arranged blue-green leaves, Mediterranean Spurge is evergreen and a unique addition to any garden bed!

Native to North America: No

Zones: 6-8

Location: *Boxwood Garden*

St. John's Wort (*Hypericum calycinum* 'Brigadoon')



Bloom Time: July-August

Sun Requirement: Full Sun to Part Shade

Water Requirement: Medium

Wildlife: Butterflies

Tolerates: Drought

Native to North America: No

Other: Evergreen during warmer winters, this groundcover has golden leaves with a reddish tint on the edges. During the summer, it produces bright yellow flowers.

Zones: 5-8

Location: *Herb Garden*

Star Magnolia (*Magnolia stellata* 'Royal Star')



Bloom Time: March

Sun Requirement: Full Sun to Part Shade

Water Requirement: Medium

Wildlife: Beetles

Tolerates: Clay Soil

Native to North America: No

Other: A small tree that has large, fuzzy buds that open in late winter to fragrant, large white flowers.

Zones: 4-8

Location: *Seasons Garden*

Trident Maple (*Acer buergerianum*)



Bloom Time: April-May

Sun Requirement: Full Sun to Part Shade

Water Requirement: Medium

Wildlife: Birds

Tolerates: Air Pollution

Native to North America: No

Other: This tree grows to 30 feet tall and is noted for its lovely exfoliating bark and attractive yellow, orange and red fall color.

Zones: 5-9

Location: *Japanese Garden*

Yellow Berried Holly (*Ilex opaca* 'Yellow-Berried')



Bloom Time: May-June

Sun Requirement: Full Sun to Part Shade

Water Requirement: Medium

Wildlife: Birds

Tolerates: Deer

Other: Features an abundance of magnificent orange-yellow berries in the winter and evergreen leaves.

Native to North America: Yes

Zones: 6-9

Location: *Bracken Foundation Children's Garden*