



Garden Layout

Sustainable Practices Provide Beauty and Ecological Benefits

Gardens flourish when we choose plants that are suited to existing site conditions (sun exposure, moisture level, and soil type). The Shade Garden features many plants native to our area and to the eastern U.S., along with well-adapted, non-invasive exotics. The use of native plants provides nourishment and habitat to local wildlife and has the added benefit of being low-maintenance for gardeners. In the plant list, U.S. native plants are designated in **bold** typeface. Plant location is keyed to the map above.

The Shade Garden is certified as a "Backyard Wildlife Habitat" by the National Wildlife Federation.



Garden History

In 1988, Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia, in cooperation with Arlington County and the Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) reclaimed the garden site--an overgrown, former rock quarry. They cleaned out vegetation and used unearthed rock rubble to build support terraces and paths. Numerous nurseries and Master Gardeners donated shade-tolerant plants. The resulting low-maintenance shade garden, suitable for local residences, was dedicated during an Arbor Day celebration in 1989.

Master Gardeners are happy to answer questions while working in the garden. You may also call or email our Help Desk at 703-228-6414, mgaralex@gmail.com

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The Shade Garden



In Bon Air Park

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Plant List

BULBS AND CORMS

Claytonia virginica, Spring beauty, 2E

Crocus speciosus, Autumn crocus, 1E, 6

C. tommasinianus, Early crocus, 2

Galanthus spp., Snowdrops, 3, 4, 5, 6

Hyacinthoides hispanica, Spanish bluebells, 3N

Ipheion uniflorum, Single tritelia, 2W, 3W

Iris foetidissima, Gladwin iris, 8E

Lycoris squamigera, Surprise lily, 1E

Nectaroscordum siculum, Honey garlic, 1W

Scilla siberica, Siberian squill, 2C

FERNS

Adiantum pedatum, Northern maidenhair, 2E

Asplenium platyneuron, Ebony spleenwort, 4E

Athyrium nip. 'Pictum', Jap. painted fern, 6N

Dennstaedtia punctilobula, Hay-scented fern, 3N

Dryopteris intermedia, Wood fern, 8E, 3W

Dryopteris marginalis, Leatherwood fern, 2W

Osmunda claytoniana, Interrupted fern, 1E

Osmunda regalis, Royal fern, 3C

Polystichum acrostichoides, Christmas fern, 4E, 6, 7

PERENNIALS AND ANNUALS

Actaea racemosa, Black cohosh, 3W

Anemone 'Robustissima,' Jap. Anemone, 1E

Aquilegia canadensis, Wild columbine, 2C

Asarum canadense, Wild ginger, 7

Begonia grandis, Hardy begonia, 2C, 3C

Carex appalachica, Appalachian sedge, 4W

C. oshimensis, 'Evergold' sedge, 3N, 4E

C. pennsylvanica, Pennsylvania sedge, 8W

C. plantaginea, Plantainleaf sedge, 4W

Chasmathium latifolium, Northern Sea Oats, 8W

Chelone lyonii 'Hot Lips', Turtlehead, 2E

Epimedium x versicolor 'Sulphureum', Bishop's hat, 1E,

6N

Erigeron pulchellus, Robin's plaintain, 4E, 6N

Eutrochium spp., Joe Pye weed, 8C, 8E

Eurybia divaricata, White wood aster, 4W

Galium odoratum, Sweet woodruff, 2W

Geranium maculatum, Wild geranium, 8W

Helleborus x hybridus, Lenten rose, 3E

Hosta cultivars, Hosta, 2C, 6N, 8W

Huechera cultivars & hybrids, Alumroot, 1W

Pachysandra procumbens, Allegheny spurge, 7

Packera aurea, Golden ragwort, 8N

Mertensia virginica, VA bluebells, 2C, 2E, 6N

Penstemon digitalis 'Husker Red', Beardtongue, 8W

Lobelia cardinalis, Cardinal flower, 5, 2W

Phlox divaricata, Woodland Phlox, 1W, 2W

Phlox stolonifera, Creeping phlox, 1C, 1W, 2W

Phlox subulata, Moss phlox, 4E, 4W

Podophyllum peltatum, Mayapple, 7

Polemonium reptans, Jacob's ladder, 1W, 3C

Polygonatum odoratum 'Variegatum', Japanese
solomon's seal, 5

Rohdea japonica, Japanese sacred lily, 1C

Ruellia caroliniensis, Carolina wild petunia, 1C

Sedum acre, Goldmoss stonecrop, 4, 6N

Sedum kamptschaticum, Stonecrop, 6N

Solidago rugosa 'Fireworks', Rough goldenrod, 8W

Solidago caesia, Blue stem goldenrod, 4W

Stylophorum diphyllum, Wood Poppy, 3

Symphotrichum cordifolium, Blue wood aster, 7

Tiarella cordifolia, Foam flower, 2E

Tradescantia cultivars, Spiderwort, 1,2,5

Trillium cuneatum, Red trillium, 1W

Tricyrtis hirta 'Miyazaki', Toad lily, 1C

Uvularia grandiflora, Bellwort, 3C

Viola pedata – Bird's foot violet, 6

Violeta striata, Cream violet, 2E, 3E, 6

Yucca filamentosa, Adam's needle, 5

TREES, SHRUBS, VINES

Aesculus parviflora, Bottlebrush buckeye, 7

Agarista populifolia, Florida leucothoe, 6

Amelanchier arborea, Serviceberry, 2C

Carpinus caroliniana, American hornbeam, 3E

Cercis canadensis, Redbud, 1W

Chionanthus virginicus, Fringetree, 8C

Cornus sericea, 'Artic Fire' Red twig dogwood, 8W, 8C

Fraxinus pennsylvanica, Green ash, 8E

Hydrangea macrophylla 'Glowing Embers', 5

Hydrangea paniculata 'Little Lime', 6E

Hydrangea quercifolia, Oakleaf hydrangea, 8E

**Hypericum frondosum 'Sunburst', St. John's
wort, 8W**

Ilex opaca, American holly, 8W

Itea virginica, Virginia sweetspire, 8C

Pieris japonica 'Majesty', Andromeda, 5

Sarcococca humilis var. digyna 'Purple stem', 8W



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