

THEODORE KLEIN PLANT AWARDS | 2012

Promoting New and Superior Plants for Kentucky Landscapes



Amsonia tabernaemontana
'Blue Ice'

A winner for the sunny or lightly shaded garden, this Bluestar selection is a bit more compact growing (15"-18") and with deeper blue flowers than the typical form. Mid-spring flowers gradually fade from deep blue buds to baby blue when fully open. Nice quality green foliage all summer turns bright yellow in fall. Long lived, easy care and dependable!



Calamagrostis xacutiflora
'Karl Foerster'

This selection of Feather Reed Grass has earned top honors across the garden world. In full sun, strikingly upright plants grow 5'-6' tall and 2' wide. The stunning flower/seed plumes are effective summer and fall and last well through the winter. Plant in full sun and any reasonable soil and this plant will reward for years to come.



Cryptomeria japonica
'Yoshino'

Hands down the best of the Japanese Cedar selections for Ky. This large, formal evergreen will grow to more than 60' tall with billowy masses of dependable green foliage. Yoshino's short, awl-shaped needles hold better green color than most **Cryptomeria** selections. Plant in full sun in all but the wettest or driest soil. Yoshino makes an excellent lawn specimen or large screen.



Hypericum
'Blue Velvet'

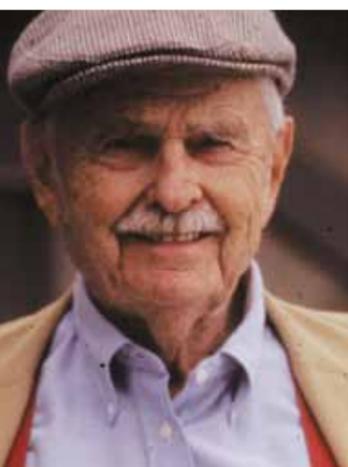
A woody St. John's Wort for the hot sunny garden! This compact grower (3'x3') offers sunny yellow flowers in late spring and early summer on brilliant blue-green summer foliage. It is highly disease resistant, easy to grow. Blue Velvet is extremely drought tolerant once established and will grow well on poor soils.

Works well as a companion shrub in perennial gardens, in large mass plantings or tucked in among other sun-requiring plants. Selected by Dr. Paul Cappiello of Yew Dell Botanical Gardens.



Lagerstromia indica x faurei hybrids
(Acoma, Hopi, Kiowa, Natchez)

The Crepe Myrtle selections developed by the late Dr. Don Egolf (US National Arboretum) are among the most cold hardy and dependable available. They combine great vigor, heavy flowering and attractive exfoliating bark. Plant in full sun and avoid wet soils for best performance. Acoma, Kiowa and Natchez are white flowered while Hopi produces pink flowers.



The Theodore Klein Plant Awards were created to promote superior plants for the Kentucky landscape. The program is sponsored jointly by the University of Kentucky, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, the Kentucky Nursery and Landscape Association, and Yew Dell Botanical Gardens.

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<http://www.ca.uky.edu/HLA/Dunwell/TKleinPA.html>