Theodore Klein Plant Awards
Promoting New and Superior Plants for Kentucky Landscapes

Pinus bungeana
Lacebark Pine

This exquisite Japanese species offers fine evergreen texture on an upright oval form to 20-30’ tall. The usually multi-trunked plants offer stunning exfoliating bark of deep green, cream, copper and olive. This is an excellent specimen plant for full sun or partial shade in rich, moist soils.

Euphorbia amygdaloides var. robbiae
Robb’s Spurge

The perfect groundcover for dry shade, this plant produces a dense carpet of deep green, slightly glossy foliage that remains on the 12”-tall stems throughout the winter. This highly pest resistant species spreads slowly in dry conditions. In good soil and moderate moisture it is a rapid spreader. Small chartreuse spring flowers add a bright touch in spring. Be careful of the white milky sap in the stem tissue as it can cause skin and eye irritation.

Cornus florida
‘Appalachian Spring’- Appalachian Spring Dogwood

What Kentucky garden would be complete without at least one of our native flowering dogwoods? ‘Appalachian Spring’ is a new selection that was introduced as the most disease-resistant cultivar on the market today. Classic white spring blooms, bright red fall fruit and red/orange fall foliage combine to make the perfect package. Plant in rich, moist soil in partial shade.

Dryopteris x autralis
Dixie Wood Fern

This fern is an excellent choice for planting as a single specimen or in sweeping masses in a shade garden. Growing to approximately 3’ tall and wide, Dixie Wood Ferns are easily propagated by division of mature clumps. They are long lived, pest free and offer a superb fine texture in moist shady spots.

Chionanthus retusus
Chinese Fringetree

This large shrub/small tree is prized for its glossy green leaves, fragrant white flowers in late spring and its cultural adaptability. Plant in full sun or part shade in reasonably rich soil and it will provide years of enjoyment.

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 Gardens. For more information on the Klein Awards and for a downloadable version of the 2010 poster, go to UK’s Dr. Win Dunwell’s web site: http://www.ca.uky.edu/HLA/Dunwell/TKleinPA.html