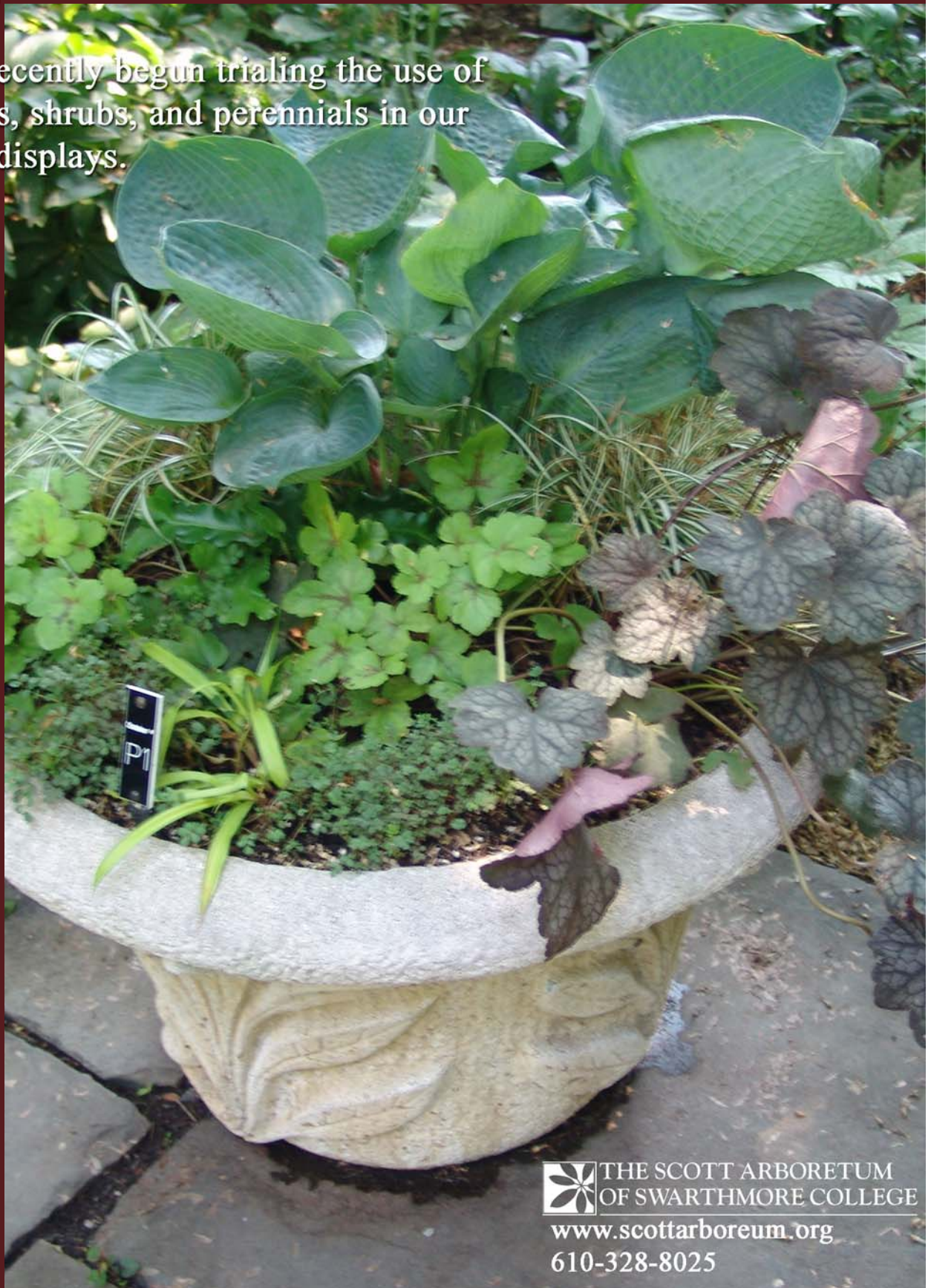




HARDY CONTAINERS

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Hardy Containers at the Scott Arboretum

In recent years, issues of environmental sustainability and natural resource conservation have garnered much attention. Many gardeners are keenly interested in doing what they can to adopt practices that impact positively on the health of the natural environment.

Here at the Scott Arboretum, we have recently begun trialing the use of hardy trees, shrubs, and perennials in our container displays. Because these containers are left in place year-round and do not require annual replanting, they allow us to minimize our resource use. Additionally, once the plantings become established their water needs will be relatively modest, allowing for less frequent irrigation.

Aside from their value as a sustainable practice, hardy containers provide an attractive accent in the garden, whether serving as a dramatic, contrasting focal point or echoing the colors, shapes, and textures of plants in surrounding garden beds. What's more, they can last for years, maturing over time along with the rest of the garden.

Each hardy container on the grounds of the Scott Arboretum has a numbered stake corresponding to the number found within this brochure. A listing of plants, along with a brief description, is provided for each container. Seasonal containers are described in a separate brochure.

Scott Arboretum Offices

P1.

Hosta 'Abiqua Drinking Gourd' – plantain lily; blue hosta with uniquely cupped, corrugated leaves

xHeucherella 'Sunspot' – foamy bells; striking yellow leaves with burgundy centers

Heuchera 'Velvet Night' – coral bells; lobed deep-purple leaves

Carex siderosticha 'Golden Fall' – broad-leafed sedge; broad strappy leaves of bright yellow

Carex oshimensis 'Evergold' – Japanese sedge; narrow white strappy leaves with green pinstripes

Phyllitis scolopendrium 'Cristatum' – hart's tongue fern; shiny non-dissected fronds with crested tips

Acaena microphylla – creeping plant with copper-green lacy foliage

P2.

Epimedium acuminatum – barrenwort; evergreen perennial with asymmetrical arrowhead-shaped leaves on wiry stems

xHeucherella 'Sunspot' – foamy bells; perennial with striking burgundy-centered yellow leaves

Heuchera 'Velvet Night' – coral bells; perennial with lobed deep-purple leaves

Cyrtomium fortunei – holly fern; glossy dark green fronds with a leathery texture

Phyllitis scolopendrium 'Cristatum' – hart's tongue fern; shiny non-dissected fronds with crested tips

P3.

Styrax japonicus 'Carillon' – weeping Japanese snowbell; small tree with elegant weeping branches

Leptinella squalida 'Platt's Black' – brass buttons; diminutive fern-like foliage of black and green

Pearson Hall

P4.

Juniperus virginiana Emerald Sentinel® – eastern juniper; pyramidal evergreen tree with scale-like foliage

Opuntia polycantha (orange flowered form) – prickly pear; cactus with large round stems, needle-like spines, and orange flowers

Physocarpus opulifolius Summer Wine™ - ninebark; deciduous shrub with burgundy-red foliage and pink flowers during the summer

Juniperus conferta ‘Blue Pacific’ – shore juniper; creeping evergreen with dense blue needles

P5.

Juniperus virginiana Emerald Sentinel® – eastern juniper; pyramidal evergreen tree with scale-like foliage

Opuntia phaeacantha var. *major* (gold flowered form) – prickly pear; cactus with blue-green stems, large spines, and yellow flowers

Jasminum nudiflorum – winter jasmine; weeping shrub with arching square stems and yellow flowers in late winter

Juniperus conferta ‘Blue Pacific’ – shore juniper; creeping evergreen with dense blue needles

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Juniperus virginiana Emerald Sentinel® - eastern juniper; pyramidal evergreen tree with scale-like foliage

Rhus aromatica ‘Gro-low’ – fragrant sumac; low-growing shrub with glossy tripartite leaves

Opuntia phaeacantha (red flowered form) – prickly pear; cactus with blue-green stems, large spines, and red flowers

P7.

Juniperus virginiana Emerald Sentinel® - eastern juniper; pyramidal evergreen tree with scale-like foliage

Jasminum nudiflorum – winter jasmine; weeping shrub with arching square stems and yellow flowers in late winter

Opuntia violacea – prickly pear; cactus with bluish-purple pads and yellow flowers

Juniperus conferta ‘Blue Pacific’ – shore juniper; creeping evergreen with dense blue needles

Trotter Hall

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Rhamnus frangula Fine Line® - buckthorn; shrub with columnar habit and narrow, feathery leaves

Hosta ‘High Society’ – plantain lily; powder-blue leaves with a creamy white central pattern

Hosta ‘Nancy’ – plantain lily; golden leaves with undulating margins

Hakonechloa macra ‘Aureola’ – hakone grass; gold and green variegated grass with a weeping habit

P10.

Tetrapanax papyrifera ‘Steroidal Giant’ rice paper plant; dramatic plant with large palmate leaves

Sedum kamtschaticum var. *floriferum* – Kamschatka stonecrop; low-growing sedum with golden flowers

Thymus praecox ‘Highland Cream’ – mother of thyme; diminutive herb with tiny white and green variegated leaves

Thymus praecox ‘Elfin’ – mother of thyme; diminutive herb with tiny leaves

Delosperma congestum ‘Gold Nugget’ – hardy ice plant; low-growing succulent with yellow daisy-like flowers

Sempervivum ‘Trazo’ – hen and chicks; succulent with a rosette of red-tinged pointed leaves
Sempervivum ‘Ann Christy’ – hen and chicks; succulent with a rosette of green tufted leaves
Sempervivum ‘White Ladies’ – hen and chicks; succulent with a rosette of greenish-purple leaves somewhat squared off at the tips

Kohlberg Hall

P11.

Rhus typhina Tiger Eyes™ - staghorn sumac; upright plant with lacy chartreuse foliage and fuzzy stems

Sempervivum ‘Blue Boy’ – hen and chicks; compact succulent rosettes of muted grayish-green with darker tips

Sempervivum ‘Novak’ – hen and chicks; large succulent rosette with pointed red leaves

Sempervivum ‘Polaris’ – hen and chicks; compact succulent rosettes

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Sedum cautucolum ‘Lidakense’ – stonecrop; rounded bluish-purple foliage on low, arching stems

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Clematis ‘Prince Charles’ – hardy vine with pastel blue four-inch flowers throughout summer

Thymus praecox ‘Highland Cream’ – mother of thyme; diminutive herb with tiny white and green variegated leaves

Thymus praecox ‘Elfin’ – mother of thyme; diminutive herb with tiny leaves

Sagina subulata ‘Aurea’ – Scotch moss; ; low-growing chartreuse moss with tiny white flowers in early summer

Campanula poscharskyana ‘Blue Waterfall’ – bellflower; cascading perennial with small bluish-purple bell-shaped flowers

Leptinella squalida ‘Platt’s Black’ – brass buttons; diminutive fern-like foliage of black and green

Lang Performing Arts Center

P13.

Clematis ‘Teshio’ – hardy vine with double lavender-blue flowers in late spring

Clematis ‘Pagoda’ – hardy vine with nodding bell-like lavender flowers

Sedum cautucolum ‘Lidakense’ – stonecrop; rounded bluish-purple foliage on low, arching stems

Credits

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About the Scott Arboretum

The Scott Arboretum is a public garden covering more than 300 acres of the Swarthmore College campus and displaying over 4,000 different kinds of plants. The Arboretum is a garden of ideas and suggestions, displaying some of the best trees, shrubs, perennials, and annuals for use in the Delaware Valley. Established in 1929 as a living memorial to Arthur Hoyt Scott, the Arboretum is open to the public year-round, free of charge, from dawn to dusk. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, please call the Scott Offices at 610-328-8025. We welcome your questions, suggestions and most of all, visits to the Arboretum. Also visit us on our web site at www.scottarboretum.org.

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