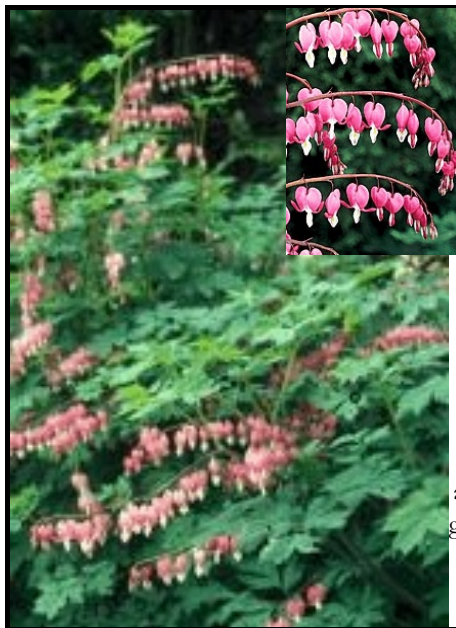
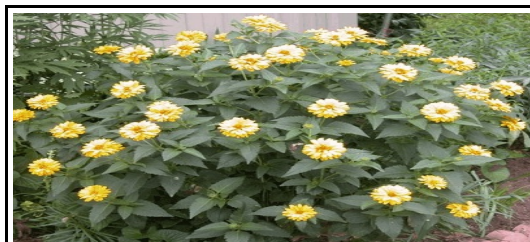


Perennials



Old-Fashioned Bleeding Heart *Dicentra spectabilis alba*

If you have never grown a Bleeding Heart, I hope you can make room for one this year. Each spring it is the most charming and beautiful plant in my garden. Though I have never seen them, I am sure there must be fairies lurking amidst its stems. The blossoms truly are heart shaped and they hang daintily along 2- to 3-foot curved stems in late spring. Lovely in front of ferns, behind a crowd of fragrant lilies of the valley, or anywhere in a woodland garden. Dark green leaves provide a striking contrast to the pink or snowy-white blooms. Prefers full to partial shade. Z 2-9.



Heliopsis helianthoides (False Sunflower) 'Karat' - Oxeye Sunflower

Heliopsis are smaller, clumping plants with yellow, daisy-like flowers that bloom in great abundance and for up to 3 months. Deadheading improves the plants overall appearance, but doesn't seem to matter much for the amount of blooms you get. The major maintenance required with *Heliopsis helianthoides* is periodic division every 3-5 years, to keep the clump in control and blooming freely. They can also tend to flop, especially after a rain, and staking keeps the clump tighter. Z3-9



Primrose 'Salvana'

Unique buttonlike blooms emerge from a tidy rosette of leaves. Flourishes even in heavy, boggy soil where many other plants won't grow. The pinkish violet-blue, trumpet-shaped flowers are held in pincushion-like clusters.



Purple Coneflower *Echinacea purpurea*

A robust, drought tolerant perennial, native to the mid-western and southeastern United States. flowers are arranged individually on sturdy, elongated stems with soft lavender or purple petals surrounding an iridescent red-orange, coned center. Prefers full sun to partial shade in fertile, well-drained soils. Absolutely stunning!!!

Painted Daisy *Tanacetum coccineum*

24-36". These *Chrysanthemum* have ferny foliage and red, rose, or pale-pink, single or double flowers in early summer.

They make excellent cut flowers and are great in floral arrangements. Zones 3 - 7 Removing faded flowers will prolong the bloom time. Trimming the foliage back after blooming will help to rejuvenate the plant. It should be divided in the spring or in the fall every 2 years to maintain vigor.



'Raspberry Wine' bee balm *Monarda didyma*

4-6' h. 'Raspberry Wine' bee balm literally has a full-sized flower growing on top of a full-sized flower. Not every blossom appears in tandems like this, but enough do so to add an extra oomph of odd elegance. Hummingbirds love bee balms, as do butterflies & of course bees. The name "bee balm" derives from the topical use of the aromatic leaves to relieve bee sting. It loves full sun, does fine with part shade, & wants rich acid soil. It also wants persistently moist well draining soil. It makes for gorgeous cut flowers & it blooms all summer long, strongest at mid- to late-summer. Late in autumn it begins to be scruffy-looking & should just be cut to the ground.

