Quarry Hill Plant Cultural Guide

Plants are pre-order only - \$5 per plant

Flowers for Sunny Areas

Anise Hyssop 36" tall, purple spikes of flowers, blossoms in mid-summer, aromatic, used in gardens

Butterfly Milkweed ** **24" tall, orange flowers in midsummer; attracts butterflies; widely used in gardens

Button Blazing Star 36" tall, purple flowers July through Oct., attracts butterflies & hummingbirds, song birds eat the seeds, med-dry soil, also called Rough Blazing Star Cardinal

Flower 30" flower stalk, brilliant red in late summer; attracts hummingbirds and swallowtail_butterflies; likes moist rich soil

Meadow Blazing Star 60" tall purple blooms in Aug-Sept; the height makes it an easy target for Monarchs/butterflies & birds to feed; in a formal garden setting you may want to stake the plants; med. Soil

Ohio Spiderwort **36" blue blooms May-Jul; Its unusual foliage and tendency to bloom in the morning sun and close from mid-day heat and sun make this an attractive addition wherever it is found; are very adaptable tolerating sand, clay and other tough sites; deer resistant; dry-med-wet soil

Prairie Phlox 24" tall with showy white/pink/lavender flowers bloom early summer, med-dry soil; favorite of butterflies and pollinators.

Rose Milkweed ** ** 48" large heads of rose-pink blossoms in early fall; host plant for monarch caterpillars; moist to med. soil; Deer resistant; also called Swamp Milkweed

Smooth Blue Aster 36" tall violet crowns of flowers; favorite of butterflies, bees and hummingbirds; medium soil

Sneezeweed 48" tall yellow blooms Aug-Oct; A favorite of pollinators & host plant for the Dainty Sulphur; Known as Sneezeweed because the flowers were pulverized to make a snuff that induced sneezing; deer resistant; med-wet soil

Turtlehead 60" cream/white blooms Jul-Sep; blossoms which resemble a turtle head poking out from its shell; host plant for Baltimore Checkerspot Butterfly; nectar source for butterflies, bumblebees & hummingbirds; deer resistant, medwet soil.

White Wild Indigo 36-48" tall, shrub like plant w/striking gray stems, blue-green leaves & white blooms in summer; long-lived plant grows mostly below ground its first few years; after a few seasons blooms are increasingly showy; due to its wide form, generous spacing is advisable; Attracts pollinators; host plant to many species; med-dry soil; deer resistant

Wild Bergamot 36" tall violet crowns of flowers July-Sep; distinctively aromatic foliage; favorite of butterflies, bees and hummingbirds; med-dry soil; deer resistant

Wild Lupine 24" tall, purple blooms May to July, prefers well drained soils, will tolerate sandy soil; this legume is essential to the life cycle of the Karner Blue butterfly, a federally-endangered species native to the Great Lakes region.

Yellow Coneflower 60" tall yellow flowers July-Sep; med-dry soil; attracts butterflies and bees; grows and transplants very easily, is drought-tolerant, and makes an excellent cut flower; deer resistant

Native Grasses

Little Bluestem 2' tall, fine leaves with beautiful seed heads & bronze fall color; med-dry soil, widely used in gardens

Side Oats Grama 16' tall, a rare native grasses that sports tiny attractive flowers during its summer bloom time; forms small to medium bunches; med-dry soil;

June Grass 2' tall, clump-forming, tufted, perennial bunch grass, prefers med-dry well drained soils; one of the first grasses to bloom in summer

Flowers & Ferns for Shady Area

Columbine ** *** ***24" tall, red blooms in spring, also grows in sun, med-dry soil, great hummingbird feeder

Jack-in-the-Pulpit 12" tall, excellent woodland garden plant; requires very little care once established; thrives under a variety of conditions, but grows most vigorously in moist, shady, seasonally wet locations; deer resistant

Jacob's Ladder 12" tall, showy blue flowers in spring; med-med dry soils; deer resistant

Maryland Figwort 60" tall, red/green flowers in July-Oct, med. to dry soils, deer resistant; doesn't have a showy flower but it is one of the best nectar species for attracting native butterflies, bees, other insects & birds; thrives in full sun to 70% shade

Tall Thimbleweed **36" tall white flowers Jun-Aug; a perfect plant to provide summer color; thimble-like seed heads are ornamental, becoming fluffy when they disperse their seed; clump forming; deer resistant

Virginia Bluebells 18" tall, blue flowers, early in damp areas. Virginia Bluebells dies back in mid-summer making it a true spring ephemeral

Wild Blue Phlox 12" tall, blue flowers in May, med. to dry soils, deer resistant

Wild Geranium, **** 12" tall, pinkish-purple flowers, readily spreads, forming stunning patches that everything from bees to butterflies can't resist, med. soil

Lady Fern 12" tall; classic fern for any shade garden, will tolerate full sun to full shade; prefers med- med wet soil; will spread slowly; deer/rabbit resistant

Symbol Key

indicates a plant that is especially liked by butterflies

indicates a plant that is especially liked by birds

indicates a plant that is especially liked by bees