

2012 LSHR PLANT RELEASES



1. ***Begonia 'Wings'* BEGONIACEAE** (Wings Begonia) – Tender annual with shiny, pale-green foliage. Produces abundant white to light pink flowers with a darker pink edge. Reported to re-seed freely. Collected in Baton Rouge, LA. Propagated by seeds and cuttings.
2. ***Bletilla ochracea* ORCHIDACEAE** (Yellow Ground Orchid) – Hardy terrestrial orchid with 20" flower stalks bearing 3-5 small creamy yellow flowers, highlighted with a purple and yellow speckled lip. Blooms late spring. Prefers partial shade. Reported to be slower growing and not as cold hardy as *Bletilla striata*. Propagated by division.
3. ***Fragaria* ROSACEAE** (Heirloom Strawberry) – Stoloniferous perennial with white flowers followed by numerous small, red fruit. Reported to be heat and disease resistant. Propagated by offsets.
4. ***Lysimachia 'Purple Velvet'* PRIMULACEAE** (Purple Lysimachia) – Spreading herb with small purple leaves and reddish stems forming an attractive low growing mat. Produces yellow flowers in summer. Grows to 4". Prefers part sun. Propagated by cuttings.
5. ***Malpighia glabra* MALPIGHIACEAE** (Barbados Cherry) – Tropical shrub with small dark green leaves. Grows to 10'. Flowers are rose-pink and the thin skinned red fruit is cherry-like about 3/8" diameter. The edible fruit has a high Vitamin C content and is often used for jams and jellies. Tough, versatile plant that bears fruit in 3rd year on previous year's growth. Fruit ripens quickly. Propagated by cuttings.
6. ***Sarcococca hookeriana* BUXACEAE** (Himalayan Sweet Box) – Evergreen shrub with narrow, dark green, glossy leaves. Grows to 4'. Produces aromatic white flowers in spring followed by black berries. This selection is from seed collected in the wild from Nepal. Prefers shade. Propagated by cuttings or seeds.
7. ***Solenostemon 'Smallwood Driveway'* LAMIACEAE** (Smallwood Driveway Coleus) – Tender shrubby herb with fringed mottled leaves of bright yellow, red, purple and orange. Grows in sun or shade, but sun produces more colorful foliage. Pinch to encourage branching. Propagated by cuttings.
8. ***Sophora tomentosa* FABACEAE** (Yellow Necklacepod) – Deciduous shrub commonly reaching 2-3' with a spread of 3'. Produces silver-green silky tomentose foliage. Produces 12" spikes of bright yellow flowers in summer followed by 6" constricted seed pods. Normally freezes to the ground when young, but older specimens remain if protected. Propagated by seeds. Prefers full sun. High salt and drought tolerant.
9. ***Verbena tenuisecta 'Alba'* VERBENACEAE** (White Moss Verbena) – Perennial herb with dense fern-like, finely cut, tiny leaves. Forms a 6-8" low growing spreading mat. Produces clusters of white flowers. Prefers sun and well drained sites. Propagated by cuttings.
10. ***Vitex trifolia 'Purpurea'* VERBENACEAE** (Purple Chaste Tree) – Deciduous shrub or small tree reaching 20' with gray-green leaves with fuzzy, pale-purple undersides. Produces tiny lavender flowers in upright clusters during the late summer to early fall. Prefers full sun. Propagated by cuttings.