**2022 Spring Plant Sale Plant Insights**

**Friday May 6, 9am-2pm**

**Saturday May 7, 7am-11am**

Over the past several years, we have been taking note of plants that fly off the shelves and which tend to be slow movers. We have compiled this information in the table below, and hope that you can use this as a guide when planning your Plant Sale contributions. *Overall, let’s make sure that the plants we contribute are of good quality, free of pests and disease, and are clearly labeled.* This list is not an all-inclusive list, just a way to generate ideas and get everyone thinking about their contributions.

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| Requested Plants | |
| Blooming plants (I know this is hard unless you have a greenhouse) | |
| Annuals for pots: Coleus, Begonia | |
| Vines (see Annual comments below) | |
| Wider variety of herbs (see Annual comments below) | |
| Salvia- ‘black & blue’ does well, requests have been made for additional varieties as well | |
| Rose Campion- white and magenta/rose | |
| Garden Phlox- phlox of any type are desired | |
| Perennial Hibiscus (NOT Rose of Sharon aka Althea) | |
| Spiderwort: dark green & lime green foliage | |
| Plants that sell well | **Plants that should sell well if offered** |
| Ferns- probably the VERY BEST seller of all plants! | **Annuals** |
| Celandine Poppy | Blackeye Susan Vine, and Hummingbird Vine |
| Helebours (Lenton Rose) | Any annual vine in general |
| Amsonia (in bloom) | Purple Hyacinth Bean |
| Perennial Sedum | Cup & Saucer Vine |
| Begonias | Indian Summer Rudbeckia |
| Jack in the bean stalk vine | Money Plant |
| Lilly of the Valley | Basil, Oregano, Thyme, Chocolate mint, Pineapple Mint/Sage |
| Honey suckle- Major Wheeler | **Perennials** |
| Minnie Pearl Phlox | More Clematis options-roguchii and others |
| Coneflowers | Coreopsis-different varieties |
| Bee Balm | Speedwell/Veronica |
| Penstemon | Heuchera |
| Spiderwort | **Woody** |
| Blackeyed Susan- Rudbeckia | Beauty Bush (with a picture) |
| Shasta daisy | Abelia- regular and fragrant |
| Hydrangea (named cultivars) | Butterfly bush- especially the small varieties |
|  | Lilac |
|  | Wigelia |
|  | Virginia Sweetspire |

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| Plants that have not sold well in the past, but are still needed!! | Tips on how we can make them more successful |
| Groundcovers | Propagate them earlier and allow them time to get better established, better pictures |
| Yarrow | Better pictures, wider selection of COLORS other than white (even though white is still desired) |
| Tall Verbena | Picture of it in the landscape, folks don’t know how to use it |
| Peppermint | Plants looked poor so early transplanting will improve their appearance, healthy plants sale best |
| Lemon Balm | Folks don’t know what they can do with it, maybe you could add some practical uses to the plant label |
| Goldenrod | People thought it was a weed and didn’t realize it’s value in the landscape, Need better picture & description on plant label |
| Indigo Bush | Plants were small and they didn’t know what it would grow into, Good picture of full grown plant needed |
| Daylily | Though valuable in the landscape, people do not want to spend a lot of money on daylilies. In order to sale they MUST have a picture of the bloom, a detailed description, and/or a cultivar name. They should also be PEST FREE. This time of year they tend to get aphids so monitor plants closely. |
| Un-named Houseplants | Un-named houseplants/tropical are hard to sale, people prefer to purchase a named plant that they can research, so please do your research and have names for them when you drop them off. |
| Flowering woody plants with unknown color/origin:  Rose of Sharon  Crape Myrtle  Hydrangea | **Rose of Sharon** DO NOT generally sale well. Seedlings do not bloom true-to-type & we strongly recommend not bringing them.  **Crape Myrtles** could possibly sell well if color or cultivar is known and indicated on the label.  **Hydrangea** type must be known (paniculata, macrophylla, arborescens). Bloom color is necessary and cultivar would be even better!! |