

# New and Exciting Plants for Southern Gardens

## Charlotte Garden Club

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1. *Berberis jamesiana* –producing 2-3 in. long racemes of yellow flowers followed by pink berries on a large deciduous shrub.
2. *Pittosporum tobira* ‘Kansai Sunburst’ – A variegated Pittosporum which is thriving in Raleigh at the Raulston Arboretum.
3. *Camellia japonica* ‘Piemonte’, ‘Koshi-no-Fubuki’, ‘Fubuki Ikkyu’ are more unusual Japanese introductions.
4. *Camellia yuhshienensis* is a species noted for its fragrance but also from its fruit which produces the highest quality Camellia oil.
5. *Camellia sinensis* ‘Silver Dust’, ‘Rosea’, Commercial tea has many foliar variants.
6. *Eurya japonica* is a Camellia family genus with many variegated selections on a compact shrub with small malodorous flowers.
7. *Cleyera japonica* ‘Tokyo Sunrise’ – best variegated “True Cleyera” in Camellia family.
8. *Edgeworthia chrysantha* ‘Winter Gold’ – One of the best late winter flowering shrubs which is one of our favorite harbingers of spring with its fragrant flowers.
9. *Illicium anisatum*, Japanese Anise shrub. ‘Murasaki-no-sato’ Purple Glaze®, There are many foliage variants. The best attribute of this genus is that they are **deer resistant**.
10. *Illicium floridanum* is our native Anise Shrub with brilliant red flowers. ‘Miss Scarlet’, ‘Swamp Hobbit’, and variegated forms ‘Pink Frost’, ‘Nurcar Variegated’, ‘Woodlander’s Ruby’ is a hybrid between *I. floridanum* and *I. mexicanum*. Also **deer resistant**.
11. *Illicium parviflorum* is another native species. ‘Florida Sunshine’ is a more recent garden favorite. Also **deer resistant**.
12. *Rhodoleia henryi* ‘Scarlet Bells’ – (in contrast to *R. championii* which is less cold hardy) This species in the Witchhazel family. Medium size tree in its native habitat.
13. *Loropetalum chinense rubrum* showing a new pink flowering form, yet to be introduced. New dwarf and variegated forms. Mostly **deer resistant**.
14. *Stachyurus praecox mitsuzakii* ‘Issai’, ‘Diane’, ‘Sterling Silver’, ‘Oriental Sun’, and ‘Variegated’. Unfortunately, **deer love them** as much as I.
15. *Taxus baccata* ‘Aureomarginatus’ when grown in the shade it closely resembles *Cephalotaxus harringtonia* in leaf size and form. **Deer resistant**.
16. *Ophiopogon jaburan* is one of the best evergreen Lily-grasses. ‘Vittatus’ is a superb variegated form. We have found other unnamed foliage forms.
17. *Ophiopogon sp.* Many explorers are introducing new yet-to-be-identified species which have captivating flowers. These two selections came from Far Reaches Farm, Port Townsend, WA.
18. *Ophiopogon planiscapus nigrescens* was first discovered by Mr. Fujinami and now has many forms both dwarf and fine leaf.

19. ***Ophiopogon japonicus*** 'Monkeyshine' is a golden leaf form of the species given to Todd Lasseigne in Japan. 'Sapphire Snow' is a Barry Yinger intro.
20. ***Liriope muscari*** is found in many selections. 'Okina' is compared to a new selection of ***Liriope spicata*** with similar white new growth, found also by Mr. Fujinami.
21. ***Liriope platyphylla*** 'Korean Giant' is an original seedling from the Atlanta Botanical Garden introduced by Barry Yinger when at the U.S. National Arboretum.
22. ***Reineckea carnea*** 'Jinfo Jewel' - "A distinct smaller form of the species.
23. ***Rohdea japonica*** – Great for dry shade with numerous variegated and foliage forms. ***Rohdea chinensis*** gives an extra dimension with its huge size.
24. ***Aspidistra sp.*** When I was in college, we learned two species, *A. elatior* and *A. lurida*, but now there are over 162 classified species. Great pot plant anywhere, but a dense shade favorite in the Deep South.
25. ***Polygonatum*, *Disporum* and *Disporopsis*** are commonly called Solomon Seals; whether deciduous or evergreen. Some of the easiest shade perennials to grow.
26. ***Lysimachia paridiformis var. stenophylla*** is a new evergreen *Lysimachia*. Hinkley Form is smaller while 'Jens Neilson' is much larger.
27. ***Pterostyrax psilophyllus var. leveillei*** – New Styra relative has 12" panicles of white flowers in spring. Initially very fast grower.
28. ***Osmanthus heterophyllus*** is the most cold-hardy Tea Olive species with many foliage forms. It has the same fragrant flowers of the genus *Osmanthus*. **Deer resistant.**
29. ***Osmanthus fragrans*** or Fragrant Tea Olive is the most popular species in the Deep South. ***Osmanthus fragrans*** can now be found in variegated forms. 'Fodingzhu' is our number one selling plant. 'Tianxiang Taige' means "Heaven Fragrance Duplicate" in Chinese. *O. f. aurantiacus* is a cold hardy orange flowering form. *O. f. thunbergii* is a yellow-flowering form. 'Yinbi Shuanghui' has slightly irregular shaped variegated leaves. 'Yuntinan Caigui' has more regular shaped leaves. 'Quinnan Guifei' has bright pink new growth, that slowly lightens until it finally turns almost pure white before it hardens off to green. **Deer resistant** except for tender new growth. One of our customers gave us this explanation of the name **Quinnan Guifei**: *Guifei means Imperial concubine; the term can be used generically for noble lady. Quinnan Guifei can be translated to "Noble Lady of Quinnan" (the place where it was originally cultivated). The name refers to the elegant colors of the leaves.*

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**Recommended sources** for many new perennials such as *Ophiopogons*, *Polygonatums*, *Disporopsis* and many woodies as well.

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Plant Delights Nursery, Raleigh, NC: [www.plantdelights.com](http://www.plantdelights.com)

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