**Presentation for April 25, 2012 meeting**

Sofie’s Picks - A listing of plants presented at the Brooklin Horticultural Society meeting April 25, 2012, a combination of new introductions and other interesting plants.

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Peter Keeping, Bowmanville, Ontario – sells unusual & hard to find clematis as well as perennials at very reasonable prices– imports clematis from Europe/England 905-697-7842

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[www.goldenbrookhostas.com](http://www.goldenbrookhostas.com) Blackstock, Ontario, Mail order (Canada only) + pick up. Huge selection of hostas with photos, including newest varieties

| **Type** | **Name** | **Price** | **Description** | **For Sale at..** |
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| Perennial Sun Lover Average to Dry | Centaurea Montana Black Sprite | 10.00 | The plant with the beautiful wispy royal blue flowers, including centaurea Amethyst in Snow, white with a ruby centre, & Gold Bullion with lime green leaves & royal blue flowers. The new kid on the block is Black Sprite with dramatic black spiders silhouetted against grey-green leaves. | Mason House  Garden Import  Kingsway |
| Perennials Average to dry soil | Peony Ito bartzella | 30.00 | Itoh peonies are crosses between tree and herbaceous peonies that grow and flower like herbaceous peonies, but with a greater variety of colors that includes more intense yellows. What makes Bartzella so impressive is the sheer size of the flowers, giant dinner plates 8" across in a yellow that glows without being harsh. Bartzella can be very expensive, up to $150.00, so here is your chance to get it for $30.00 – a great buy | Mason House  Kingsway |
| Perennial Average to moist | Sanguisorba Tenuifolia “Alba” See it at Toronto Botanical Gardens | ? | 5-6 feet tall, elegant, serrated, ferny foliage with white drooping bottlebrush type flowers – excellent as a background plant, for a corner of your yard or to make a statement in the centre of the garden | Mason House |
| Perennial Rock Garden & Alpines | Delosperma Fire Spinner | 8.00 | Delospermas are succulent plants with fleshy leaves which feel like gummy worms. Delosperma blooms are like little daisies about the size of a quarter. Firespinner is special with its bright orange outer edge and lavender centre. Quite stunning! | Mason House  Kingsway |
| Perennials Rock Garden & Alpines | Sedum Dazzleberry groundcover | 8.00 | Sedum 'Dazzleberry' begins in spring with smoky blue-gray foliage that forms a colorful groundcover mound only 8" tall and 18" wide.  GIANT 6-8" raspberry-colored flower heads appear **in late summer** and are visible from over 200 feet away! Blooms remain colorful for over 7 weeks. Drought proof/sun loving | Mason House  Kingsway |
| Perennial Shady Av/Moist | Heuchera Magnum | 8.00 | In my experience, heucheras do best in morning sun and afternoon shade. Try a heuchera instead of a hosta. **Magnum is supposed to have leaves up to 10” across** | Mason House |
| Perennial Shady Av/Moist | Arisaema Griffithii  (Jack in the pulpit) | 12.00 | The huge, rolled spathe, poised like a cobra and up to 8"wide, rises in April-May. The spadix has a threadlike whip up to 60 cm long. Mason House will also carry hard to find arisaema’s sikokianum, candidissimum, speciosum & flavum | Mason House  Garden Import |
| Perennials Ferns for shade | Fern Athrium Filix-feminae frizellaie | 8.00 | -an oddity, surreal" & "a Jurassic Park escapee  -When young it can seem a bit stringy & merely odd. But when it is in its prime, it is like a heap of dreadlocks, so gorgeous that even non-fern people admire it  -Late to appear in spring  -Part sun/part shade/bright shade/more shade | Mason House |
| Perennials Ferns for shade | Fern Athrium Filix-feminae Lady in Red | 8.00 | The lacy, light green foliage is held upright on dark, brilliant red-violet stipes (fern stems). | Mason House  Kingsway |
| Annual Flower | Petchoa | 2.50 | A cross between petunias and calibrichoas – blooms all summer, self-cleaning and do not have sticky leaves like petunias. They come in colours that are not available in petunias such terracotta. Two gorgeous colours –terracotta and vanilla blush | Mason House |
| Annual Flower | Bidens Pirates Pearl |  | We are all familiar with yellow bidens that will take over an entire pot with golden daisy like flowers ‘til frost. Here is the new one with white flowers – like miniature daisies for the entire summer. It has the same spreading habit as the yellow – the plant does not spread but the stems get very long. | Limited quantity at Mason House |
| Annual Flower | Nemesia Spicy Bicolour Bordeaux |  | Most unusual colour combo of red & white | Mason House |
| Annual Flower | Salvia Horminum Pink Sunday | 1.50/3-4 pack | 3-4 pack – a plant that is grown for the pink bracts up the stems rather than the insignicant flowers. Very fine planted enmasse, also comes in purple & white. | Mason House |
| Annual Flower | Cuphea Vienco lavender |  | Edged pink/burgundy centre  Also vienco red – pure red shade | Mason House |
| Annual Flower | Petunia Supertunia “Pretty Much Picasso” |  | Hot pink flower edged in lime green – stunning. Trails to 36 inches | Mason House |
| Annual Grass Tender | Setarea Palmifolia |  | 3-4’ tall X 3-4’ wide, wonderful pleated leaves. Can overwinter inside | Mason House |
| Annual Grass Tender | Pennisetum purpurea “Prince” |  | 5-6’ tall one season, leaves start green & end up very dark shades of burgundy/black, also shorter sizes Princess, Princess Caroline, & Princess Molly | Mason House |
| Herb | Lemon Verbena |  | Intense lemony fragrance – use in tea | Most nurseries |
| Herb | Salvia elegans Aurea | 3.00 | The more common plant is salvia elegans with green leaves. Gold Leaf has amazing gold/lime foliage with pineapple scented leaves. The bonus is brilliant red flowers in late fall that attract hummingbirds. | Mason House |
| Vegetable- greens | Arugala Wasabi |  | For salad with unique wasabi flavoured leaves | Mason House |
| Clematis | Clematis Picardy |  | Stunning large, single, purple-red flowers with a red bar. Reddish brown anthers. | Peter Keeping |
| Clematis | Clematis Franzciska Maria |  | Medium to large, fully double, mauve flowers with whitish stamens and yellow anthers in both early and late flowerings. | Peter Keeping  905-697-7842 |
| Perennial - shade | Hosta – Curley Fries |  | 5"X16" agave-looking leaves are stiff as a board. Highly ruffled narrow leaves emerge yellow and then fade to near white. Grow in half a day of sun,. Deep purple flowers | Goldenbrook Hostas |