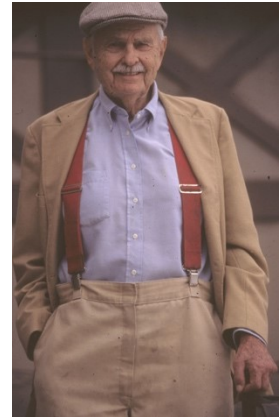


## Kentucky's Theodore Klein Plant Award

In 1995 a plant award program to select and promote outstanding ornamental woody and perennial plants for Kentucky Landscapes was initiated. The plant awards are named to honor the late Theodore Klein, Yew Dell Nursery, Crestwood, KY and are sponsored by the University of Kentucky Nursery/Landscape Program and Yew Dell Gardens.



The goals of the Theodore Klein Plant Award program are: to promote enthusiasm for and interest in plants among gardeners; to encourage development of new cultivars and hybrids by Kentucky Nurserymen; to increase the recognition, reputation, and profitability of the Kentucky nursery and landscape industries.

Plants are selected based on their ability to: be efficiently propagated and produced; be found established in Kentucky and at least two good examples of the plant be established within driving distance of a majority of the Kentucky population; be non-invasive; and be pest resistant. Plants hybridized, selected, or produced by Kentuckians will be given priority.

The Theodore Klein Plant Award winners are announced online in years prior to the award year. The public is notified of the award winners through Yew Dell, Kentucky Nursery and Landscape Nursery Views Newsletter, UK HortMemo and popular press. A Theodore Klein Plant Award web site is maintained by the University of Kentucky, <https://nursery-cropextension.ca.uky.edu/theodore-klein-plant-awards> and Yew Dell, <https://www.yewdellgardens.org/theodore-klein-plant-awards>

TKPA Committee Member [below](#) Winners List

### Theodore Klein Plant Award Winners List

#### 1999 Theodore Klein Plant Award Winners

*Aesculus parviflora* - Bottlebrush Buckeye

*Amsonia hubrechtii* - Arkansas Blue Star

*Clethra alnifolia* 'Hummingbird' pp 8984 - Hummingbird Summersweet

*Dianthus grantianopolitanus* 'Bath's Pink' - Bath's Pink

*Hydrangea quercifolia* - Oakleaf Hydrangea

*Ilex opaca* 'Judy Evans' - Judy Evans Holly

**2000 Theodore Klein Plant Award Winners**

*Eupatorium maculatum* 'Gateway' - Gateway Joe Pye Weed

*Fothergilla major* 'Mount Airy' - Mount Airy Fothergilla

*Heuchera americana* 'Pewter Veil' pp 8984- Pewter Veil Coral Bells

*Itea virginica* 'Henry's Garnet' - Virginia Sweetspire

*Syringa reticulata* 'Ivory Silk' - Japanese Tree Lilac

*Viburnum nudum* 'Winterthur' - Winterthur Viburnum

**2001 Theodore Klein Plant Award Winners**

*Amelanchier* x 'Cumulus' pp 3092 - Cumulus Serviceberry

*Epimedium* x *versicolor* 'Sulphureum' - Sulphureum Epimedium (Barrenwort)

*Malus* 'Donald Wyman' - Donald Wyman Crabapple

*Viburnum* 'Eskimo' - Eskimo Viburnum

**2002 Theodore Klein Plant Award Winners**

*Acer triflorum* - Three-flower Maple

*Hamamelis* x *intermedia* - Witchhazel hybrids of *H. japonica* x *H. mollis*

*Ilex verticillata* 'Red Sprite' - Red Sprite Winterberry

*Polygonatum odoratum* 'Variegatum' - Variegated Fragrant Solomon's Seal

**2003 Theodore Klein Plant Award Winners**

*Aster oblongifolius* 'Raydon's Favorite' - Raydon's Favorite Aster

*Cercidiphyllum japonica* 'Amazing Grace' - Amazing Grace Weeping Katsura

*Cornus mas* 'Golden Glory' - Golden Glory Corneliancherry Dogwood

*Ginkgo biloba* 'Autumn Gold' - Autumn Gold Ginko

**2004 Theodore Klein Plant Award**

*Cladrastis kentukea* - Yellowwood

*Helleborus* x *hybridus* - Oriental Lenten Rose

*Picea orientalis* - Oriental Spruce

*Taxodium distichum* 'Shawnee Brave' PP3551 - Shawnee Brave Bald Cypress

**2005 Theodore Klein Plant Award Winners**

*Abies nordmanniana*, Nordmann Fir

*Cercis canadensis* 'Appalachian Red', Appalachian Red Redbud

*Quercus bicolor*, Swamp White Oak

*Hakonechloa macra* 'Aureola', Golden Japanese Forest Grass

**2006 Theodore Klein Plant Awards Winners**

*Cornus kousa* 'Wolf Eyes' - Wolf Eyes Dogwood

*Nyssa sylvatica* - Blackgum

*Viburnum* 'Mohawk' - 'Mohawk' viburnum  
*Baptista australis* - blue false indigo  
*Rohdea japonica* - sacred lily

#### **2007 Theodore Klein Plant Awards Winners**

*Acanthus spinosa* – Spiny Bears Breeches  
*Bignonia capreolata* - Crossvine cultivars  
*Magnolia virginiana* var. *australis* – Sweetbay Magnolia cultivars  
*Metasequoia glyptostroboides* – Dawn Redwood  
*Physocarpus opulifolius* 'Seward' , Summer Wine™

#### **2008 Theodore Klein Plant Awards Winners**

*Asimina triloba* – Paw Paw  
*Cercis canadensis* ‘Silver Cloud’ – Silver Cloud Red Bud  
*Fagus sylvatica* 'Lanciniata' or 'Asplenifolia' – Cut Leaf European Beech  
*Geranium x cantabrigiense* ‘Karmina’ – Karmina Geranium  
*Parrotia persica* – Persian Parrotia

#### **2009 Theodore Klein Plant Award Winners**

*Calycanthus* 'Hartlage Wine' – Hartlage Wine Sweetshrub  
*Magnolia* × *loebneri* ‘Leonard Messel’ – Leonard Messel Magnolia  
*Nepeta* ‘Walker's Low’ – Walker's Low Catnip  
*Panicum virgatum* ‘Cloud Nine’ – Cloud Nine Switchgrass  
*Platanus x acerifolia* 'Yarwood' – Yarwood Planetree

#### **2010 Theodore Klein Plant Award Winners**

*Chionanthus retusus* - Chinese Fringetree  
*Cornus florida* ‘Appalachian Spring’ – Appalachian Spring Dogwood  
*Dryopteris x australis* – Dixie Wood Fern  
*Euphorbia amygdaloides* var. *robbiae*- Wood Spurge, Robb's Euphorbia  
*Pinus bungeana* - Lacebark Pine

#### **2011 Theodore Klein Plant Award Winners**

*Acer griseum x maximowiczianum* (*A. nikoense*) ‘Girard’s’ – Girard’s Maple  
*Aucuba japonica* 'Longifolia'  
*Fargesia rufa* Green Panda™ - Green Panda Bamboo  
*Gelsemium sempervirens* 'Margarita' - Margarita Carolina Jasmine  
*Lespedeza thunbergii* 'Gibraltar' - Gibraltar Bush Clover  
*Spigelia marilandica* – Indian Pink

#### **2012 Theodore Klein Plant Award Winners**

*Amsonia tabernaemontana* ‘Blue Ice’  
*Calamagrostis xacutiflora* ‘Karl Foerster’

*Cryptomeria japonica* ‘Yoshino’

*Hypericum* x ‘Blue Velvet’

*Lagerstromia indica* x *faueri* hybrids. Examples: ‘Acoma’, ‘Hopi’, ‘Kiowa’

#### **2013 Theodore Klein Plant Award Winners**

*Magnolia xloebneri* ‘Merrill’

*Polysticum acrosticoides* (Christmas fern)

*Heuchera villosa* var. *macrorhiza* ‘Autumn Bride’

*Viburnum* x *burkwoodii* ‘Conoy’

*Buxus sempervirens* ‘Dee Runk’ - Dee Runk Boxwood

*Cedrus libani* var. *stenocoma* - Hardy Cedar of Lebanon

#### **2014 Theodore Klein Plant Award Winners**

*Cornus* ‘KN30-8’ Venus® - Venus® dogwood

*Gymnocladus dioicus* - Kentucky Coffee Tree

*Hydrangea quercifolia* (smaller selections) ‘Pee Wee’ ‘Ruby Slippers’ ‘Munchkin’ Little

Honey™ - Oakleaf Hydrangea

*Corylopsis spicata* - Spike Winterhazel

*Vernonia lettermannii* - Slimleaf Ironweed

*Solidago shortii* ‘Solar Cascade’ - Solar Cascade Goldenrod

#### **2015 Theodore Klein Plant Award Winners**

*Picea abies* ‘Pendula’ -Weeping Norway Spruce

*Lindera benzoin* - Spice Bush

*Lonicera sempervirens* ‘Blanche Sandman’ Trumpet Honeysuckle

*Quercus alba* - White Oak

*Asarum canadense* - Wild Ginger

*Acer palmatum* var *dissectum* ‘Viridis’ - Green Cutleaf Japanese Maple

#### **2016 Theodore Klein Plant Award Winners**

*Abelia* Cultivars - Canyon Creek and others

*Acer saccharum* cultivars - Bonfire™ (PP 3,817), Commemoration® (PP 5,079), Fall

Fiesta™ 'Bailsta', Green Mountain® (PP 2,339), Legacy® (PP 4,979)

*Carex* ‘Ice Dance’

*Carpinus caroliniana* new cultivars like Native Flame®, Ball O’Fire™ (‘J.N. Globe’),

FireSpire™ (J.N. Upright), and ‘J. N. Strain’

*Cephalanthus occidentalis* cultivars - ButtonBush cultivars Sugar Shack® (Spring Meadow-Proven Winner), Sputnik™ (‘Bieberich’, pink blush), Magical® Moonlight (Plant Nouveau)

*Paeonia itoh* cultivars

#### **2017 Theodore Klein Plant award Winners**

*Acer miyabei* State Street™, 'Morton'  
*Cephalotaxus harringtonia* 'Duke Gardens' – “muffin plant”, “deer proof”  
*Heliopsis helianthoides* var. *scabra* 'Sommersonne' SUMMERSUN and 'Summer Nights'  
*Ophiopogon chingii* 'Sparkler'  
*Thuja plicata* 'Green Giant'  
*Quercus coccinea* – Scarlet Oak

**2018 Theodore Klein Plant Award Winners**  
None selected for 2018

**2019 Theodore Klein Plant Award Winners**  
*Athyrium* 'Ghost' – Ghost Lady Fern  
*Carex oshimensis* varieties, including 'Evergold' and the EverColor Series  
*Penstemon* 'Dark Towers' Plant Patent #20,013  
*Hydrangea arborescens* Invincibelle® Spirit II  
*Quercus* x Kindred Spirit ® Hybrid Oak Plant Patent # 17604  
*Spiraea thunbergii* 'Ogon'

**2020 Theodore Klein Plant Award Winners**  
*Aralia cordata* 'Sun King'  
*Hakonechloa macra* 'All Gold'  
*Pulmonaria* 'Trevi Fountain' Plant Patent #13,047  
*Diospyros virginiana* - Persimmon  
*Abelia mosanensis* – Fragrant Abelia  
*Maackia amurensis* - Amur maackia

**2021 Theodore Klein Plant Award Winners**  
*Acer truncatum* – Shantung Maple  
*Allium* 'Millennium' – Millennium Ornamental Onion  
*Calycanthus* x 'Aphrodite' Sweetshrub  
*Cephalanthus occidentalis* Magical® Moonlight ('Kolmoon') Buttonbush  
*Coreopsis tripteris* 'Gold Standard' – Tall Tickseed  
*Fagus grandifolia* – American Beech

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