# Theodore Klein Plant Awards

## Promoting New and Superior Plants for Kentucky Landscapes

Acer griseum x maximowiczianum (A. nikoense) 'Girard's'



Girard's Maple is a hybrid of *A*. *griseum* and *A. maximowiczianum*. It is appreciated for its flaking ("cat scratched") bark, trifoliate bluish green leaves and orange-red fall color. Girard's maple shows more vigor and faster growth than *A. griseum*.

#### *Gelsemium sempervirens* 'Margarita'



Margarita Carolina Jasmine is the cold hardy form of Carolina Jasmine, an evergreen vine. Prefers welldrained, high organic matter, acid soils. The early spring yellow flowers are fragrant, showy, and visible from a distance. It can be grown as a ground cover or a climber.



### *Spigelia mariclandica* Indian Pink



Indian Pink, is a herbaceous perennial wildflower native to Kentucky. May through June the red tubular flowers with five folded lobes showing the yellow/green interior color are stunning. An average of 13 of the 2 inch upright flowers are found on a one-sided cyme.





### *Lespedeza thunbergii* 'Gibraltar'



Gibraltar Bush Clover has dark green foliage and fine pink-purple pea shaped flowers in long arching racemes 6 inches long. It blooms August through September.





#### Aucuba japonica 'Longifolia'



'Longifolia' is a evergreen shade loving narrowleaf form of *A*. *japonica* that grows as a 6-8 foot tall rounded shrub and is hardy in Kentucky. The fall to spring persistent red fruit is attractive against the green foliage.

*Fargesia rufa* Green Panda<sup>™</sup>



Green Panda bamboo has a clumping root system. Six feet tall when mature; it is vigorous and develops many new culms each season. Siting should provide protection from the hot afternoon sun.



The Theodore Klein Plant Awards were created to promote superior plants for the Kentucky landscape. The program is sponsored jointly by the University of Kentucky, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, the Kentucky Nursery and Landscape Association and Yew Dell Gardens. For more information on the Klein Awards and for a downloadable version of the 2011 poster, go to UK's Dr. Win Dunwell's web site: http://www.ca.uky.edu/HLA/Dunwell/TKleinPA.html