

Beloved Plants Julia Wouldn't Garden Without!

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1. Hummingbird Highway kitchen window baskets: *Tagetes tenuifolia* Gem Series, Ivy Geraniums, Snapdragons, *Dichondra* 'Silver Falls' (2 photos)
2. Fuchsia 'Orange Drop' paired w/*Begonia* 'Autumn Ember' & *Coleus* 'Shiny Shoes', *Celosia* 'Dragon's Breath', *Dichondra* 'Silver Falls', other coleus: 'Red Head' & 'Wasabi' (3)
3. Out of bloom *Astilbes* & *Hellebores*, dotted w/ *Begonia* 'Big' pink & rose and Look for this new brand: Garden Geek: *Centradenia* 'Blushing Cascade'(2)
4. Fuchsia collection in terra cotta baskets
5. *Eupatorium capifolium* 'Elegant Feather', back lit in fall flower (2)
6. *Gomphocarpus Physocarpus* (Milkweed: Hairy Balls); *Pesicaria orientalis* 'Shiro-Gane Nishiki' (2)
7. Ger. 'Lady Plymouth', Cel. 'Dragon's Breath', *Centradenia* 'Blushing Cascade' & *Phygelius* (2)
8. Boston Fern: *Nephrolepis exaltata* 'Tiger Fern' or 'Rita's Gold' and Variegated Shrimp Plant (2)
9. *Brunfelsia magnifica* (Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow – Magnificent) and White Oleander, I also love: pink, double pink and dbl. yellow (2)
10. *Mandevilla* Summer Romance 'Double Pink' and *Mandevilla* Sun Parasol 'Apricot', new 2017 (2)
11. *Asclepias* 'Monarch Promise' (variegated annual milkweed)
12. Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Show, Dahlia 'Karma Chocolate' and Burdette doing her happy dance at Dahlia Hill in Midland (3)
13. *Canna* 'Thai Rainbow' and *Canna* 'Cora' (2)
14. Tuberous *Begonias* growing under basement lights and in ground (2)
15. *Oxalis tetraphylla* 'Iron Cross' and Species Tulip Collection #35 (2)
16. *T. violacea* 'Black Base' & *T. bakeri* 'Lilac Wonder' & *T. clusiana* var. 'Stellata' (others: 'Sylvestris', 'Taco' 'Tinka', 'Persian Pearl'...) (3)
17. *Helleborus* HGC 'Josef', Same, as hostess gift for holidays (2)
18. *Helleborus* 'Penny's Pink' flower, leaf variegated with mint/pink veins (2)
19. *Helleborus* Winter Jewels 'Cherry Blossom', Hellies in olive dish (2)
20. *Dicentra* spec. 'Gold Heart' and variegated Lily-of-the-Valley 'Stripes' (2)
21. *Erysimum kotschyanum* 'Orange Flame', *Phlox* sub. 'Purple Beauty' (2)
22. *Primula* collection: *P. kisoana*, in bloom, *P. 'Rosaleen'* (2)
23. *P. vulg.* X *polyantha* 'Sue Jervis', *Primula acaulis* (2)
24. *P. 'Francesca'*, *P. sieboldii*, (2)
25. *P. 'Festival Golden Orange'*, *P. veris* (2)
26. *P. Candelabra* type, and 'Kennedy (black) Irish series: 'Inniswood', (2)
27. Victorian *P. elatior* Gold Laced Dk. Red Oxslip *Primula acaulis* (2)
28. *Ajuga* 'Chocolate Chip', same in bloom, + 'Caitlin's Giant', 'Pink Lightening' (2)
29. *Melittis melissophyllum* 'Royal Velvet Distinction' (Bastard Balm), *Dianthus barbatus* 'Jolt Pink' (2)
30. Emerging foliage of fern leaf peony, *Peony Tenuifolia* 'Rubra Plena' (2)
31. Itoh Int. Peony 'Bartzella' Ladie's Mantle, Miniture Iris 'Bugsy' (NARGS) (2)
32. *Epimedium latisepalum* and *Saruma henrii* (2)
33. *Hosta* 'Autumn Frost' and 'Clovely'(2)
34. *Rosa* Oso Happy 'Candy Oh Vivid Red', *Rosa* 'Party Hardy' (2)
35. *Hakoneachloa*, *Carex* 'Bowe's Golden', *Brunnera* 'Sea Heart', *Pachysandra variegata*, Autumn fern, Allegheny Spurge (2)
36. *Astilbe* 'Younique Lilac', *Astilbe* 'Amber Moon' (2)
37. *Astilbe* 'Chocolate Shogun', *Astilbe* x *crispa* 'Lilliput' (2)
38. *Lilium* OT 'Cocossa', L. Trumpet 'African Queen' (2)
39. *Lilium* OT 'Holland Beauty', L. *orientalis* 'Roselily 'Natalia' (2)
40. *Lilium* OT 'Shocking', L. *asiatica* 'Nettie's Pride' (2)

41. *Lilium oriental* 'Tiger Woods' w/ *Phlox pan.*, *L. OT* 'Robina w/Phlox' (2)
42. A midsummer's bouquet from my collection, *P. pan.* 'Jeana' (2)
43. *Phlox pan.* 'Natural Feelings', *Clematis* 'Avant-Garde' (2)
44. Summer bouquet: *Lilium LA* 'Salmon Classic', *Dianthus b.* 'Green Ball', *Alstromeria* 'Inca Ice', *Persicaria* 'Dragon's Eye' and *A.* 'Inca Ice' (2)
45. *Allium* 'Millenium', Purple Columbine (2)
46. *Helianthus multiflorus* 'Flore-pleno', *Verbena bonariensis*, *Panicum v.* 'Northwind', *sedum*
47. *Euonymous* 'Wolong Ghost, *Asst. Japanese Painted Ferns*, also 'Godzilla' (2)
48. *Onoclea sensibilis* (Sensitive fern), Maidenhair Fern (2)
49. *Dryopteris dil.* 'Crispa Whiteside', *Athyrium* 'Lady in Lace' (2)
50. *Athyrium* 'Lady in Red', *Athyrium* 'Applecourt' (also: *D.* 'The King') (2)
51. *Begonia grandis*, *Tanacetum parthenium* 'Aureum' (2)
52. *Trycirtus macrantha* with *Ajuga* 'Caitlin's Giant', Hardy *Cylamen Coum* or *Hederifolium* (2)
53. *Heuchera* 'Citronelle', *Heuchera* 'Autumn Bride' (2)
54. Japanese Anemone Pretty Lady Series: 'Susan', 'Diana', 'Emily', 'Julia', and seedheads in winter (3)
55. *Aralia* 'Sunking', Same in fall flower (2)
56. *Hypericum* 'Brigadoon'
57. *Musa basjoo* (hardy fiber banana)
58. *Fuchsia magellanica*
59. *Tinantia pringlei* (Mexican Wandering Jew), *Hedera helix* 'Hedgehog' (2)
60. *Bergenia cillata* 'Dumbo' & 'Sunfor', *Bergenia* 'Red Beauty' (2)
61. – 66. Hardy Chrysanthemums! Look for Mums of Minnesota, Global Warming Mums, Autumn Crescendo (Bluestone Perennials, mailorder)
67. *Chrysanthemum* 'Hillside Sheffield Pink', *C.* 'Clara Curtis' (2)
68. *Eleutherococcus sieboldianus* 'Variegatus' (Hardy variegated *Aralia*)
69. *Azalea Exbury* 'Canon's Double', *Azalea* 'Landmark', *Taxus* 'Amersfoort' 2
70. *Cercis can.* 'Covey', *Cercis can.* 'Rising Sun' (2)
71. Variegated *Viburnum* in flower, *Barberry* 'Purple Cloak' in flower (2)
72. *Exocorda* 'Snow Day Blizzard' (Pearlbush), *Spiraea* 'Double Play Gold' 2
73. *Spiraea prunifolia* 'Flore Pleno', Double Flowering Dwarf Almond (2)
74. Lilac 'Monge' and 'Sensation' and *Lilac aucubifolia* (2)
75. Variegated *Daphne*, *Cepahlataxus* 'Duke Gardens'
76. *Robinia pseudoacacia* 'Twisty Baby'
77. *Buxus sempervirens* 'Aurea Pendula'
78. *Cornus stolonifera* 'Pucker Up' (Proven Winners)
79. *Hibiscus syriacus* 'Variegata', *Hydrangea* 'Incrediball'
80. *Hydrangea* 'Limelight', Same in scone indoors (2)
81. *Hydrangea macrophylla* 'Goldrush', same in flower (2)
82. *Hydrangea quercifolia* 'Little Honey'
83. *Hydrangea quercifolia* 'Snowflake', same in fall color (2)
84. My Mother's Rose of Sharon grown from a cutting, another view: *Verbena bonariensis* 2
85. *Azalea Northern Lights* 'Lemon Light's' reblooming in fall smells like lilies
86. *Viburnum* 'American Spice'
87. *Sambucus* 'Black Tower' with *Hydrangea* 'Limelight' in background
88. *Barberry* 'Sunjoy Gold Pillar' in fall color with *Aster* 'Ezo Murasaki'
89. Fall color on *Asparagus* with *Persicaria* 'Pink Elephant' in foreground
90. *Gingko* 'Mariken' in fall color
91. *Acer Pseudoplatanus* 'Esk Sunset' (maple + sycamore & may be tagged incorrectly 'Eskimo Sunset')
92. Hofley's hillside garden theatre our great red & white oak trees

Thank you for joining me for this presentation this evening and I hope you are inspired to enhance your shade garden with ferns and some new shady companions. Ask your fave garden centers to carry more ferns as they are a terrific hosta replacement in gardens with heavy deer populations.

Here are a ***few*** my fave places I love to shop for plants with my gardening girlfriends:

*Bogie Lake Greenhouse

*Telly's Greenhouse

Gardens and Beyond

Dixieland Flea Market Flower Tent in Waterford

*English Gardens

Warmbier's Greenhouse

Piechnik's Garden Gate

Fogler's Greenhouse

Plant Delight's Nursery (mail order)

Bluestone Perennials (mail order)

Oakland County Farmer's Market

*Steinkopf's Nursery

Goldner Walsh Nursery

*River Street Flowerland (Kalamazoo)

W.W. Greenhouses (Holland)

*Jonker's Greenhouse (Holland)

*Farmer John's Greenhouse

*Van Atta's Greenhouse (Haslett)

Christians Greenhouse (Williamston/Haslett/Harbor Springs)

(*Denotes that this garden center carries Plantskydd Animal Repellent) I always peruse perennial departments of most garden centers for something new because you just never know...

All the best! Julia Hofley julia@juliablglife.com