
Heartwood Nursery News



Colors of the Season at Heartwood...

Ilex verticillata
Winterberry

Diospyros virginiana
Common Persimmon

Oxydendrum arboreum
Sourwood

Native Plants: Ecofriendly Beauty for the Natural World in your Backyard

Feature Plant: *Cornus alternifolia*, Pagoda Dogwood, for Fantastic Fall Color

Consider planting *Cornus alternifolia*, the native Pagoda Dogwood, for spectacular red and orange color in the fall. A companion species in the natural environment to the native Eastern Dogwood (*Cornus florida*), Pagoda Dogwood is much more resistant to the anthracnose fungal disease that affects the Eastern Dogwood.

Pagoda Dogwood provides a dark blue fruit for birds in the summer, before displaying stunning fall color. Branching occurs in true pagoda-tiered style, making this species easy to identify, particularly in the winter, when branches are bare.

The young trees grow quickly, and will perform best given some partial, high shade for a few hours each day. A medium sized tree, Pagoda Dogwood usually reaches 20-25 feet upon maturity. We have young trees that can be planted now for the birds and future fantastic color.



HEARTWOOD NURSERY

Holly Honey

IS NOW READY



*Harvested here on the property
Felton, PA*

Heartwood Nursery: Holly Society of America Certified Holly Arboretum and Test Center

Did you know we are a Holly Society of America Certified Holly Arboretum and Test Center? This is a recent (2021) professional certification that takes years of dedication to achieve. Many of our Hollies were planted 30 years ago and propagated on site by Heartwood owner Sue Hunter.

Hollies are a highly valued part of ecosystems across the world. The U.S. native American Holly, *Ilex opaca*, is a threatened species in Pennsylvania but, with efforts such as education to increase awareness, is now more stable.

Mid-October into November is the perfect time to plant deciduous Hollies such as Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*), with much variety to choose from. Fall and winter are also great seasons to appreciate the beauty of these majestic shrubs and trees, with their berry colors ranging from light, golden yellow to orange and vermillion, to dark red. All species of Hollies are an excellent source of nutrition for birds and small mammals from September through March.

Join Sue for a guided walk in our Holly Forest in its glory on Sunday, December 7, from 11 am to noon. Sue is President of the Holly Society of America. Click [here](#) to learn more about this event.



HEARTWOOD NURSERY, INC.

HOLIDAY *Open House*

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY
DECEMBER 5-7, 2025
10AM-4PM**

Handmade wreaths, arrangements, cut
Holly & greens

Walk-In Wreath-Making Workshops

Complimentary cozy drinks & sweets

**HOLLY FOREST GUIDED WALK
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 @ 11AM
Led by Nursery Owner, Sue Hunter**

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