
Heartwood Nursery News

We are busy as bees
this time of year!



Healthier for the Natural World in Your Backyard.

Spring Holly Leaf Shed

Here at Heartwood Nursery, we specialize in propagating Hollies, specifically the American Holly (*Ilex opaca*). Rather than shedding their leaves in the fall, Hollies naturally shed their leaves in the spring. If the leaves on your native Hollies are turning yellow and brown right now, don't worry, your holly isn't sick, they are going through their yearly spring leaf-shedding process. Losing their older leaves in the spring makes way for new growth that will be emerging soon!

The fruit of female American Holly is an excellent winter food source for birds. Male American Holly flowers attract many beneficial insects in the Spring. Consider adding American Hollies to your property to add year-round environmental sustenance.



Plant these 5 species now for year-long

environmental value, beneficial insect attraction,
fragrance and aesthetic appeal:



Eutrochium purpureum
Joe Pye Weed



Clethra alnifolia
Summersweet



Pycnanthemum tenuifolium
Slender Mountain Mint



Aster laevis
Smooth Blue Aster



Ilex verticillata (Male)
Male Winterberry Holly

.....and we LOVE Violets

Violets, or the genus *Viola*, is a large and diverse group that grows worldwide. A violet commonly found growing in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed is *Viola sororia*. These low growing, deer resistant perennials are often mistaken for or called a 'weed'. Violets are tolerant of a diverse range of growing conditions. They prefer part shade and can be drought tolerant once established, adapting to full sun. They are a great pollinator for early emerging insect species. Consider leaving the violets you find in your yard or relocating them somewhere for them to grow!



MD Native Plant Certification

We are proud to be accepted into this program.

Since 1987, over 90% of the species we propagate and grow are native

<https://marylandsbest.maryland.gov/marylands-best-native-plant-program/>

"Maryland's Best Native Plant Program encourages all nurseries to sign up (for free!) and participate in a voluntary marketing program across the state. Our partner nurseries in the Mid-Atlantic, but outside the state, can also participate. Participating nurseries inventories' must be comprised of at least 20% Maryland native plants in order to qualify."



Ready, set, grow!
From flowers to fruit in 8 weeks

Amelanchier canadensis
(Serviceberry, Juneberry, Sarvisberry)



SAVE THE DATE

Join Us for our 16th Annual

Serviceberry Festival

Friday and Saturday
June 13 and 14, 2025
10am - 4pm

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