

THE WINTER GARDEN

A Season of Promise

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Winter is a time of slowing down and observing the subtleties of plants and design.

- Take the time to observe
 - The sculpture of trees
 - The color and texture of conifers
 - Seasonal flowers

The backbone of the garden is the sculpture of plants.

Background Plants – The background should be dark and solid

- Large Evergreens
- Large broadleaf evergreens
 - Rhododendron

Plants for Natural Focal Points - Create natural focal points with:

- Weeping forms
- Mixing shapes and unique forms

Plants for Color – Bring color to the winter garden

- Bark and twig color
- Berries and cones
- Flowers
- Foliage - conifers, broadleaf evergreens and bamboo

Plants for Accent

- Perennials
- Grasses
- Groundcovers
- Bulbs

Sit Back and Enjoy

- Little to do in the way of maintenance in winter.
- Take the time to slow down and enjoy the garden.

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Plants with Interesting Bark and Stems

Shrubs

<i>Aesculus parviflora</i>	coarse stem structure
<i>Cornus alba</i> and <i>sericea</i> cultivars	red or yellow stems
<i>Corylus a.</i> 'Contorta'	contorted stems
<i>Euonymus alatus</i>	winged stems and horizontal structure
<i>Heptacodium miconioides</i>	exfoliating bark
<i>Hamamelis</i> species and cvs	structure
<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i>	exfoliating bark
<i>a. petiolaris</i> (vine)	interesting stem structure
<i>Kerria japonica</i> and cultivars	green stems
<i>Philadelphus</i> species and cultivars	gray stems
<i>Poncirus trifoliata</i> 'Flying Dragon'	green stems
<i>Rhus typhina</i> and cvs	coarse structure
<i>Rubus cockburnianus</i>	white stems
<i>Salix a.</i> 'Flame'	orange stems
'Golden Curls'	yellow contorted stems
'Scarlet Curls'	coral contorted stems

Trees

<i>Acer p. dissectum</i>	stem structure
<i>griseum</i>	exfoliating bark
<i>triflorum</i>	exfoliating bark
<i>tegmentosum</i> & other striped maples	striped bark
<i>Amelanchier</i> species	silver-gray bark and stem structure
<i>Aesculus parviflora</i>	coarse stem structure
<i>Betula</i> species	exfoliating white or cinnamon bark
<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	gray branches, coarse texture
<i>retusus</i>	exfoliating bark
<i>Cornus kousa</i>	exfoliating bark
<i>Corylus colurna</i>	gray shaggy bark
<i>Halesia carolina</i>	striped gray and black bark
<i>Morus b.</i> 'Unrunyu'	contorted stems
<i>Magnolias</i> species and cvs	gray bark
<i>Larix</i> species	structure
<i>Parrotia persica</i>	exfoliating bark
<i>Pinus bungeana</i>	exfoliating bark
<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>	exfoliating bark
<i>Stewartia pseudocamellia</i>	exfoliating bark

Plants with Berries Cones or Dry Seed

Aronia arbutifolia	red fruit Sep-Dec
melanocarpa	black fruit Sep-Dec
Callicarpa dichotoma	violet fruit Oct-Dec
Celastrus species	orange fruit Oct-Dec
Clematis tangutica	dry fluffy seed heads Sep-Jan
Clethra alnifolia and cultivars	dry seed heads Sep-Feb
Cotoneaster species	red to orange fruit Sep-Dec
Gaultheria procumbens	red fruit Sep-Dec
Halesia carolina	dry seed fall-spring
Ilex verticillata cultivars	red, orange or yellow fruit Sep-Dec or Jan depending on cultivar
Ilex Blue and China cultivars	red fruit Sep-Jan
Ilex opaca cultivars	red or yellow fruit Sep-Jan
Itea virginica and cultivars	dry seed heads Sep-Feb
Miscanthus and other grasses	dry seed heads all winter
Myrica pensylvanica	silvery-gray fruit Sep-Feb
Pyracantha	orange fruit Sep-Dec
Rosa rugosa & other species	red-orange fruit Sep-Dec
Staphylea trifoliata	dry fruit Sep-Jan
Symphoricarpos alba	white fruit Sep-Dec
chenaultii	violet-pink fruit Sep-Dec
Viburnum lentago	blue-black fruit Sep-Dec
prunifolium	blue-black fruit Sep-Dec
trilobum	red fruit Sep-Dec
Trees	
Catalpa speciosa	dry seeds Sep-Mar
Crataegus v. 'Winter King'	orange fruit Sep-Feb
Larix species	cones all winter
Koelreutaria paniculata	dry fruit Sep-Feb
Malus cultivars	variable Sep-Nov/Mar
Picea species	cones all winter
Pinus species	cones all winter
Syringa reticulata and pekinensis	dry seed heads Sep-Mar

Plants for Winter Foliage Effect

Shrubs and Trees

Evergreen Azalea and Rhododendron	variable species and cultivar
Bamboo species	green
Buxus species	shades of green
Chamaecyparis species and cultivars	variable shades of green, gold and bronze
Euonymus fortunei cultivars	green and variegated forms
Ilex evergreen forms	various shades of green
Junipers	variable shades of green, blue, gray, gold and plum
Kalmia latifolia	green
Leucothoe	green to bronze
Picea species	shades of green or blue
Pinus species	shades of green few variegated
Thuja species and cultivars	variable shades of green or gold
Tsuga canadensis	green
Yucca 'Golden Sword' & 'Color Guard'	striking green and gold

Perennials and Groundcovers

Arum italicum	mottled green and white
Asarum europaeum	green
Bergenia cordifolia cultivars	shades of green, red or bronze
Euonymus f. 'Coloratus'	green to red
f. 'Kewensis'	green
Gaultheria procumbens	green to bronze
Hedera helix	green to bronze
Helleborus species	green
Liriope species	green
Pachysandra terminalis	green

Ferns

Dryopteris erythrosa	green
marginalis	green
spinulosa	green
Polystichum acrostichoides	green
polyblepharum	dark green
tsus-simense	green
Phyllitis scolopendrium	green

Plants with Winter Flowers

Abeliophyllum distichum	white flowers March
Alnus species	catkins all winter
Cornus mas	yellow flowers March
Corylus species	catkins all winter
Daphne mezereum	violet-pink Feb-Mar
Erica species and cultivars	pink or white March
Hamamelis cultivars	yellows, oranges and reds Jan-Mar
Helleborus foetidus	green March
orientalis	shades of white, pink, maroon and green
Lonicera fragrantissima	fragrant white late February and March
Parrotia persica	crimson stamens March
Petasites species	yellow or lavender March
Pieris japonica cultivars	buds all winter
Prunus s. 'Autumnalis'	pink Oct-Nov repeating Mar-Apr
Salix species	variable colored catkins Mar-Apr
Winter Bulbs	
Eranthus	yellow Feb-Mar
Gailanthus	white Feb-Mar
Iris danfordae	purple March