Innisfree Gardens plant descriptions for 2015

Annuals in 2" pots, \$1.50 each

- 1 Ageratum houstonianum, Dondo Blue Ageratum, small, pale blue flowers are stalwart bloomers from June-September. 2-3'.
- 2 Centaurea cyanus, Blue Boy Batchelor Buttons, there's no blue like that of these cornflowers. Blooms in May, readily self sows. 3-4'
- 3 Asclepias curassavica, Silky Formula Mix Butterfly Weed, beautiful bright red and yellow flowers, favorite of the monarchs. 3-4'
- 4 Calendula officinalis, Calendula, yellow and orange petals. edible & medicinal. Seed saved from our plants, mostly Pacific Beauty. 1-2'.
- 5 E californica, California Poppy, delicate orange flower floating above grey-green foliage. tolerant of drought. Ours re-seed. medicinal. 1'
- 6 * Cerinthe major, Pride of Gibraltar, drooping purple flowers with purple-blue bracts atop blue-green foliage. Plant in full sun. 3-4'
- 7 * Solenostemon scutellarioides, Under the Sun Coleus, 2 for 1 with both lime green and red plants seeded together. Shade or sun. 12".
- 8 Cosmos bipannatus, Sensations Mix Cosmos, mix of pinks, maroons and whites on tall stems. An old favorite of ours. 4-5'.
- 9 * Euphorbia marginata. Snow on the Mountain, beautiful variegation of snow white and green with white bracts. Stems have milky sap. Full sun. 3'
- 10 * Tanacetum parthemium, Magic Lime Green Feverfew, double, "button" variety. One of our favorite fillers for bouquets. Full sun. 3'
- 11 Cynoglossum amabile, Chinese Forget-me-not, one of the sweetest flowers I know, flowers are small/delicate but color is striking. Part shade. 2'
- 12 Dolichos lablab, Ruby Moon Hyacinth Bean, purple leaves, flowers and pods, a favorite climbing vine at our farm. 10-20'
- 13 * Coix lacryma-jobi, Job's Tears, grass with beautiful seeds that are often used in jewelry making. Full sun. 3'
- 14 Tagetes patula, Durango Outback Marigold, my all-time favorite marigold. large blooms in mix of yellows, oranges and reds. 8-12"
- 15 Tagetes tenufolia, Lemon Gem Marigold, 1 inch single golden flowers on 8" plants. Good edger or container plant. 10-12"
- 16 Tagetes tenufolia, Red Gem Marigold, 1 inch single red flowers with orange centers on 8" plants. Good edger or container plant. 10-12"
- 17 Trapaeolum spp., Kaleidoscope Nasturtium, mix of bright colors on compact plant. 10-12"
- 18 Scabiosa atropurpurea, Black Knight Pincushion Flower, these almost black blooms were the most talked about flower in the garden last year. 3'
- 19 Salvia coccinea, Lady in Red Salvia, blooms most strongly in early summer, spikes of red flowers to attract the hummingbirds. 2'
- 20 Tithonia rotundifolia, Torch Tithonia, or Mexican Sunflower, this eyecatching velvety, orange flower is a favorite of butterflies and gardeners. 4'
- 21 * Orlaya grandiflora, White Finch, profuse bloomer all summer of queen anne's lace-like flowers but with longer vase life. Sun. 2-3'

Zinnias in 2" pots, \$1.50 each 22-28 are Benary's/ giant zinnias (tall for cutting), 29-32 are profusion zinnias (compact for containers)

- 22 Wine
- 23 Purple
- 24 Scarlet
- 25 Coral
- 26 Yellow
- 27 Orange
- 28 Salmon Rose
- 29 * Profusion, "Cherry", single flowered bright crimson pink. 12"
- 30 * Profusion, "Double Fire", brilliant orange-red flowers. 12"
- Profusion, "Double Deep Salmon", double flowered with coral/salmon blooms. 12"
- 32 **Profusion,** "Yellow", single, bright yellow blooms. 12"

Basils in 2" pots, \$1.50 each (Ocimum spp.)

- 33 Genovese Basil, the classic Italian pesto basil. Best for drying. 24-30"
- 34 * Bolloso Napoletano, from Naples, pest resistant, slow to flower with large leaves for pesto making. 24-30"
- 35 Mrs. Burns' Lemon Basil, most lemony of all, heirloom from New Mexico. 22"
- 36 Red Rubin Basil, all purple leaves and flowers. 24-30"
- 37 * Eritrean, used in African cuisine. Compact plant with spicy aroma. new to us but sounds like it could be pretty enough to be an ornamental. 24"
- 38 Sweet Thai Basil, spicey anise-clove scent, small leaves, purple blossoms, great in pots, 12-18".

Perennials in 4" pots, \$3.00 each

- 39 Agastache foeniculum, Anise Hyssop, licorice flavored mint, a favorite tea. We use as a cut flower and to feed the bees which love it. 3-4'
- 40 Belamcanda chinensis, Blackberry Lily, member of the lily family, spotted orange flowers changing to blackberry-like seedpods. Partial shade or sun
- 41 Iris cristata, Dwarf Crested Iris, miniature woodland iris, blooms in early spring, will naturalize. 6"
- 42 Echinacea purpurea, Purple Coneflower, a favorite in the herbal world and beautiful flower in its own right. 2-3'
- 43 * Eryngium planum, "Blue Glitter" Sea Holly, Beautiful as a fresh or dried flower. We grew this in my early years and I've missed it. Hot, sun. 3-4'
- 44 Digitalis purpurea, Camelot Mix Foxglove, tall spikes of pastel flowers, blooms in the first year. is fine in sun or partial shade. 3-4'
- 45 * Eupatorium maculatum, Joe Pye Weed, these soft mauve flowers with their shaggy haircuts were a favorite of the bees last year. Medicinal. 3-4'
- 46 * Althaea officinalis, Marshmallow, a beloved medicinal plant that gave its name to the smores ingredient. Grows tall in full sun. 4-5'
- 47 Salvia officinalis, Common Sage, traditional sage for cooking, also good as a tea. 2'
- 48 Thymus vulgaris, **German Thyme**, fragrant favorite, welcome in the kitchen. 4".

Perennials in 6" pots, \$5.00 each

- 49 * Baptisia australis, Blue False Indigo, we separated our 15 year old plants and are sharing. Pea-like foliage and flowers in late spring. 4'
- 50 Primula veris, Cowslip (primrose), native perennial primrose with sweet yellow flowers on compact plant. Blooms early spring. 4"
- 51 Mentha spp., Chocolate mint, I was skeptical when I inherited these plants years ago but it makes the best tea ever. 12"
- 52 * Solidago spp., Goldenrod, an ornamental variety, we use as a cut flower and to provide homes for our beneficial insects over the winter. 4'
- 53 * Pycnanthemum spp., Mountain mint, a stalwart filler for our bouquets and absolute favorite of our pollinators. Strongly aromatic. 4'
- 54 Origanum heracleoticum, Greek oregano, heavy oregano aroma; great for pizza, 10-24".
- 858 Rosemarinus officinalis, Rosemary, A favorite at the farm for cooking, soap making, and lemonade. These are cuttings from our plants. 4-5
- 56 Asarum candensis, Wild Ginger, the first wildflower I fell in love with. Shade-loving ground cover with subtle blooms in spring. 6"
- 57 Dioscorea villosa, Wild Yam, vining woodland plant with heart shaped leaves and non-descript flowers. On the "watch list" for endangered plants.

Special Offers

- 58 **Tuberose**, divisions of tubers stored over winter. 5 tubers/bag. A bargain for these elegant, fragrant gems. Long vase life. 2-4'
- 59 * Tulips. We pull up our bulbs when we harvest, but we'll pack them so YOU can plant them for next year. Mix of yellows and pinks. 10/\$1
- 60 * Dahlias. One of our most beloved flower is our persimmon-colored dahlia. Of the smaller bloom size (about 2") but stunninging hued with shades of
- ---- yellow. We separated our tubers and have some extras for you. We'll pre-sprout so all you do is put in the ground. Full sun. 4-5'

Tomatoes, in 6" pots, \$3.50 each. (Days to maturity are from transplant date.)

Early Season Tomatoes

- 61 * Juliet, plum shaped hybrid with 1-2 oz grape-like sweet and early fruits. Versatile-good for stewing, fresh eating, saucing and drying. 60 days
- 62 Glacier, very early and very productive. Small fruited and cold tolerant. 58 days Determinate
- 63 Mountain Princess, from Monongahela Forest WV, very productive with small, red fruits. 68 days. Determinate

Smaller Fruited Tomatoes

- 64 Amy's Sugar Gem, developed by Jeff McCormack of SESE, red with light gold sparkles and sweet flavor. 75 days
- 65 **Principe Borghese,** an Italian heirloom with few seeds, little juice, and lots of flavor. Great for drying.75 days
- 66 Matt's Wild Cherry, heirloom from Mexico, very small, red fruits with a big taste. 60 days
- 67 **Sun Gold Cherry**, hands down our favorite cherry. sweet orange fruit. 57 days.

Paste Tomatoes

- 68 Amish Paste, huge for a plum (up to 12 oz), for sauce with superior flavor. Yields well, needs support. 85 days.
- 69 **Blue Beech,** large, meaty paste tomato and a favorite on our farm. 90 days
- 70 * Hog Heart, from Italy with many admirers in heirloom trials. A heart shaped meaty paste of 6-8 oz fruit. 86 days
- 71 Roma VF, VA Select, locally adapted strain of the reliable, popular and productive paste tomato. 75 days. Determinate
- 72 **San Marzano**, recommended by a gardening friend, this is a good canning tomato with disease resistance. 78 days.

Later Season Tomatoes

- 73 Abraham Lincoln, slightly acidic tomatoes with medium sized fruits and good disease resistance. 70 days.
- 74 **Big Rainbow**, large green, yellow and red fruits with good disease resistance high performance. 90 days
- 75 **Brandywine OTV**, considered the best of the brandywines, large and red. 72 days
- 76 **Cherokee Purple,** Old Cherokee heirloom with large (10-12 oz.) fruits. Wins our tomato tasting every year. 85 days
- 77 **Cosmonaut Volkov,** deep, red 8-12 oz fruits, "always good", sweet, rich and full bodied. 70 days.
- 78 * Goldie, century old heirloom bears 16-20 oz orange beefsteak like fruit. New for me, but rated by some as the best orange tomato. 75 days
- 79 **Druzba**, juicy with a mix of sweet and tart flavored 5 oz fruits. Productive and disease resistant. 75 days
- 80 **Eva's Purple Ball**, all purpose pink-purple 5-7 oz fruits with excellent flavor and disease resistance. 78 days
- Green Zebra, small, round fruit that is light green with dark green stripes. Sturdy and beautiful. 86 days.

 Mortgage Lifter VFN large red fruits. Even more disease resistant than its ancestor Radiator Charlie.
- 82 **Mortgage Lifter, VFN**, large red fruits. Even more disease resistant than its ancestor Radiator Charlie. 83 days
- 83 **Mule Team**, the "workhorse" tomato producing sweet red fruit with a tang. Long producing and good disease resistance. 86 days
- 84 Old German, a large yellow and red heirloom, overflowing with juice from the Shenandoah Valley. 78 days
- 85 Persimmon, beautiful, large, yellow fruits. A meaty, sweet slicer tomato with few seeds. 88 days
- 86 **Tropic VFN**, medium sized red fruit is perfect if you have trouble with disease (especially blight). 80 days
- 87 * Rutgers, the original strain from New Jersey with 4-6 oz fruits full of old time flavor and versatility. 75 days

Peppers in 4" pots

Sweet Peppers, \$2.50 each

- Ace Red, standard, early and heavy producing hybrid bell pepper. 50 days
- Ashe County Pimento, small, red, thick fleshed pimento pepper from NC. 70 days
- 90 Carmen, our favorite sweet pepper here on the farm. Long, tapered fruits ripen to sweet, red. Easy to prepare gems. 80 days
- 91 Doe Hill Golden, small, flattened bell heirloom from Highland County. High yielding orange fruits on compact plants. Good keeper. 60 days
- 92 Jimmy Nardellos Italian, easy to grow banana shaped sweet pepper, but great for drying too. 75 days.
- Jupiter, large bell pepper going from green to red. Great for stuffing. 75 days

Hot Peppers, \$2.00 each

- 94 Ancho 211, the classic "mole" pepper, but also great roasted. Brings a mild zing with flavor to some summer stirfries or burrito fillings. 88 days
- 95 **Early Jalapeno,** productive, thick walled summer necessity, especially if you like salsa. 75 days.
- 96 **Habanero**, if you like it hot, these are about as hot as it gets. Ripen to orange. 90 days
- 97 Long Red Narrow Cayenne, pungent super productive red chili, dries and stores well. 75 days

Wanting the seed to grow, my mind is one with the light.
Hoeing the crop, my hands are one with the rain.
Having cared for the plants, my mind is one with the air.
Hungry and trusting, my mind is one with the earth.
Eating the fruit, my body is one with the earth.

-----Wendell Berry