



Angelo Petitti's Essential Shrubs for Your Landscape

Angelo Petitti recommends the following shrubs as “must haves” for your landscape because they are all hardy in Northeastern Ohio, low maintenance, require little to no pruning or shearing, disease resistant, the flowering varieties are wonderfully long blooming or repeat blooming, and the combination of foliage color and texture, plant habit, and bark characteristics will provide 3 to 4 seasons of interest in the landscape.

- **Lilac Bloomerang® Purple** is the first of its kind to bloom repeatedly from spring through the fall! It has exceptional flowering traits as its ancestors, perfumed fragrance, clusters of deep violet buds open to lovely lilac colored panicles, wonderful deer resistance, and butterfly attractiveness, yet possesses a much more desirable, compact habit growing 4 to 5' tall and wide.
- **Hydrangea arborescens Invincibelle® Series**, a dramatic breeding breakthrough often referred to as the pink form of the classic 'Annabelle' hydrangea, yet it blooms prolifically through summer into fall producing 6-8" wide, pom-pom like flowers. Easy to maintain by simply pruning back to the ground in early spring. Attractive to birds and fabulous in the cutting garden for fresh or dried flower arrangements. Partial proceeds from the sale of these fantastic hydrangeas help support The Breast Cancer Research Foundation, so plant in large borders for all to enjoy!
- **Spiraea Double Play® Series** has taken an already fantastic landscape plant to the next level! This series consists of the best of the best Spiraea trialed out of thousands, boasting far more vibrant, sturdy and disease resistant foliage topped by larger and showier flowers. **'Artist'** was the first selected to the series with purplish-red new foliage turning grey-blue and violet-pink flowers. **'Big Bang'** begins the season with peach-orange growth changing to vivid lemon-yellow supporting the largest shell pink flowers of all varieties. **'Gold'** is a handsome dwarf producing tight, 24" tall mounds of golden foliage and fuchsia pink flowers. Rarely needs pruning, just shear spent flowers to enjoy another bloom cycle that the deer won't devour!
- **Butterfly Bush** breeding has made phenomenal advances in the last few years! Get ready to fall in love with *Buddleia* **'Miss Ruby'** and **Lo & Behold® 'Blue Chip'**. Awarded 1st and 2nd prize, respectively, in the Royal Horticultural Society *Buddleia* Trials for vivid color, compact, well-branched form and continuous blooming from June to frost. 'Miss Ruby' is a singularly spectacular rosy-violet, and 'Blue Chip' is a miniature, deep blue variety growing 30" tall. The astonishing **'English Butterfly Series'** contains three compact varieties that grow 1/3 the size of older types. **'Adonis Blue'**, **'Peacock'** pink, and **'Purple Emperor'** will make fine additions to any garden or container, adding fragrance, color, deer resistance and butterflies!
- **Blueberry 'Pink Lemonade'** you will have to grow it to believe it! This blueberry offers four seasons of garden interest for the entire family starting with charming, bell-shaped flowers of white and pale pink producing abundant berries maturing from soft green to deep rose-pink mid to late July. Fall foliage turns a spectacular golden orange, and attractive reddish-brown twigs with persistent fruit makes a perfect winter perch for the song birds. Its astonishing pink berries are medium sized possessing mild flavor and good firmness. Plant blueberries 'Reka' and 'Chippewa' for more abundant yields.
- **Buckthorn Fine Line®** combines fine, ferny textured foliage with a slender, upright habit that is readily adaptable to a variety of sunlight and soil conditions. Possesses excellent winter hardiness, heat tolerance (once established) providing an attractive solution for narrow garden beds, patio containers and establishing natural screens around a porch or patio. Slowly but steadily topping out at 7' tall by 2' wide, this handsome deciduous shrub is attractive to birds, rarely needs pruning, and provides dramatic fall interest with golden foliage, and ornamental (inedible) black berries.
- **Red-twig Dogwoods Arctic Fire™** is a fantastic addition to any winter landscape producing dwarf, well branched, bushy form that glows scarlet-red. It possesses good disease and deer resistance, making a clean, green hedge in summer and a breathtaking backdrop in winter. Flourishing in sunny, moist sites and containers.