



2015 MASTER GARDENER PLANT SALE

2015 CULINARY HERBS

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Basil	'Genovese'	<i>Ocimum basilicum</i>	x		18-24"	Large, dark green 2-3" long leaves are clove scented; bush plant; relatively slow to bolt; Italian strain regarded as the best for pesto; full sun.
Basil	'Italian Large Leaf'	<i>Ocimum basilicum</i>	x		24-30"	Large plant with medium-dark green leaves up to 4" long; slow to bolt; compared to Genovese, the scent and taste are sweeter; regarded as the essential variety for true Neapolitan cuisine, especially pesto; full sun.
Basil, Purple	'Amethyst Improved'	<i>Ocimum basilicum</i>	x		16-20"	Basil-Amethyst is very like Genovese with turned down, thick leaves, however, the leaves are a dark purple, almost black color; great cut flowers; would also make a very attractive and full-flavored addition to any Caprese salad or as a garnish; full sun.
Basil, Thai		<i>Ocimum basilicum</i> var. <i>thyrsoiflora</i>	x		12-24"	Green 2" leaves, purple stems; purple flowers July to frost; intensely sweet, anise-like fragrance and taste with a hint of mint and citrus; use leaves fresh or dried in tomato dishes, pasta sauces, vegetables and soups; use as companion plant to repel aphids, mites, and tomato hornworms; full sun.
Bronze Fennel	'Bronze'	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>		x	3-4 feet	Versatile herb and dramatic landscape plant and culinary herb; unique brownish bronze color deepens as the season progresses; sulfur-yellow flowers late summer; sprigs used to flavor salads, fish, sauces; anise flavored seeds; flavor and use are similar to those for regular fennel; full sun; attracts butterflies; deer resistant.
Caraway		<i>Carum Carvi</i>	Bien		18-24"	Fern-like green foliage can be used in salads; white flowers tinged with pink appear in mid-summer and produce fruits (erroneously called seeds) with an anise-like flavor used commonly in baking and cooking; thick tapering roots similar to parsnip can be cooked as a vegetable; thrives in any soil, even heavy soils; full sun.
Chives	'Purly'	<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i>		x	12-18"	Fragrant leaves are hollow spears and taste like onion; well-drained soil; spread 12-18"; forms dense clumps; showy deep pink flowers April-May; used for wide variety of recipes, cooked or as a garnish; full sun to part shade; drought tolerant; attracts bees and butterflies; deer resistant.
Chives, Garlic		<i>Allium tuberosum</i>		x	12-18"	Full sun to part shade; well-drained soil; spread 12-24"; showy fragrant white flowers Aug-Sept; fragrant flat-bladed leaves with garlic flavor; will naturalize/ remove spent flowers if you do not want it to reseed; full sun; drought tolerant; attracts butterflies; deer resistant.
Cilantro	'Santo'	<i>Coriandrum sativum</i>	x		12-20"	Variety bred to maximize foliage and slow bolt; white to pink flowers in summer; leaves are often used in combination with other herbs in Italian and Mexican cooking; also called Mexican or Chinese parsley; seeds are Coriander; full sun; attracts butterflies.

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Dill	'Superdukat'	<i>Anethum graveolens</i>	x		4½ -5 feet	Triploid strain is leafier and slower to bolt; edible yellow flowers in late summer; leaves add subtle but distinctive flavor to a variety of dishes including fish, vegetables, soups, salads, sauces, breads, and herb butters; seeds used primarily for pickling, vinegars and sauerkraut; uniform in height for easier leaf bunch harvesting; keep soil moist to avoid bolting; watch for aphids and tomato hornworms; full sun; attracts black swallowtail butterflies; deer resistant.
German Chamomile		<i>Matricaria recutita</i>	x		20-24"	Upright growth; white daisy-like flowers June to August; finely cut spring green leaves; highly aromatic of apples; sweeter taste than Roman chamomile; use fresh or dried; brew for hot or cold tea; deadhead to avoid self sowing; full sun to partial shade.
Horseradish		<i>Armoracia rusticana</i>		x	24-48"	Ornamental & culinary uses; pungent root used in relishes & sauces; easy to grow in well drained soil; propagate through root cuttings: full sun.
Lavender, English	'Hidcote Blue'	<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>		x	12-20"	Fragrant; spikes of deep violet blue blooms June-July; silver-gray leaves; moderate moisture; well-drained soil; light sandy soil; full sun; heat and drought resistant; attracts bees and butterflies; deer resistant.
Lavender, English	'Jean Davis'	<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>		x	12-18"	Culinary lavender with a somewhat fruity taste; fragrant blue-green leaves and pale pinkish flowers in summer; good cut or dried; well drained soil; doesn't like over watering but is otherwise pretty resilient; full sun; drought tolerant; attracts butterflies; deer resistant.
Lavender, English	'Melissa Lilac'	<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>		x	24-28"	Stunning large flower heads of vibrant lilac purple color in summer; sweetly fragrant flowers with a mild flavor for cooking and a nice addition to oils and infusions; 16 inch spread; silvery foliage; eye-catching addition to garden; well drained soil; full sun; drought tolerant; attracts bees and butterflies; deer resistant.
Lavender, English	'Mini Blue'	<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>		x	8-12"	Showy, compact; strong stems; purple-blue flower spikes in summer; flowers in its first year; fragrant, mid-green foliage with a dwarfed growing habit - much more compact and low growing than many lavender varieties; a long-flowering variety for edging and rock gardens; cold and disease tolerant; full sun; drought tolerant; attracts bees and butterflies; deer resistant.
Lemon Balm		<i>Melissa officinalis</i>		x	12-24"	Well-drained soil; spread 12-24"; small white flowers in summer; lemon-scented leaves used in herbal tea, fruit salads and herb butters; will naturalize; prefers sun but shade tolerant; drought tolerant; attracts bees; deer resistant.
Marjoram, Sweet		<i>Origanum majorana</i>	x	zone 7-9	12-24"	Compact plant which blooms in the late spring to summer; lilac to white flowers emerge from knot shaped buds; scent similar to oregano, but sweeter; leaves are commonly used to flavor salad dressings, vegetables, soups, sauces and stews; best used fresh but can be used dried as well; rub strong meats with sweet marjoram leaves before roasting for added flavor; said to be soothing, its leaves and flowers can be used in herbal teas; full sun.
Mint, Curly	'Curly'	<i>Mentha spicata</i> also called <i>Mentha crispa</i>		x	12-18"	Large frilly light green leaves on sturdy stalks; lilac flowers July to August; taste and smell similar to spearmint; to prevent unwanted spreading, plant with barriers and divide each spring; partial shade; drought tolerant; attracts butterflies; deer resistant.

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Mint, Pineapple	'Variegata'	<i>Mentha suaveolens</i>		x	21"	Creamy white and green leaves with a pineapple scent; edible flowers; tender perennial; spreads by underground runners; full sun; deer resistant.
Oregano		<i>Origanum vulgare</i>		x	18"	Pink flowers; aromatic flavorful leaves; used fresh or dried for year-round use; needs good drainage; will naturalize; full sun; drought tolerant; deer resistant.
Oregano, Greek		<i>Origanum vulgare</i> subsp. <i>Hirtum</i>		x	6-8"	Low, creeping growth habit; fragrant, intensely flavored, dark green leaves; use leaves fresh or dried for year-round culinary use; tiny, white flowers in July; needs well-drained soil; trim plants before flowering to promote additional foliage growth; will naturalize; drought tolerant; full sun; attracts butterflies; deer resistant.
Parsley, Flat	'Giant of Italy'	<i>Petroselinum crispum</i>	Bien		18-20"	Well-drained, rich soil; huge, dark green, flat leaves with great flavor and strong, upright stems; preferred culinary variety; very high yielding; biennial in zones 6-9, grown as an annual; full sun to part shade; some swallowtail butterflies use parsley as a host plant for their larvae.
Parsley, Curly	'Wega'	<i>Petroselinum crispum</i>	Bien		9-16"	Common culinary herb; finely cut, extra curly, dark green leaves; very uniform and dense upright growth habit makes it easy to harvest; used in Mediterranean or Middle East dishes or as a garnish; use as a decorative edging plant and in pots; full sun; some swallowtail butterflies use parsley as a host plant for their larvae.
Rosemary	'Upright'	<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	x	zone 8	3-4 feet	Most common Rosemary variety; it's the one we are all familiar with in the kitchen, leaves are a mainstay for cooking and as garnish; does well when potted; narrow grayish needle-like foliage that grows upright; light purple-blue edible flowers in spring; full sun; deer resistant.
Sage, Common	'Common'	<i>Salvia officinalis</i>		x	18"	Spread 15"; blooms June; blue, lavender blooms; fragrant gray-green leaves; woody stem; pinch to promote fullness; full sun; tolerates drought; attracts butterflies; deer resistant.
Sage, Common	'Purpurascens'	<i>Salvia officinalis</i>		x	12-24"	Lavender blooms May-June; fragrant leaves; grown for purple foliage; hardy to Zone 6; full sun; drought tolerant; attracts butterflies; deer resistant.
Sage, Tricolor	'Tricolor'	<i>Salvia officinalis</i>		x	12-18"	Spread 12-18"; lilac blue blooms in May-June; fragrant leaves are grayish-green white and purple, edged with pink; may not be winter hardy; well-drained soil; full sun; drought tolerant; attracts butterflies; deer resistant.
Tarragon, French		<i>Artemisia dracunculus</i>		x	24"	Anise flavored leaves are used with fish, poultry and vinegar; needs well-drained soil; full sun to part shade; deer resistant.
Thyme, Caraway		<i>Thymus herba-barona</i>		x	2-6"	Spread 8-12"; pink, purple, or lavender blooms in June and July; tiny leaves fragrant of caraway when crushed; easily grown in average, dry to medium, well-drained soil; low growing, creeping — can use as ground cover; full sun; drought tolerant; attracts butterflies and bees; deer resistant.
Thyme, Culinary		<i>Thymus vulgaris</i>		x	12"	The most common thyme used in cooking; tiny lilac flowers late spring to early summer; aromatic grey-green leaves used fresh or dried; cut back plants to encourage fresh growth; moist, well-drained soil; full sun; drought tolerant; attracts bees and butterflies; deer resistant.

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Thyme, Lemon creeping		<i>Thymus x citriodorus</i>		x	2-4"	Fragrant of lemons; tiny oblong dark green leaves; small pink flowers; moist, well drained soil; 12" spread; full sun; drought tolerant; attracts bees; deer resistant.
Thyme, Lemon Variegated		<i>Thymus x citriodorus</i>		x	3"	Golden edged leaves, variegated, fragrance of lemons; slightly sharper flavor than lemon thyme; small pink flowers; moist, well-drained soil; 12" spread; full sun; drought tolerant; attracts bees; deer resistant.

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