

The Village Garden Center's Garden Club Newsletter

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Viburnums

The viburnums are one of the most outstanding groups of shrubs for use in landscape planting. Among their characteristics are variation in size from 2 feet to 30 feet, varied growth habits, excellent foliage, striking and fragrant flowers, showy fruit, and interesting winter appearance. In the landscape, viburnums are effective in many situations. The smaller varieties 'carlesii compacta and opulus compactum are excellent for planting close to houses, and the larger forms such as lantana

Did you know... One tree produces up to 260 pounds of oxygen a year. That is more than enough to supply oxygen to a family of four people.

and prunifolium provide good specimen and screen planting.

The flowers, primarily white in color, are borne in clusters, ranging from a rounded snowball shape to a flat form. The berries of the viburnum range in colors from red to deep purple and blue. On some of the varieties the berries have several colors at the same time.

An example being the 'Winterthur' Viburnum. Viburnums often have awesome fall color with leaves changing to red, burgundy and some to purple. There are also a few varieties that hold on to their leaves and are considered semi-evergreen.

The best thing about the shrub that they call queen of all shrubs is their adaptation into the landscape. They don't require excellent soil. They thrive not only in shady situations but also in full sun. They have landscape interest for at least three of the four seasons-with a few varieties even having some great winter interest. Some of my favorites that I use in lots of landscapes plans are:

***Cardinal Candy:** 6 feet tall, 4 feet wide. Creamy white flowers. Persistent, scarlet red berries. Turns red in the fall.

***Korean Spice:** 4-6 feet tall, 4-6 feet wide. Pink buds that turn into white flowers. Extremely fragrant. Red berries that turn black. Red fall color that changes to purple.

***Leatherleaf:** 10 feet tall, 6 feet wide. Creamy yellow flowers, slightly fragrant. Red berries that turn black.

They retain their leaves most of the year and are considered semi-evergreen.

***Witherod:** 6-10 feet tall, 6-8 feet wide. White, 5 inch a cross blooms, Berries in colors of green, pink, blue and black. Reddish purple fall foliage.

***Lantana Variegated:** 8 feet tall, 8 feet wide. White/yellow flower. Red berries turning to black. Variegated foliage in the summer months. Yellow fall foliage.

***Michael Dodge:** 8-10 feet tall, 6-8 feet wide. White flowers. Yellow fruit. Red fall color.

***Japanese Doublefile:** (maybe my favorite) 8-10 feet tall, 10-12 feet wide. White lacetop flowers that run lengthwise on the stem. Bright red fruit that turns blue

Did you know... Trees get about 90% of their nutrition from the atmosphere (carbon dioxide, etc.) and only about 10% from the soil.

Did you know... A tree can absorb as much carbon in a year as a car produces, driven over 8,500 miles

GARDEN CLUB SPECIALS - August
30% off
(garden club members only)
Rudbeckia- Gallon (limit 1)
Decorative Yard Stake (limit 1)
Bagged Mulch (limit 2)

Hail Auction - Trees, Shrubs, Perennials
Saturday, July 17th - 1:00pm

Garden Club Meeting
Saturday, July 17th, 10am
Please call and let us know if you are attending. **Thanks**