Colorful, Durable, Captivating (Heuchera, Tiarella & Heucherella)

What a difference imagination can make in a garden! Especially for those who design landscapes or garden in the shade.

Those who ask for flowers in the shaded garden or landscape are missing out! Missing out on all the wonderful colors and textures that have been introduced by Heuchera, Tiarella & Heucherella.



HEUCHERA



Heuchera x Tokyo



We've seen an explosion in the past 10-15 years of Heuchera in various colors, leaf shapes, textures and sizes.

From round lobes to frilly edges, miniature to big and bold, colors from lightest champagne and lime green to brilliant rose and purple to deep, almost black shades.

For a time, it seemed foliage color was king, and those lovely delicate bells of coral red were forgotten. But they are back!

Bright rose, scarlet red, soft pink and, of course, those warm coral red bells are making a come back.







Something else to love about Heuchera is its semievergreen tendencies. Here in the Upper-upper Midwest, Heuchera keeps its leaves all winter as protection for the roots that lie close to the surface. In spring, it wakes up with fresh foliage early in the spring and just needs a quick clean up of the dead leaves to be ready for the season ahead.

The foliage changes color throughout the season, which is awesome to watch. In fall, the foliage again contributes to the garden until frost and snow send it into dormancy.



Heuchera x Changeling PPAF

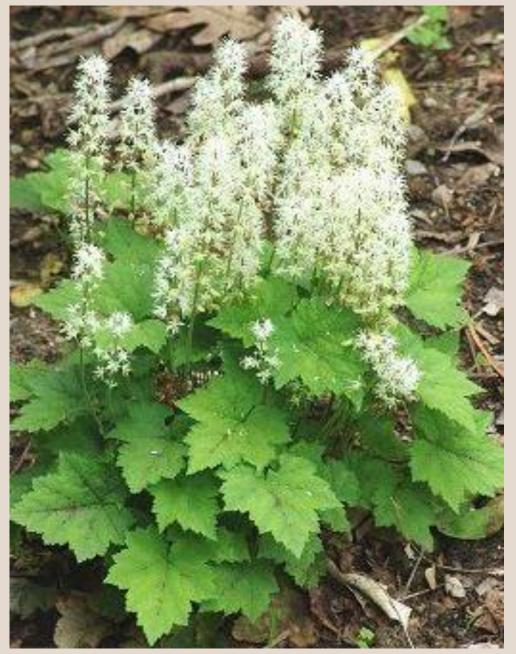


Heuchera loves part shade to part sun (morning or afternoon sun) and well-draining soil to prevent root rot. Amending with compost can help by improving the soil quality, especially if the soil is heavy with clay. It also helps keep the soil consistently moist but not waterlogged.

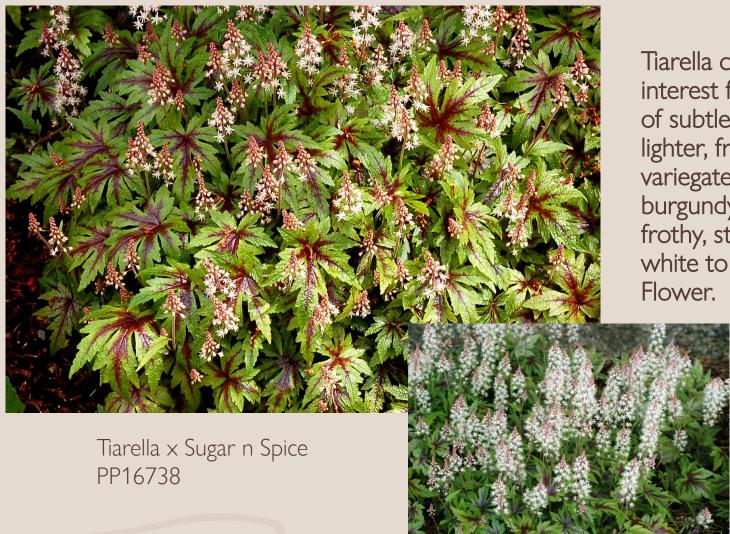
Heuchera is excellent as a groundcover, edging plant or container filler. Plant it with other shade-loving perennials like ferns, hosta and shade-loving ornamental grasses.

And there is one Heuchera that is native to Wisconsin, Heuchera richardsonii.

TIARELLA



Tiarella cordifolia



Tiarella cordifolia is a classic woodland plant. Its interest for the gardener or designer lies in its range of subtle green foliage from deep forest green to lighter, fresher hues, with various marbled or variegated patterns that add unexpected touches of burgundy, silver and pink. In spring, profuse clusters of frothy, star-shaped blooms on wiry stems in shades of white to pink give it the common name of Foam Flower.



Tiarella x Pink Skyrocket PP13382

In fall the foliage of many Tiarella undergo a fiery transformation, changing to red, orange or bronze shades. This shift brings additional interest to the fall garden or landscape when many other plants are winding down.

Tiarella cordifolia and Tiarella wherryi are both native to Wisconsin. However, Tiarella wherryi is a clump-forming perennial, whereas Tiarella cordifolia is stoloniferous, spreading by underground runners. This makes Tiarella cordifolia an excellent spreading groundcover.





In general:

- Tiarella likes more shade than its cousin Heuchera. Grow it in part to full shade.
- Tiarella also tolerates more moisture than Heuchera and prefers consistently moist to damp soil that is humus-y and organically rich.
- Tiarella does better in hot, humid climates than many Heucheras.
- Tiarellas are not as prone to disease.

Tiarella works well as a groundcover or edging plant. Pair it with Heuchera and/or x Heucherella for a beautiful, textural contrast in shade containers.

(x) Heucherella



(X) Heucherella x FUN AND GAMES ® Eye Spy PP30532



(X) Heucherella x Stoplight PP16835

(x) Heucherella is an intergeneric cross of Heuchera and Tiarella, displaying the best of both parents. It is usually a clumping perennial hybrid with a low growing, compact habit (although there are several Heucherella that have a trailing habit) that combines the brilliant foliage of Heuchera and the leaf patterns and shapes, and disease resistance, from Tiarella. The foliage tends to be more finely cut than Heuchera, but not as fine as Tiarella. The result is striking, variegated patterns with color combinations including greens, yellows, reds and silvers, and blooms with open sprays of white to pink.

(x) Heucherella works well in small groups, massed in a border front, in a rock garden or woodland, in containers or window boxes. Use it as a groundcover or edging plant. Pair it with Heuchera and/or Tiarella for a beautiful, textural contrast in shade containers.





In general:

- (X) Heucherella likes part shade (afternoon sun) to part sun (morning sun).
- Darker colored varieties tend to be more sun tolerant when established. Plant them in part shade or afternoon sun.
- (X) Heucherella prefers well-draining but consistently moist soil that is humus-y and organically rich.
- Removing the spent flowers and any damaged foliage will encourage longer bloom times and a tidier plant.

thank you

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