

# 2026 New Introductions

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## Shrubs



**Sunjoy Fast Neo® Barberry** This vibrant barberry grows larger and faster than its predecessor Sunjoy Neo®, reaching 3-5 feet tall and wide. This faster growth also means that it gets a robust root system in place earlier, meaning less time watering an establishing plant. Its foliage boasts more intense red hues for a striking impact in your landscape. An option for gardeners who need big impact quickly, for the long run. Grows 36 - 60 Inches high, 36 - 48 Inches wide, Proven

Winners



**Berry Scape® Aronia arbutifolia** As a species native to North America, Berry Scape aronia thrives in a range of challenging conditions. Tolerating heat, drought, and poor soil. Its first display is a cloud of nicely spaced white flowers in springtime, looking loose and carefree in the garden. Those flowers turn into super showy clusters of berries, which ripen from yellow to orange to vibrant red. The color progression is fun to watch, and provides a feast for birds which is another show altogether! Foliage also turns a brilliant red in fall, turning it into a well-rounded showpiece for native gardens and formal spaces alike. Grows 48 - 60 Inches high, 48 - 60 Inches wide, Proven Winners



**Double Play Dolly® Spirea** The big color arrives early in spring as the new foliage fills in, lighting the small shrub up with blazing orange-red color. Foliage matures to a dazzling chartreuse color and in late spring, equally dazzling electric purple blooms arrive to make a truly eye-popping color combo. Its compact size fits nicely at the front of the border as edging or low hedging. Grows 18 - 30 Inches high, 18 - 30 Inches wide, Proven Winners



Lagerstroemia 'Sweet Macchiato' Crape myrtle This upright, branched and bushy selection boasts very dark looking foliage. The leaves are dark blue-green, with the glossy deep red new growth making the tips look like they are on fire. In late summer, glossy red buds burst open to sweet, hot pink flower clusters with mustard yellow stamens. Green seed pods follow

the flowering performance. Grows 2.5-3.0 Feet high, 3.0-3.5 Feet wide, Bluestone Perennials



Perfecto Mundo® Double Purple Reblooming Azalea In a perfect world, azaleas would bloom for months instead of just weeks and have big, full flowers with pure and true colors. That's exactly what Perfecto Mundo® azaleas do. This innovative series comes from award-winning plant breeder Dr. Tom Ranney of NCSU. Perfecto Mundo® Double Purple azalea brings a deeply saturated purple to the line, along with ruffled, double flowers. Look for them to begin their colorful bloom in

spring, along with other azaleas, then after a brief rest to create new growth, put out new flowers from mid/late summer until frost. Grows 30 - 36 Inches high, 36 Inches wide, Proven Winners



Lil' Raspberry™ Butterfly Bush Invite the butterflies to your garden with this super compact, heat-loving butterfly bush. Butterfly Candy Lil' Raspberry™ will bring a splash of fragrant ruby-colored blooms to your garden this spring to fall. Plant these easy-care shrubs for all of your favorite pollinators, and they will not be disappointed! Mature size: 2-3' tall and wide. Deer resistant. Several colors available: Lil' Coconut™: Creamy white flowers with pale yellow bases, Lil' Grape™: Vibrant purple-grape colored flowers., Lil' Lavender™: Light, soft lavender blooms with orange throats., Lil' Taffy™

Bubblegum pink flowers with a, tapering, dense habit.



**Abeliophyllum distichum White Forsythia Rounded**, deciduous shrub produces arching branches. In spring, purple buds open to slightly fragrant clusters of white blooms covering the branches before the leaves unfold. Profuse blooming makes this a great specimen for the shrub border. Works well with yellow forsythias. Grows 3-5 ft high, 3-4 ft wide



**Seaside Serenade® Hanalei Bay Hydrangea** The newest color in the Seaside Serenade® series of sturdy, reblooming hydrangeas. Forms a dense, rounded shrub with fantastically dark foliage backing big mopheads of deep magenta, slightly frilled flowers with light green to white centers. The thick foliage resists wilting and scorching. Deciduous. Grows 3ft tall and wide, Monrovia



**Just Chill™ Double Mauve Camellia** The abundant and colorful blooms of the Just Chill camellia series light up the fall garden! Especially gardens with a bit more chill in the air, as these beauties were selected for their improved cold hardiness. The thick evergreen foliage adds drama and good texture to the garden year round, making these moderately large shrubs good for the middle of the border and perfect as hedging. Just Chill™ Double Mauve camellia has mauve-pink flowers, easily popping in the fall garden. Grows 60 - 96 Inches high, 36 - 60 Inches wide, Proven Winners