

## 2021 LSHR Plant Releases

**1. *Ardisia crenata* 'Beni Kujaku' MYRSINACEAE** (Beni Kujaku Ardisia) – Small evergreen shrub with deep, burgundy-purple lanceolate leaves highlighted with bright pink. Produces small white flowers in spring followed by clusters of showy, red berries in the winter. Grows to 4'. Prefers part shade. Propagated by seed.

**2. *Leycesteria formosa* 'Jealousy' CAPRIFOLIACEAE** (Himalayan Honeysuckle) – Multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with chartreuse foliage. Produces 4" drooping clusters of small, white flowers with burgundy bracts in late summer borne on the terminal ends of hollow stems. Grows to 4' x 3'. Prefers part shade and tolerates wet soil. Great butterfly and hummingbird plant. Propagated by seed and cuttings.

**3. *Ophiopogon jaburan* 'Crystal Falls' ASPARAGACEAE** (Crystal Falls Mondo Grass) – Evergreen mounding perennial with glossy, dark-green leaves that are wider than other *Ophiopogon* species. Produces panicles of star-shaped, white flowers in summer followed by bright-blue berries in winter. Grows 2' x 2'. Prefers shade. Propagated by division. ('HO�F' PP#17430)

**4. *Pseudocdonia sinensis* ROSACEAE** (Chinese Quince) – Small tree with shiny, dark-green leaves with finely serrated margins. Produces small, light-pink flowers in spring followed by large edible fruit in fall. The original seed came from Martha Stewart's Farm in New York State and given to Buddy Lee by Don Shadow of TN. Buddy selected 10 seedlings that appeared to be tolerant of fire blight. Grow to 15' with dense, upright branching. Prune lower branches when young to create a more desirable tree form. Produces flakey, exfoliating bark in colors of gray, green, and orange. Colorful fall foliage. Prefers full sun and well drained soil. Propagated by seed.

**5. *Rhododendron* x 'Mel's Rose' ERICACEAE** (Mel's Rose Native Azalea) – Deciduous Azalea hybridized by Mel and Ruby Williams from Washington, Parish, LA in 1971. Produces clusters of showy pink flowers in spring. Oval growth pattern maturing at 3'-4'. Propagated by cuttings.

**6. *Viola sororia* 'Albifolia' VIOLACEAE** (White Wood Violet) – Herbaceous perennial with heart-shaped leaves emerging from small rhizomes and forming dense clumps. Produces 1" white, five-petaled flowers with delicate violet lines radiating from the throat of the bottom petal. Blooms in spring and early summer. Prolific self-seeder. Grows 4" x 6". Prefers part shade, but extremely adaptable to most locations. Propagation by seed and rhizomes.