

Everything but the Kitchen Sink: Recipes for Great Mixed Borders

The Arnold Arboretum Symposium: Innovative Design for Garden Beds, Borders, and Containers

Several of the gardens in this lecture are among the 15 featured on the website. I know you'll enjoy them all. As you can see, a landscape's overall layout—plus its “hardscape” of pathways and terracing, pool and tennis court—provides its structure. Distinctive horticulture provides its beauty, transforming a functional outdoor space into an inviting garden.

I've listed the plants that were highlighted in the lecture, and their availabilities among 16 exceptional vendors so that you can purchase the plants for your own garden. Chiltern, Seeds of Change and JL Hudson are mail-order seed houses. Broken Arrow, Tranquil Lake and Sylvan sell plants on-site. All the others sell plants mail order.

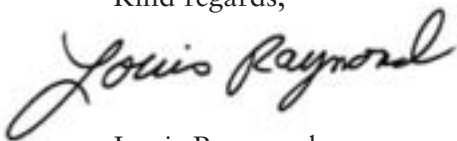
Kurt Bluemel is usually wholesale only, so your local nurseryman may need to order for you—but sincerity and charm never hurt, so call them up to enquire about a bit of retail shopping anyway. Whatever the price, it will be well worth it!

Sometimes the most desirable plants are also the least available. Indeed, I couldn't find a single current source in the US this year for the three plants marked “call me.” Please let me know if you have better luck finding a US nursery for either linden standards or white-flowered Japanese bush clover or Goldenvale rubus. Yellow-leaved groundcover raspberry is such an enthusiastic colonizer that if you're ever passing through I'd be happy to dig some from my own patch in Rhode Island.

The standards of catalpa and euonymus, which are formed by grafting, are imported from Sheridan Nursery, in Georgetown, Ontario, Canada. To my knowledge they are not otherwise available in the US. Your local nursery may or may not be able to import from Sheridan, because of minimum-quantity requirements and shipping logistics. I usually receive (by 18-wheeler!) one order every other year from Sheridan. Please call to enquire if I can include your order as part of my semi-annual shipment.

Don't hesitate to be in touch about any facet of the lecture, or about horticulture and design in general.

Kind regards,



Louis Raymond

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Shrubs, trees, standards, tender tubers, unusual agriculturals and edibles, self-seeders, grasses, vines, natives, and, yes, even perennials to include in your “flower” border. Mixed indeed!

Latin	Common	Sources
SHRUBS:		
<i>Aralia elata</i> ‘Aureovariegata’	Variegated aralia	6
<i>Aucuba japonica</i> ‘Mr. Goldstrike’	Mr. Goldstrike aucuba	8
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i> ‘Aurea’	Gold-leaved barberry	8
<i>Buxus sempervirens</i> ‘Suffruticosa’	Dwarf box	8
<i>Cornus alba</i> ‘Aurea’	Yellow-leaved siberian dogwood	6
<i>Cornus alba</i> ‘Elegantissima’	Variegated siberian dogwood	8
<i>Euonymus japonica</i> ‘Silver King’	Silver King euonymus	8
<i>Daphne</i> ‘Carol Mackie’	Carol Mackie daphne	8
<i>Forsythia intermedia</i> ‘Gold Leaf’	Yellow-leaved forsythia	6
<i>Kerria japonica</i> ‘Picta’	Variegated dwarf kerria	6
<i>Kerria japonica</i> ‘Golden Guinea’	Golden Guinea kerria	8
<i>Ligustrum vicaryi</i>	Yellow privet	8
<i>Lespedeza japonica</i>	Upright white bushclover	Where?
<i>Lespedeza thunbergia</i> ‘Gibraltar’	Pink-flowered weeping bush clover	3
<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i> ‘Schipkaensis’	"Skip" laurel	8
<i>Rosa</i> ‘Paul’s Himalayan Musk’	Paul’s Himalayan Musk Rose	1
<i>Rubus odoratus</i>	Fragrant raspberry	8
<i>Rubus cockburnianus</i> ‘Goldenvale’	Gold-leaved ghost bramble	Where??
<i>Rubus idaeus</i> ‘Aureus’	Gold-leaved groundcover raspberry	Call Me!
<i>Salix eleagnos</i>	Rosemary-leaved willow	6
<i>Sorbaria arborea</i>	Tree sorbaria	13
TREES:		
<i>Acer palmatum</i> ‘Sengo Kaku’	Red-twig maple	8
<i>Acer japonicum</i> ‘Green Cascade’	Green Cascade Japanese maple	8
<i>Acer shirasawanum</i> ‘Aureum’	Full-moon maple	11
<i>Catalpa bignonioides</i> ‘Aurea’	Yellow-leaved catalpa (Spring pollard)	17
<i>Catgalpa erubescens</i> ‘Purpurea’	Black-leaved catalpa (Spring pollard)	17
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i> ‘Purple Fountain’	Purple Fountain beech	8
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> ‘Aureo-marginatum’	Variegated tulip tree (Spring pollard)	13
<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> ‘Bracken’s Brown Beauty’	Hardy southern magnolia	8
<i>Paulownia tomentosa</i>	Empress tree (Spring pollard)	13
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> ‘Frisia’	Golden-leaved locust (Spring pollard)	17
<i>Salix alba</i> ‘Sericea’	White-leaved willow (Spring pollard)	18

SOME STANDARDS:

<i>Althea syriacus</i> 'Diana' STD	White Rose-of-Sharon, untrained	Anywhere!
<i>Buddleia alternifolia</i> 'Argentea' STD	Spring-flowered silver-leaved buddleia, untrained only	6
<i>Catalpa bignonioides</i> 'Nana' STD	Standard of dwarf catalpa	Call Me
<i>Euonymus fortunei</i> 'Sarcoxie' STD	Standard of Sarcoxie euonymus	Call Me
<i>Hydrangea a. petiolaris</i> STD	Climbing hydrangea, untrained only	8
<i>Poncirus trifoliata</i> STD	Hardy orange, untrained only	13
<i>Stephanandra tanakae</i> STD	Tanakan stephanandra, untrained only	13

A TENDER TUBER OR TWO:

<i>Canna</i> 'Russian Giant'	Russian Giant canna	12
<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>	Elephant Ears	Agway!
<i>Galdiolus callianthus</i>	Peacock "orchids"	Agway!
Colorful <i>Colocasia</i> heaven!	Black-leaved taros galore!	3

SOME UNUSUAL AGRICULTURALS & EDIBLES:

<i>Abelmoschus manihot</i>	Ornamental okra	16
<i>Amaranthus caudatus</i>	Love Lies Bleeding	16
<i>Atriplex hortensis</i> var. <i>purpurea</i>	Red orach	16
<i>Crambe maritima</i>	Sea kale	16
<i>Cynara cardunculus</i>	Cardoon	16
<i>Nicotiana tobacum</i> 'Rosea'	Pink-flowered smoking tobacco	16
<i>Perilla frutescens</i>	Red Shizo	16
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle	16
<i>Sorghum bicolor</i> 'Technicum'	Broom Corn	10

THINGS THAT SEED AROUND:

<i>Agastache rupestris</i>	Korean mint	16
<i>Impatiens roylei</i> (<i>glandulifera</i>)	Himalayan impatiens	16
<i>Malva sylvestris</i> 'Brave Heart'	Wood mallow	16
<i>Oenothera glazoviana</i> 'Tina James'	Tina James' evening primrose	7
<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>	Scotch thistle	16

SOME GRASSES:

<i>Arundo donax</i>	Giant reed	10
<i>Arundo donax</i> 'Variegata'	Striped giant reed	10
<i>Hakonechloa macro</i> 'Aureola'	Variegated hakone grass	8
<i>Leymus arenarius</i>	Blue lyme grass	8
<i>Miscanthus gracilimus</i> 'Variegata'	Variegated fountain grass	8
<i>Panicum virgatum</i> 'Heavy Metal'	Heavy Metal switch grass	8

SOME VIBRANT VINES:

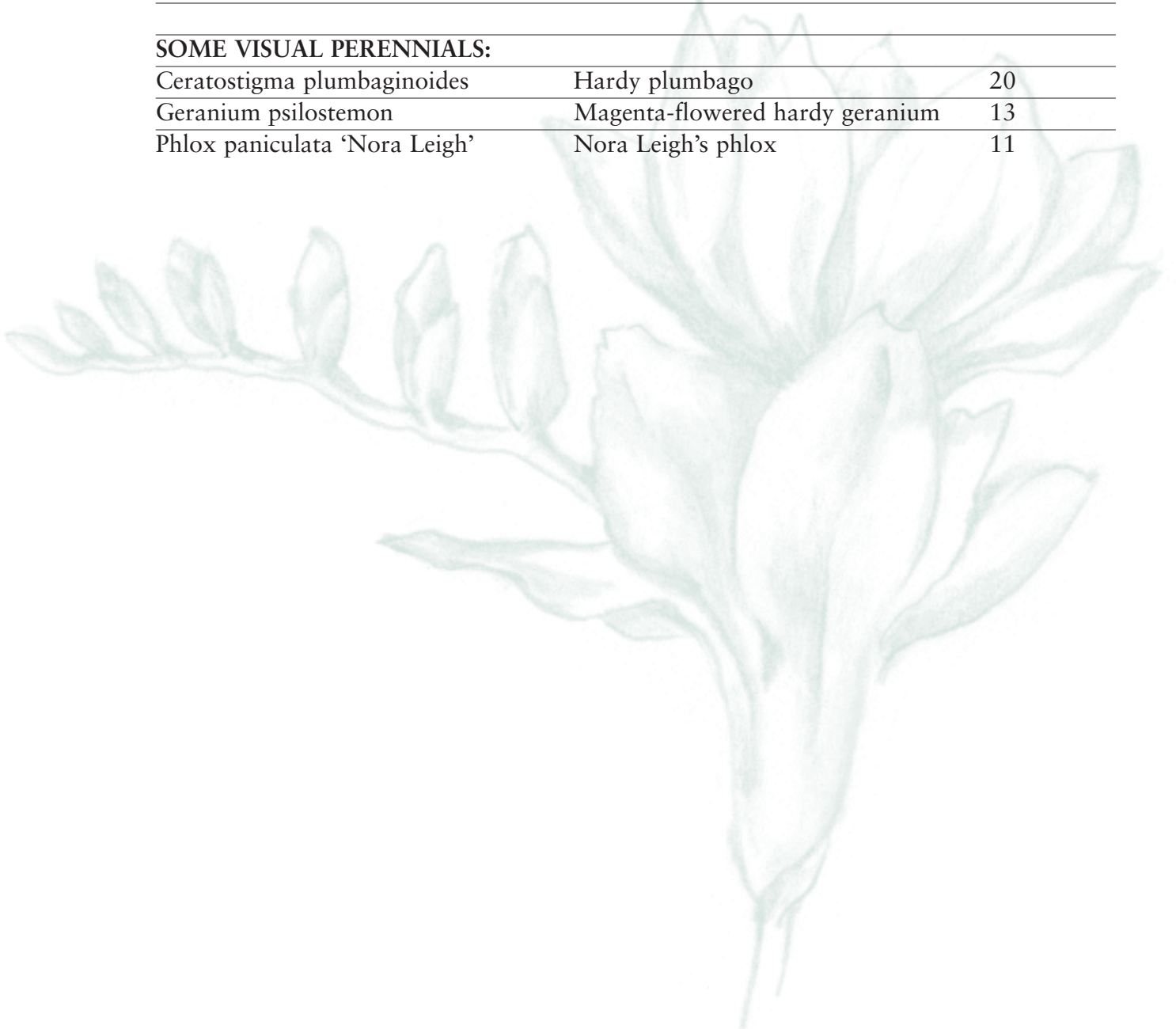
<i>Clematis henryi</i>	Henry's clematis	5
<i>Clematis</i> 'Lady Murasaki'	Lady Murasaki's clematis	5
<i>Clematis</i> 'Niobe'	Niobe's clematis	5
<i>Hedera colchica</i> 'Sulphur Heart'	Sulphur Heart persian ivy	8
<i>Humulus lupulus</i> 'Aureus'	Golden hops	5
<i>Vitis vinifera</i> 'Purpurea'	Tenturier grape	5

SOME NATIVES:

<i>Achillea macrophylla</i>	Big-leaved achillea	14
<i>Aralia cordata</i>	Herbaceous aralia	11
<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	Rattlesnake master	15
<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>	Cup plant	15
<i>Yucca glauca</i>	Blue yucca	13

SOME VISUAL PERENNIALS:

<i>Ceratostigma plumbaginoides</i>	Hardy plumbago	20
<i>Geranium psilostemon</i>	Magenta-flowered hardy geranium	13
<i>Phlox paniculata</i> 'Nora Leigh'	Nora Leigh's phlox	11



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roguevalleyroses.com

2. Plant Delights

9241 Sauls Road, Raleigh, NC 27603
T: 919-772-4794
F: 919-662-0370
plantdelights.com

3. Joy Creek Nursery

20300 NW Watson Road, Scappoose, OR 97056
T: 503-543-7474
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joycreek.com

4. Broken Arrow Nursery

13 Broken Arrow Rd., Hamden, CT 06518
T: 203-288-1026
F: 203-287-103
brokenarrownursery.com

5. Carroll Gardens

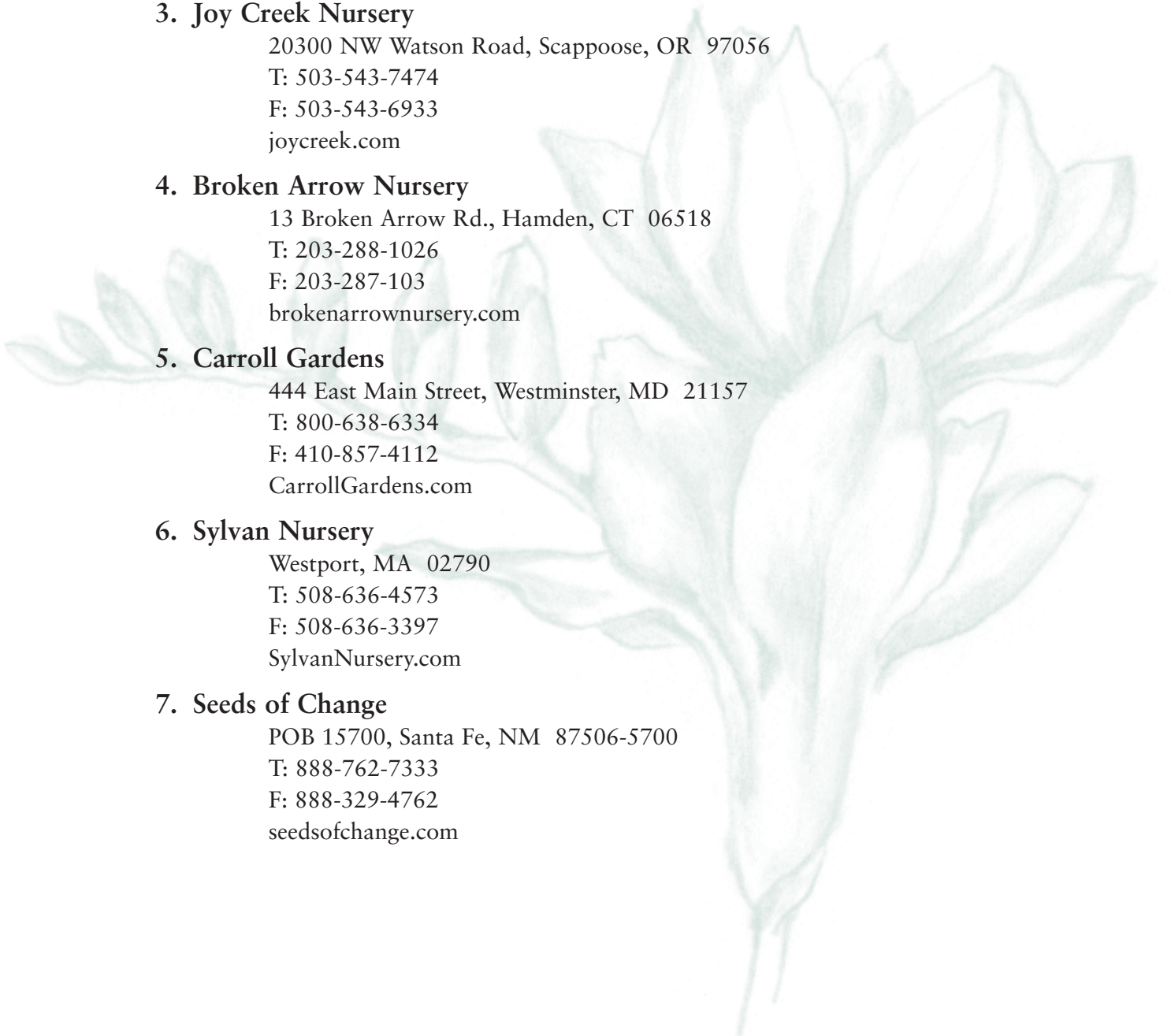
444 East Main Street, Westminster, MD 21157
T: 800-638-6334
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CarrollGardens.com

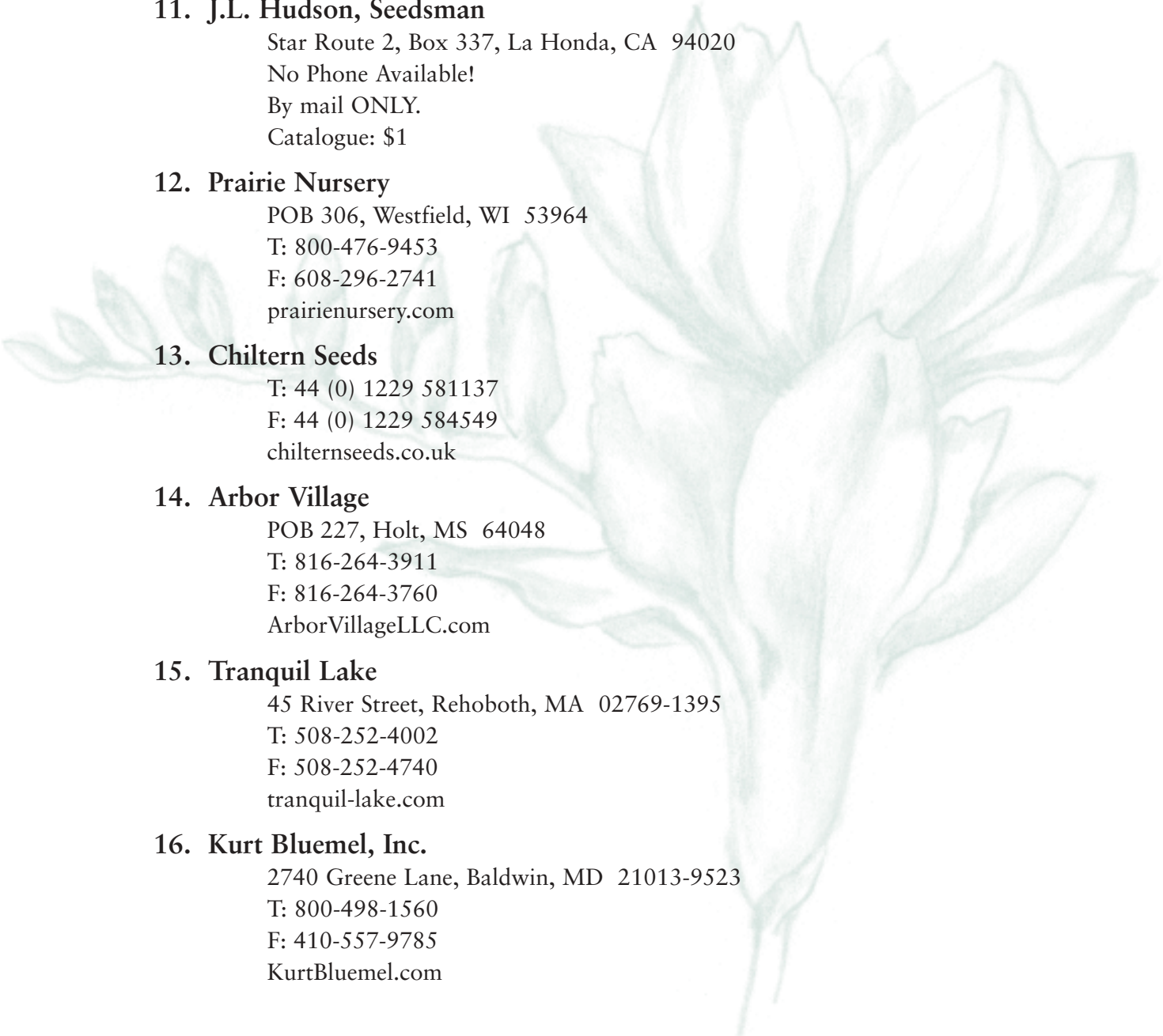
6. Sylvan Nursery

Westport, MA 02790
T: 508-636-4573
F: 508-636-3397
SylvanNursery.com

7. Seeds of Change

POB 15700, Santa Fe, NM 87506-5700
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- 8. Heronswood Nursery**
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