ALTERNATIVES TO LAWNS - MEADOWS & OTHER
INFORMAL GARDEN AREAS
Snow Ferrenia 2021

Man Made Meadow – Prairie
Dandylion Lawn !!!
The Lawn Effect - Barren, Sterile & Abundant Extremes
Meadows – natural & man made
Reducing Lawn Area
The Many In Betweens – Goals & Consider Winter Cover
Small Mixed Border

EPHEMERALS
Many choices
The Diversity of Bulbs
Muscaria armeniacum – Grape Hyacinth & Narcissus – Daffodil
Anemone blanda – Grecian Windflower & Hakonechloa macra Aureola
Erythronium americanum – Dogtooth Violet & Claytonia virginiana –
Spring beauty Camassia leitchlini var caerulea- Camassa & (C. scilloides – Wild Hyacinth)
Eremurus bungei – Foxtail Lily; with Panicum – Switch Grass &
E. reuiter hyb Pinocchio
The many ways to include bulbs in the landscape. Chionodoxa lucilliae
Glory of the Snow
Narcissus Fragrant Breeze; Narcissus Thalia

ALLIUMS
Allium aflatunense Purple Sensation, Allium ostrowskianum (oreophilum) &
thunbergii (fall blooming)
Allium stipatatum Mount Everest (A.Mt Sinai) with Hosta & Nepeta
Allium senescens Glaucum – Chives (Allium stellatum – Prairie Onion)
with Pennisetum Little Bunny & Muhlenbergii capillaris – Pink
GROUND-COVERS
Woods edge – Geranium maculatum- Cranesbill; Geranium macrorrhizum
Epimediums – all are excellent & Calamintha nepetoides
Paths, formal; informal, grass be gone – The Look

WOODIES
Rose Knockout Pink
Aesculus parviflora – Bottlebrush Shrub
Diospyros virginiana – Paw Paw
Enkianthus campanulatus
Rhodoendron calendulaceum – Flame Azaleas. Carvers Gap
Rhododendron hybrids under high shade

PERENNIALS
Senecio aureus – Golden Ragwort. Good for Transition Zones
Silphium perfoliatum – Indian Cup, Echinacea purpurea – Purple
       Coneflower, Liatris spicata Alba – White Blazing Star, Eupatorium
       fasciculata – Joe-Pye-Weed
Agastache Blue Fortune – Hyssop; Agastache Ava – Hummingbird Mint
Filipendula rubra – Queen of the Prairie & Kalimeris pinnatifida –
       Japanese Aster
Asclepias tuberosa – Butterfly Weed
Asclepias incarnata Ice Ballet – Swamp Milkweed
Asclepias syriaca – Common Milkweed & seed head (purpurascens)
       Baptisa australis – Baptisa or False Indigo & Baptisia alba, Ceratostigma
       plumbaginoides – Leadwort
Amsonia hubrechtii – Thread-Leaf Bluestar. Fall colour
Boltonia asteroides Snowbank & Sedum Autumn Fire
Rudbeckia fulgida & Perovskia atriplicifolia – Russian Sage formal
Rudbeckia hirta & Eupatorium purpureum & grass informal
Echinacea Razzmatazz & Echinacea Fragrant Angel (White Swan)
Echinacea pallida- Pale Purple Coneflower
Perennials Used in a formal and informal setting – think maintenance etc

INFERTILE & SANDY WELL DRAINED SOILS
Lupinus perennis - Lupine & Linum perenne –Blue Flax
Eryngium yuccifolium – Rattlesnake Master & Salvias
Dry border walk; Verbena bonariensis, Schizachyrium scoparium – Little
       Blue Stem
MOISTURE LOVING
Lysimachia clethroides - Loosestrife & Lilium superbam - Turk’s Cap Lily
Hibiscus moscheutos Kopper King – Rose Mallow & H.coccineus (palustris)
Matteuccia struthiopteris - Ostrich Fern with Pulmonaria - Lungwort
Fern Circle – Osmunda regalis – Royal Fern, Osmunda cinnamomea –
Cinnamon Fern & Athyrium niponicum Pictum – Japanese Painted Fern
Dryopteris erythrosorus - Autumn Fern

Late Summer – Fall

Mix & Match
The Yellows of Summer and Fall. Rudbeckia maximiliana – Maximilian
Sunflower - (Helianthus occidentalis) Western sunflower
Rudbeckia hirta Black-Eyed-Susan – Eupatorium purpureum – Joe-
Pye-Weed &Eupatorium with Rudbeckia nitida Herbsstonne (syn.
lacinata)
Vernonia fasciculata – Ironweed. (V. lettermanii Iron Butterfly-
Threadleaf Ironweed)
Aster oblongifolium Raydon’s Favourite in fall & foliage of Amsonia
hubrichtii
Solidago grandiflora – Goldenrod & Aster novae angiae – New England
Aster
Solidago caesia - Blue Stemmed Goldenrod; with Aster ericoides – Heath
Aster
Solidago odorata - Scented & S. bicolour - Silverrod
Aster linarifolia –Stiff-Leaf Aster
Helenium autumnalis – Sneezeweed & Helenium Kanaria & Mardi Gras
(Sahn’s Early Flowering)
How plants can go together and developing “The Look” you want

OVER ACHIEVERS - YOUR CALL
Monarda didyma and it’s varieties – Beebalm
Rudbeckia hirta.
SOME Asters & Goldenrods!!!
Anemone japonica etc. etc. etc.
**ANNUALS**
Daucus carota - Queen-Ann's-Lace & Cleome – Spider Flower
Delphinium cosolida – Larkspur (D. triloba)
Papaver somnifera - Breadseed Poppy & Papaver rhoeas – Shirley Poppy & Cosmos & Nicotiana
Sunflowers (Helianthus annus)

**GRASSES**
Pennisetum aloepecuroides en masse – Fountain Grass; retirement
   community & Sporobolus heterolepsis – Prairie Dropseed - fall
Panicum virgatum Northwind –Switch Grass & Sporobolis heterolepsis –
   Prairie Dropseed
Calamagrostis x acutiflora Karl Foerster
Consider Backlighting. Schizachyrium scoparium – Little Blue Stem
Panicum Shenandoah – Switch Grass, Clethra alnifolia – Sweet Pepperbush
   Carx pensylvanica - Sedge
Deschampsia caespitosa – Hair Grass & Silphium laciniatum – Compass
   Plant (Indian Cup)
Panicum & Aster oblongifolia October Skies
Grass garden/borders
Grasses throughout the seasons
Prairie garden in fall & Andropogon gerardii - Tall Blue stem
Prairie garden/Meadow garden in winter
Caerx Ice Dance & C. pensylvanica, (C. vulpinoides – Fox Sedge)
Carex Ice Dance in flower (x morrow Silver Sceptre)
Acorus gramineus Ogon – Sweet Flag
Evergreens – Year round Interest. Shelter & Nesting for birds
The Winter Garden – Think Habitate and Shelter

**WAY OUTSIDE THE BOX!**
Rhus typhina – Staghorn Sumac & Silphium terebinthinaceum – Prairie
   Rosin Weed & Putting it all Together
Terraces & Patios. Why Not Add Sitting Places
Steps
Brick Terraces
Checker Border Herb Garden & Sempervirens – Hens & Chicks patchwork
Paths through plantings
Containers and Terraces – Winter Care
Water
Rain Garden
MAINTENANCE
Environmental Awareness
Habititate Friendly
Alternatives

IT'S UP TO YOU --- ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE!

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