



**LOUDOUN COUNTY
MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
2019 SPRING PLANT SALE
Plant Descriptions**

**Plants for sale at the LCMGA Booth, 2019 Leesburg Flower & Garden Festival
Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28
All plants in 3 ½" pots @\$3.50 each**

Early Tomatoes

<u>Variety</u>	<u>Description</u>
Ultimate Opener 	Large, early tomato with sweet juicy flavor! – Tasty new tomato developed by the same breeder as Early Girl, produces blemish-free fruits about a third larger than Early Girl. Bears fruit throughout the summer! Highly disease resistant. Indeterminate. 57 days.

Heirloom/Beefsteak Tomatoes

Brandywine 	The heirloom tomato standard. One taste and you'll be enchanted by its superb flavor and luscious shade of red-pink. The extra-large (up to 1 1/2 lbs!), beefsteak-shaped fruits grow on unusually upright, potato-leaved plants. The fruits set one or two per cluster and ripen late-and are worth the wait. Indeterminate. 90-100 days.
Big Beef 	1994 AAS Winner. Combines traditionally delicious flavor with today's disease resistance. The fruit is borne on vigorous, indeterminate vines from summer until frost. Compared to other beefsteak types, Big Beef is early and will set fruit reliably even in cool, wet weather. Smooth fruits are globe-shaped, weighing 9 oz. to one pound. 73 days

Cherokee Purple



Heirloom. Cherokee Purple seeds, originating from Tennessee, are thought to have been passed down from Native Americans of the Cherokee tribe. This heirloom tomato variety consistently ranks very high in taste tests. Beautiful, deep, dusky purple-pink color, superb sweet flavor, and very-large-sized fruit. Try this one for real old-time tomato flavor! Indeterminate. **80-90 days.**

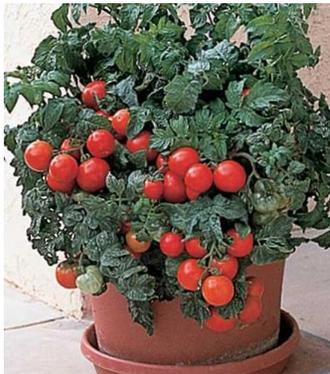
Uncle Joe's



The Ultimate Family Heirloom! – Uncle Joe fought in Italy during WWII and the seeds of these Italian tomatoes have been handed down in a Master Gardener's family ever since! So delicious! These large, heart-shaped fruits have a sweet, rich, intense tomato flavor. This versatile tomato does it all – sauces, salads, or slicing. Indeterminate. **70 days.**

Patio Tomatoes

Patio



Perfect for containers or limited space! Stout and strong, the potato leafed vines are extremely compact. Smooth, firm and flavorful medium-sized red fruit. Very productive, disease-resistant plants. Dwarf Determinate. **70 days.**

Bush Beefsteak



Grow beefsteak tomatoes in a container! This surprisingly compact (20-24") plant is just loaded with large, flavorful tomatoes. Well-suited for a patios, small gardens and containers, the dwarf plants offer big meaty fruit (8-12 oz.) and early maturity. **62 Days.**

Cherry Tomatoes

Sweet 100



The bonbons of the garden! Super sweet, bite-sized tomatoes are extra high in Vitamin C. 100's of cherry tomatoes are borne in clusters like grapes-right up to frost. With adequate water, these vigorous vines can grow to 10' or can be trained in a large planter to grow up to the eaves or down the railing. Disease resistant. Indeterminate. **60 days.**

Sungold



Our Number 1 Seller! Intense fruity flavored, exceptionally sweet, bright tangerine-orange cherry tomatoes are great for snacking or salads. Vigorous plants start yielding early and bear right through the season. Disease resistant. Indeterminate.

Canning or Sauce Tomatoes

Speckled Roman



Very tasty Roma with unique appearance! Cross of Antique Roman and Banana Legs. Orange-red, 5 inch long fruit covered with yellow speckles and stripes. Hearty and meaty with great tomato flavor and very few seeds. Very prolific. Great for fresh eating or sauce. Indeterminate. **85 days.**

Juliet



Most requested LCMG tomato! A large, plum-shaped cherry tomato that produces clusters of unusual, sweet-flavored glossy fruit. The 1 to 2 ounce, red-skinned fruits stay on the vine and don't crack. Great for salads, roasting, or sauces. Highly disease resistant. Indeterminate. **60 days.**

Opalka



Makes sauce so good and sweet you won't have to add flavoring to it! Tomatoes are large, at least 5 inches long, and shaped like a banana pepper with a pronounced tip on the bottom. Plants have wispy-type foliage, but are vigorous and very productive. The fruit has very few seeds and is extremely meaty with a rich, sweet flavor. Heirloom variety originally from Poland. Indeterminate. **75 days.**

Sweet Bell Peppers

Golden California Wonder



Very Sweet and Mild Yellow Pepper! Popular since the 1920s, this is the golden version of the red California Wonder. Smooth, blocky and blunt-ended 5" x 4" fruits are thick-walled, very sweet and mild. Maturing from light-green to golden-yellow, the peppers grow on 22-26" sturdy, upright plants that set continuously. **65-75 days**

Red Beauty



Great addition to a summer cookout! Heavy yields of bright red sweet peppers from your garden. Very thick-walled, heavy fruits are blocky and about 4 inches long. Excellent for salads, stuffing, or gourmet dishes. Plants grow 24-36" tall. **70-75 days.**

New Ace Hybrid



One of the earliest peppers to mature! The dark green fruit are medium size and 3-4 lobed. High yields of deep green fruits are nice fresh from the vine or for stuffing. This pepper is for those who have failed at growing green bells. It is disease resistant, early and welcomes unusual weather conditions which hinder other green bells! **65 Days**

Sweet Snacking Peppers

Lunchbox Red



A remarkably sweet and flavorful mini red snack pepper! A very popular snacking pepper, The 2 ½" fruit is sweet and crunchy. These peppers do not quit and are prolific producers throughout the summer. These strong, vigorous plants can be grown in containers without staking. Try a couple for your deck or patio! **55 days green, 75 days red.**

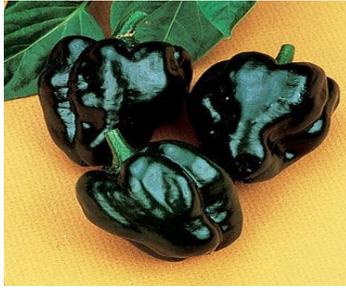
Shishito Mellow Star



Sautéed Shishitos are Summers Best New Bite! Easy to prepare, just sauté in some hot oil and serve with salt. 3-4" heavily wrinkled fruits are thin walled and mild. Popular in Japan where its thin walls make it particularly suitable for tempura. Large, upright plants produce good yields over an extended harvest period. **60 days.**

Hot Peppers

Poblano



One of the most popular in Mexico! Loads of mildly pungent, 4" heart-shaped fruits that ripen from dark green to deep red. Called Ancho when dried, Poblano when fresh. This is one of the most popular peppers grown in Mexico. Plants grow to 2 1/2 ft. tall. Fully ripened, red fruits are much hotter and flavorful than the earlier picked green ones. 1,000-2,000 Scoville units. **65 days.**

Mucho Nacho



Mucho Impressive jalapeno with a powerful taste! Jumbo 4" fruit are bigger, fatter, and hotter than a standard jalapeno. A juicy, crisp taste with a firm skin makes a great stuffing pepper but also great fresh from the vine. Vigorous plants yield loads of early peppers which mature from green to red though normally used green. 4,000 – 8,000 Scoville units. **68 days.**

Fish



Beautiful plant, great pepper! – This heirloom pepper is variegated both on the leaves and the fruit. A very hot pepper with smoky undertones grows 1-2" long. Was used in the 1930's and 40's to season fish and shellfish in African-American communities around Baltimore and Philadelphia. Pretty enough to use as an ornamental, but prized for cooking and drying. 5,000 – 30,000 Scoville units. **55 days.**

Thai Red



Think serious heat for this fiery little pepper! These bright red peppers are 2-3" long and are excellent for drying or fresh eating. The fleshy pods are particularly good in Oriental dishes and chili. You'll appreciate their beauty in borders and containers, and savor their flavor in the kitchen! 50,000 – 100,000 Scoville units. **90 days.**

Herbs – Basil

Genovese



Best Basil for Pesto! This Italian variety has tender, fragrant, extra-large dark green leaves and is superb for pesto. Fragrant plants grow 18-24" and produce densely branched plants when pinched back regularly.

African Blue



Distinctive, gorgeous basil! This beautiful plant has decorative blue-tinted green leaves and purple veining. Impressive tall spikes of lavender-pink flowers are attractive to many bees and beneficial wasps. Not as strong flavored as most basil, with a hint of camphor. Great container plant. Adapts well to indoor conditions so can be overwintered by bringing plant indoors or taking cuttings in the fall.

Greek Columnar



A stately, attractive plant for your deck or patio! This delightful basil has an upright, columnar habit that allows more plants to be packed into smaller spaces. The plant typically does not flower, so it continues to produce fresh leaves all summer long. Use the leaves to flavor a variety of culinary dishes or herb oils and vinegars. Greek Columnar Basil is great for growing in pots on decks and patios, or for mixing throughout beds and herb gardens.

Mini Purple



One of the best performers for the dead heat of summer! A very aromatic, small bush type basil that produces tight, compact mounds of small, deep purple to glossy green leaves that need no processing, just add into salads, sauces, soups and pasta straight from the plant. Taste is very similar to sweet basil. Mini Purple Basil is perfect for mixed pots and adds a nice contrast to the greens of other herbs.

Herbs – Parsley, Rosemary, Thyme

Italian Flat Leaf Parsley



Most Flavorful Parsley! This parsley has flat leaves, which distinguish it from the better-known curly-leaved parsley. It is favored for its deep flavor, which some say holds up better in cooking than curly parsley. Popular in Mediterranean and Middle Eastern cuisine. Easy to chop, the nutritious flat leaves are high in iron and in vitamins A, C, and E. A high chlorophyll content makes it a natural breath sweetener, too. This is a great plant for containers, vegetable and herb beds. It is also more tolerant of hot weather than curly parsley (which can struggle during the peak of summer) and is frost tolerant.

Rosemary ARP



About as hardy as rosemary gets! Arp can survive down to zone 5 with minimal protection. This means savory, fresh rosemary all year long! Arp has pale blue flowers that bloom mid-summer through fall and tease the senses with a hint of lemon fragrance. Airy green-gray foliage. Reaches 4 feet tall. Makes a great border or mass-planting.

Archer's Gold Thyme



A must-have for every kitchen and herb garden. With beautiful tiny golden variegated leaves, Archers Gold grows 6 to 10 inches tall with a spread up to 12 inches wide. Use the lemony leaves in marinades, salads, fish dishes, and more. Lavender blooms appear in spring attracting bees and butterflies. This evergreen creeping thyme is an excellent perennial plant for container gardens, window boxes, kitchen gardens, and herb gardens.

Golden Variegated Thyme



Wonderful citrus-scented, variegated leaves! Golden thyme isn't just for the herb garden. It will also work well for containers, hanging baskets, walkways, and rock gardens. Golden thyme brings a lemony lift to many dishes, including casseroles, vegetables, grains, and chicken. Drought tolerant