

**Garden Area: West Slope**

**Overall Display Goal:** This is a transitional zone to lead the guests from the woods path to the meadow path in a gentle manor displaying woodland edge plantings and dappled sunlight. This showcases pleasing combinations of woody & herbaceous plants along with ground covers for a colorful autumn woodland. A small section focuses an exhibit of ericaceous plants.

**Size of Area:** 27716 feet squared (over .5 acre)

**Hardscape of Significance:** A rock outcrop display was hand built with detail and transplanted from an existing native rockscape on Mt. Cuba property.

**Maintenance:** leaf management to keep rocks clear, hand clean-up of herbaceous plants past prime display, leaf mulching bare areas from decomposition processes, weeding cooler season weeds, & plant installations.

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*Symphotrichum patens var. patens*

clasp-ing aster

perennial, 1' - 2.5'

Time of bloom: late September to October, purple, blue

Growing requirements: full sun to filtered shade along open woodlands and edges. Rocky, well drained soil is key. Tolerant of dry soil.

An upright growth pattern, the leaves "clasp" the stem an easy identifier.

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*Clinopodium georgianum*

Georgia wild basil

Small woody perennial; 10" tall

Time of bloom: cloaked with small purple flowers from mid-summer to autumn.

Growing requirements: Full-Sun, Filtered-Shade, dry, well-drained conditions,

PH: Adaptable

The foliage has an attractive minty aroma when bruised.

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*Cornus florida*

flowering dogwood

Small tree, 20-30'

Time of bloom: N/A

Growing requirements: Full-Sun, Filtered-Shade, Adaptable.

Red berries are food for migrating birds & Orange, Red, Yellow, Purple fall color



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*Heuchara villosa var. villosa*

hairy alumroot

Perennial, 2'

Bloom time: late summer to frost, white

Growing requirements: Filtered-Shade, Partial-Shade, drought tolerant., adaptable.

Performs well as a ground cover.



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*Cunila origanoides*

American dittany

herbaceous perennial, 8"-16" tall

Time of bloom: mid summer to fall, lavender-colored

Growing requirements: dry, sandy well-drained soils in part shade.

aromatic foliage evocative of oregano



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*Ruellia humilis*

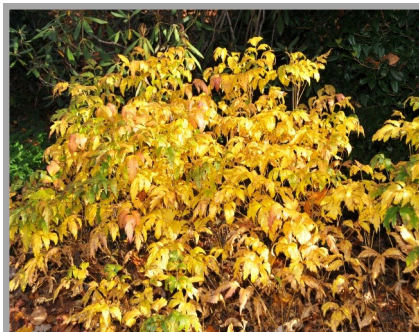
fringe leaf wild petunia

herbaceous perennial, 1'-2'

Time of bloom: Mid-Summer, Early-Fall, lavender

Growing requirements: Full-Sun, Filtered-Shade, Partial-Shade, dry, well drained, and rocky soil;

easy-to-grow



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*Xanthorhiza simplicissima*

yellowroot

woody groundcover, 2'-3' tall

Growing requirements: average to moist, acidic to neutral soils in full sun to partial shade but will tolerate drier conditions

deciduous groundcover, stunning yellow fall color

Roots were used to make a yellow dye.