



# Johnson's Garden Talk

Lawn and garden information for the friends and customers of Johnson's Garden Centers

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## Looking Forward to Spring in Johnson's Nursery

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I don't know about you, but I am itching to get back into my landscape. Maybe it is because I have traveled to several winter trade shows, and I'm excited about new plants coming to the market. Or is it because I am just tired of sitting and watching the landscape in its present state? Whatever the case, I am excited about several new plants that we will be offering this spring, and more than that, I want spring to get here so that I can plant these in my own yard.

You may have noticed while walking through the nursery last year a new nandina named 'Plum Passion.' This plant has quickly grown to be the most popular nandina that we offer. Its deep purple new growth is hard to beat, and the texture of a plant like this is a necessity in all landscapes. New this spring is a cultivar known as 'Sienna Sunrise.' Like its 'Plum Passion' counterpart, 'Sienna Sunrise' offers an intense, almost fiery new foliage that will fade to a lush green in the heat of the summer. As summer draws to an end, the red highlights show up again and continue through the winter on this semi-evergreen shrub. What I like best about this plant is that it is going to mature out at a slightly smaller size of 3-4 ft. tall.

Another shrub that has caught my eye over the past year is the Hydrangea macrophylla 'Lemon Wave.' Normally, we plant hydrangeas for their flowers, but this one is just as striking, if not more, with just its foliage. While similar to the other variegated hydrangeas available, 'Lemon Wave' delights us with a variable combination of yellow, cream, white and green variegated foliage. For those who are variegated hosta lovers, this should compliment nicely in your shade garden. If you need a plant to brighten up a dark spot in your garden, this is the one!

Another shrub that we have carried for a year or two, but is under-used, is a holly called 'Sky Pencil.' You may not have seen this one in the nursery because once it arrives, they go fast. This is a very narrow, upright holly that is the perfect accent plant. Or try it somewhere you want something different, but you don't have much space. I have seen these reach from 5-6 ft. in height with about 1 ft. spread.

Keep an eye out while shopping this spring for these and many other new selections, as they tend to go fast once they arrive. I'll feature additional new plants as they arrive at Johnson's this spring. As always, please feel free to e-mail me at [jeremyj@johnsonsgarden.com](mailto:jeremyj@johnsonsgarden.com) with any questions or if you would like to know the availability of a certain plant.