

**Abingdon Tree Commission
Regular Meeting Agenda
February 15, 2016
7:30 PM**

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Info.

- 1) Roll Call

- 2) Approval of September 21, 2015 Meeting Minutes

- 3) Petitions and Public Hearings

- 4) Reports to the Commission
 - a) New Tree Commission Member

 - b) Earth Day/Arbor Day

 - c) Update on Tree Work

 - d) Coomes Rec. Center Dog Park

 - e) Cummings Street Project Update

 - f) Street Tree Plantings for Spring

- 5) Items Not on the Agenda

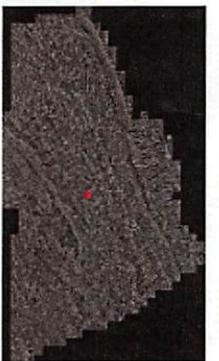
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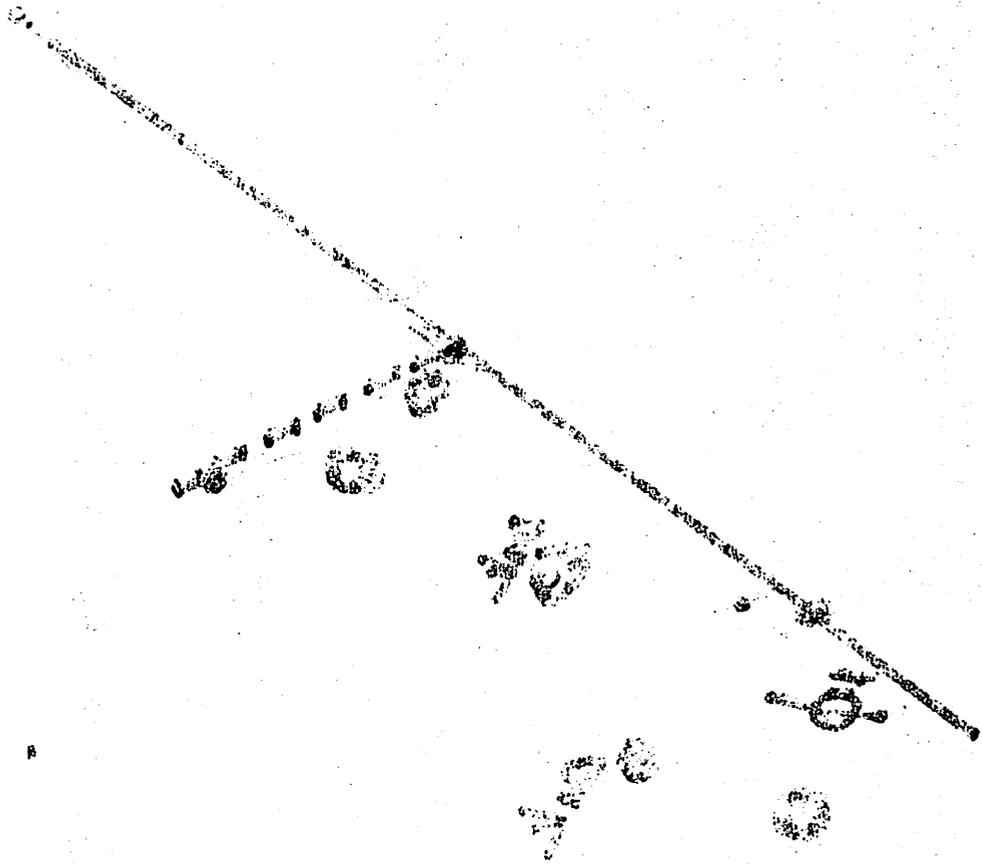
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Notes

Dog Park at Coomes Rec. Center





Everything New Orleans

Drift roses are low-maintenance, disease resistant and produce an abundance of flowers

Drift apricot roses (*LSU AgCenter*)

Dan Gill, The Times-Picayune garden columnist By **Dan Gill, The Times-Picayune garden columnist**
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Drift roses are a great new series of low-growing landscape roses that have been chosen as Louisiana Super Plant selections for fall 2013.

Drift roses are a great new series of low-growing landscape roses that have been chosen as "Louisiana Super Plant" selections for fall 2013. Fall is a great time to plant roses. They establish wonderfully in the cooler weather and provide color for the fall garden.

In past columns, I've discussed how rose varieties and their popularity have undergone a tremendous change over the past decade or so. This is summed up in the new category of roses called "landscape roses."

The category was created for modern rose cultivars that have been bred to be shapely, bushy, repeat flowering, disease resistant and relatively low maintenance. These roses are meant to be planted in our landscapes much like any other shrub, such as Indian hawthorns, azaleas or loropetalums.

The popular Knock Out rose and its variations are the best known and most widely planted rose in this category.

Belinda's Dream rose, a past Louisiana Super Plant selection from fall 2011, was chosen for its rich pink hybrid tea-like flowers on tough plants, and it's also in the landscape rose category.

Most of these great landscape roses are relatively large, easily reaching 5 feet or more, both tall and wide.

The Drift roses were bred to provide all of the resilience, disease resistance and frequent flowering of larger landscape roses on much lower-growing bushes, filling a special niche in the landscape rose market. They will fit beautifully into smaller spaces, provide the perfect size shrub for foundation plantings and look great in containers.

These roses are from Conard-Pyle/Star Roses, the same folks who gave us the Knock Out series.

Drift roses are a cross between full-size ground cover roses and miniature roses. From the ground cover roses they inherited toughness, disease resistance and a spreading growth habit. From the miniatures, they inherited their well-managed size and free-flowering nature. They only grow 2 to 3 feet tall, with a generous

spread of 4 feet or more. The low, spreading habit, colorful flowers and long blooming season make Drift roses a lower-maintenance alternative to bedding plants in flower beds.

Drift rose series includes a wide variety of colors. All of them are designated Louisiana Super Plant selections for fall 2013: Drift Pink, Drift Coral, Drift Red, Drift Peach, Drift Apricot, Drift Sweet (pink double blooms) and the new Drift Popcorn (whitish yellow). Some of the Drift roses produce double flowers. All of them produce flowers in large clusters that can cover the bushes when they are in full bloom, spring to early winter.

In LSU AgCenter trials at the Hammond Research Station, Drift roses produce about five flower cycles through the bloom season. The spring bloom in April/May and the fall bloom in October/November, as with most other roses, are the peak times for best performance and the highest quality flowers. The late-spring to early-summer second bloom is also impressive. But flowers also are produced through the heat of summer.

The cooler weather makes it a joy to get out and plant roses. Fall is an excellent time to plant hardy shrubs, like roses, into the landscape.

Be sure to plant Drift roses in a well-prepared bed enriched with generous amounts of organic matter, such as compost. Good drainage produces best results, so avoid low, wet areas or plant in raised beds.

Space plants a minimum of three feet apart. It would be best to plant four to five feet apart if you are thinking long term. The soil pH for roses should be slightly acid, between 6.0-6.5.



Drift coral roses

LSU AgCenter

As with other roses, plant Drift roses in a location receiving full sun; eight hours daily is recommended. These ground-hugging, ever-blooming shrubs are perfect as a border or bedding plant. They make a stunning low hedge and can be used to edge a bed of taller shrubs.

Drift roses should be fertilized each spring with a slow-release or controlled-release fertilizer, following label directions.

Another application in late summer would help plants bloom better into the fall, especially in new beds where nutrients may be lacking. Drift roses really come into their own the second or third year

after planting.

Mulch is important for these roses, as for most newly planted shrubs. In addition to looking nice and reducing weed problems, mulching prevents the surface soil from drying out so quickly. This helps the roots to establish faster and more reliably and reduces the amount of watering needed.

These are not finicky roses. Appealing to today's busy gardener, these low-maintenance roses are highly disease resistant. They require no spraying. Blackspot disease has been minimal on plants grown in Louisiana. Bed preparation, irrigation and proper fertilization management are the keys to success.

Louisiana Super Plant selections are promoted every spring and fall by the LSU AgCenter in cooperation with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. They are exceptional choices for your landscape with proven track records in Louisiana's unique climate. For more information on Louisiana Super Plants, visit www.lsuagcenter.com/superplants. Click on "Where to Find Super Plants" for retail nurseries near you.

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Dakota Goldcharm Spirea

Spiraea japonica 'Mertyann'

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 2

Description:

A stunning garden detail shrub, featuring golden foliage which emerges bronze, turning red in fall, and flat-topped clusters of pink flowers in early summer; very low growing and compact, ideal for rock and alpine gardens or as a flowering groundcover

Ornamental Features:

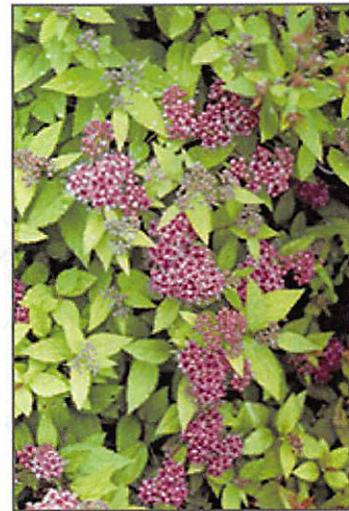
Dakota Goldcharm Spirea is covered in stunning clusters of pink flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to early summer. It has attractive gold foliage which emerges coppery-bronze in spring. The small serrated pointy leaves are ornamentally significant and turn an outstanding coppery-bronze in the fall. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

Landscape Attributes:

Dakota Goldcharm Spirea is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Dakota Goldcharm Spirea is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Spiraea japonica 'Dakota Goldcharm'
flowers

Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Spiraea japonica 'Dakota Goldcharm'
Photo courtesy of North Dakota State University

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- General Garden Use
- Mass Planting
- Groundcover
- Rock/Alpine Gardens

Plant Characteristics:

Dakota Goldcharm Spirea will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments.

This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

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Hypericum galioides

Common Name(s):

Bedstraw St. John's wort

Cultivar(s):

Brodie

Category:

[Shrubs](#)

Comment:

Can be used as a ground cover; drought tolerant

Height:

1-6 ft.

Foliage:

Opposite, simple very narrow leaves; 2-edged stem

Flower:

Bright yellow flowers summer into early fall

Zones:

7 to 9

Habit:

Evergreen

Site:

Sun to partial shade; well-drained to dry soil

Texture:

Fine to medium

Width:

1-6 ft.

Tags:

evergreen



Hypericum galioides



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Winter Jasmine Planting Guide

Want sunny blooms in the winter? Plant winter jasmine. No more waiting for spring.

Steve Bender



Newbie gardeners, listen up! Here's a wonderful plant that blooms insanely in winter, grows easily, and (for some strange reason) none of your neighbors has. What a great chance to show them all just who on the street has some class.

Native to China, winter jasmine (*Jasminum nudiflorum*) is a vining, deciduous shrub that grows 3 to 4 feet high and twice as wide. It will climb a trellis, but it looks best cascading over the top of a retaining wall or tumbling down a bank or hillside. Its arching, willowy stems root wherever they touch the ground and form a thick brow of leaves and stems.

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Hundreds of waxy, bright-yellow flowers open all along the stems in the dead of winter. While not as gaudy as those of forsythia (a shrub with which it's often confused), its blossoms appear over a much longer period. Another advantage this shrub enjoys over its rival—its stems stay green year-round, bringing even more color to the winter garden.

Winter jasmine grows fast, so you won't have to wait long to show up your neighbors. Start with plants in 1-gallon, 2-gallon, or 3-gallon pots from your garden center. Space them 3 feet apart. Plant so the tops of the root-balls are even with the soil. In winter, they'll remind you how very sophisticated you've become.

Take advantage of this shrub's cascading form by planting it on a bank.

Ralph Anderson

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**Winter
 Jasmine
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Light: sun or light shade (produces more flowers in sun)
Soil: well drained
Pests: none serious
Prune: in spring after flowering. (Cut to 1 foot tall every three to four years to rejuvenate planting and restore its graceful look.)
Where It Grows: everywhere except the Tropical South
Mail-Order Source: woodlanders.net (<http://woodlanders.net>)
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(http://grumpygardener.southernliving.com/grumpy_gardener/2009/01/winter-jasmine.html) about winter jasmine from The Grumpy Gardener, Steve Bender.

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Ginkgo biloba 'Autumn Gold'

Autumn Gold Ginkgo

Zone: 3 | **Height:** 45' | **Spread:** 35'
Shape: Broadly pyramidal
Foliage: Medium green
Fall Color: Golden yellow
Fruit: Seedless

Striking golden yellow fall color is characteristic of this male clone. Narrow form in youth broadens with age.



Ginkgo biloba 'JFS-UGA2'

Golden Colonnade® Ginkgo

Zone: 4 | **Height:** 45' | **Spread:** 25'
Shape: Narrow oval
Foliage: Medium green
Fall Color: Bright yellow
Fruit: Seedless

Thanks to its strongly upright central leader and narrowly oval growth habit, this *Ginkgo* discovered by Dr. Michael Dirr is ideal for narrow street use. The original tree has male flowers and is observed to be seedless.



Ginkgo biloba 'Halka'

Halka Ginkgo

Zone: 4 | **Height:** 45' | **Spread:** 40'
Shape: Broadly pyramidal becoming oval
Foliage: Medium green
Fall Color: Bright yellow
Fruit: Reported seedless

This tree maintains a good central leader with a particularly uniform and symmetrical branching pattern and excellent density. It is reported seedless and has a slightly broader shape than most cultivars.



Ginkgo biloba 'Magyar'

Magyar Ginkgo

Zone: 4 | **Height:** 50' | **Spread:** 25'
Shape: Narrowly pyramidal
Foliage: Medium green
Fall Color: Bright yellow
Fruit: Seedless

Faster growing than 'Princeton Sentry' with a slightly broader form, this narrow, upright cultivar has an excellent form for use as an urban street tree.





Ginkgo biloba 'The President'

**Presidential Gold®
Ginkgo**

Zone: 4 | **Height:** 50' | **Spread:** 40'
Shape: Broadly pyramidal to oval
Foliage: Medium green
Fall Color: Bright yellow
Fruit: Seedless

Outstanding in both the nursery row and the landscape, this seedless cultivar may set the new standard among Ginkgos. Selected by Dr. Michael Dirr, it has a strong central leader and full branching when young, then develops a dense upright crown when mature.



Ginkgo biloba 'Princeton Sentry'

**Princeton Sentry®
Ginkgo**

Zone: 4 | **Height:** 40' | **Spread:** 15'
Shape: Narrowly pyramidal
Foliage: Green
Fall Color: Bright yellow
Fruit: Seedless

Stiffly upright growing and narrow in form, this male clone is seedless.

