



Hosta (*H.* 'Piedmont Gold')  
Blue Spruce (*Picea pungens* 'Montgomery')



Hosta (*H. montana* 'Aureomarginata')  
Japanese Painted Fern (*Athyrium nipponicum* 'Pictum')



Arborvitae (*Thuja occidentalis*)  
Hosta (*H.* 'So Sweet')  
Lungwort (*Pulmonaria officinalis*)  
Bleeding Heart (*Dicentra spectabilis*) foliage



Hakone Grass (*Hakonechloa macra* 'Aureola')  
Swiss Chard 'Ruby' (*Beta vulgaris* var. *cicla* 'Ruby')



Chicken Gizzard (*Iresine herbstii* 'Aureo-reticulata')  
Broom (*Cytisus supinus*)



Sedum (*S.* 'Vera Jameson')  
Nippon Daisy (*Chrysanthemum nipponicum*) foliage  
Clematis (*C.* 'Henryi') in bud

### Foliage First

Flowers are ephemeral and display their beauty for only a short time, but the foliage will be there all season. To decide what plant to buy, Trudi looks closely at the leaves. She explains, "When a small person stands next to a tall person, their differences are emphasized. The same principle holds true in the plant world. Plants contrasting in size, color and texture are important to create impact. Think of foliage first."



Fuchsia (*F. triphylla* 'Gartenmeister Bonstedt')  
Japanese Anemone (*Anemone hupehensis* 'September Charm')  
Ornamental Onion (*Allium christophii*)  
Bigroot Geranium (*Geranium macrorrhizum* 'Spessart')  
Fountain Grass (*Pennisetum alopecuroides*)



Hosta (*H.* 'So Sweet')  
Red Barrenwort (*Epimedium x rubrum*)