



Perennials

Anemone sylvestris (Snowdrop Anemone)

Sun or partial shade. Medium moisture.

These pure white flowers brighten up the garden in the spring. The plant spreads slowly and is not particular about the soil. Although it forms small seedheads, Trudi recommends removing the stalks after flowering. Then it will become a neat, tufted ground cover.



Artemisia 'Powis Castle' (Wormwood)

Sun. Dry, well-drained.

This striking plant doesn't bloom and loves dry, sunny areas. The feathery, silver foliage complements all other plants. Trudi also uses it as a strewing herb in her barn, since it releases a wonderful fragrance when stepped on and even helps to keep the mice away. Unless it's extremely well drained in the winter, this Artemisia may not be hardy in Zone 5.



Astilbe chinensis 'Visions' (Dwarf Astilbe)

Shade or sun. Likes moisture.

Trudi can't have enough of this family of plants and loves all varieties. The tall spikes of red, pink or white flowers bloom in summer and don't need to be staked. If they are planted in soil that is loose, moist and amended with organic matter, they flourish. As heavy feeders, Astilbes thrive on top of Trudi pits and will grow in shade or even in sun.



Athyrium nipponicum 'Pictum' (Japanese Painted Fern)

Shade or part-shade. Keep moist

The silvery green foliage of this fern provides welcome contrast to other shade-loving plants. Growing 18" tall, it's ideal for the front of a garden bed. It was named 2004 Perennial Plant of the Year.



Calamagrostis x acutiflora 'Karl Foerster' (Feather Reed Grass)

Sun or part shade. Drought tolerant.

Place this vertical texture grass between perennials or annuals. It grows four to five feet tall, yet doesn't droop. It provides winter interest and is easy to cut down in the spring.



Clematis paniculata 'Sweet Autumn' (Sweet Autumn Clematis)

Sun or part shade. Medium moisture.

A fragrant showstopper in Trudi's garden for many years, this vine produces clouds of small white flowers by the end of August. Two to three weeks later, fluffy seed heads appear, adding interest throughout the winter months. Birds seek shelter in the thicket of vines throughout the winter. In March, Trudi cuts the whole plant down to twelve inches above the ground. It grows to full height again by summer. Not particular about moisture or soil conditions, it is disease-free. Be sure to provide a sturdy trellis for this rapid grower.