

Choosing Shrubs for the Sturtevant Landscape

To get ready to plant a shrub is a perennial, (hopefully more than one growing season). One growing season is an annual, as an example, a vegetable like lettuce. We need to answer several questions, is the planting space in full sun which means 6 or more hours of direct sun a day. Partial sun or shade is 4-6 hours of direct sun/shade. Full shade is less than 4 hours of direct sun a day. Other considerations would be to plant something that will give at least two seasons of color. How much maintenance would there be? What is already in the garden? Does the shrub attract butterflies, hummingbirds, and is it resistant to deer, and other undesirables? How tall/wide does it get at maturity? What kind of soil is best for this plant, do we need to amend the soil?

Some shrubs to consider would be CORALBERRY. Height would be 24-30 ". Summer flowers are pink, and in winter pearl-like berries.



Another choice would be Double Play Doozie Spirea. Height would be 24"-36". In spring deep red foliage, by late spring foliage is deep green with brilliant purple red flowers which last until frost.



The Pink Charming Butterfly Bush would also be an option and it would attract butterflies and hummingbirds. It has bright pink spikes summer to frost and grows to 48"-72.

