

Gravesite Planting

We encourage families to install native plants on and around the graves of loved ones. This can be a great way to maintain a sense of connection with the deceased while also helping to beautify the area, restore the native seedbank, and promote pollinators. As per PNB Rules and Regulations, only native, non-invasive species are permitted. Many native plants are still very showy and produce beautiful flowers or are otherwise attractive. Please note that we do not permit trees or shrubs to be planted in the burial ground, but we do allow tree donations for designated nearby areas. Small perennial plants are acceptable; please consult PNB staff if you have questions about the permissibility of a given species for graveside planting, or if it would be better as part of our reforestation project.

While we are happy to advise in the process, families are ultimately responsible for the purchase, installation, and any required upkeep of these plants. Note: Newly installed plants often require regular watering if the weather is uncooperative. Unfortunately, we don't have the infrastructure to monitor and water individual plants, so families may wish to bring water with them or hire a gardener to handle this for them at least until the plants get established.

Local-genotype native plants are available from Hummingbird Hill Native Plant Nursery (Free Union) and Little Bluestem Nursery (Afton), and occasionally at a few other local plant nurseries. Simply mention that you are purchasing seedlings for a gravesite at PNB and the staff at these nurseries will help you choose the perfect plants.

Please be aware that we have many Black Walnut trees at Panorama, and that not all plants are able to thrive next to that species. If your loved one's grave is close to a Black Walnut tree, please let the nursery know that you are looking for walnut-tolerant species only.

The following plants are confirmed for planting in the burial ground, and many have already been installed as part of our ecosystem restoration project. There are certainly other species that are acceptable but are not on our list.

Please ask PNB or nursery staff if you would like to plant something not on the list.

Common Name	Botanical Name	Notes
Common Yarrow	Achillea gracilis	full and partial sun
Common Black Cohosh	Actaea racemosa	shadiest areas only
Yellow Giant Hyssop	Agastache nepetoides	full and partial sun
White Snakeroot	Ageratina altissima	full and partial sun

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Elliott's Bluestem	Andropogon gyrans	grass species; full sun
Splitbeard Bluestem	Andropogon ternarius	grass species
Broomsedge	Andropogon virginicus	grass species
Thimbleweed	Anemone virginiana	partial sun
Parlin's Pussytoes	Antennaria parlinii	full and partial sun
Indian Hemp	Apocynum cannabinum	full and partial sun
Jack in the Pulpit	Arisaema triphyllum	shadiest areas only
Common Milkweed	Asclepias syriaca	walnut tolerant, full and partial sun
Butterfly Milkweed	Asclepias tuberosa	full sun
False Nettle	Boehmeria cylindrica	full and partial sun
Cut Leaf Toothwort	Cardamine concatenata	shadiest areas only
Eastern Narrow-leaved Sedge	Carex amphibola	grass species
Blue Sedge	Carex glaucodea	grass species; shade
Pennsylvania sedge	Carex pensylvanica	grass species; shade
Sensitive Partridge Pea	Chamaecrista nictitans	full and partial sun
Green and Gold	Chrysogonum virginianum	full and partial sun
Maryland Golden-aster	Chrysopsis mariana	full sun
Enchanter's Nightshade	Circaea canadensis	shadiest areas only
Native Field Thistle	Cirsium discolor	biennial, walnut tolerant, full and partial sun
Wild Basil	Clinopodium vulgare	full and partial sun
Lobed Coreopsis	Coreopsis auriculata	full sun
Yellow Corydalis	Corydalis flavula	shadiest areas only
Poverty oatgrass	Danthonia spicata	grass species
Hay scented fern	Dennstaedtia punctilobula	shadiest areas only
Perplexing Tick Trefoil	Desmodium perplexum	full and partial sun
Deer Tongue Grass	Dichanthelium clandestinum	grass species
Carolina Elephant's Foot	Elephantopus carolinianus	full and partial sun
Bottlebrush Grass	Elymus hystrix	grass species
Purple Lovegrass	Eragrostis spectabilis	grass species
Philadelphia Fleabane	Erigeron philadelphicus	full and partial sun

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Tall Thoroughwort	Eupatorium altissimum	full and partial sun
Hyssopleaf Thoroughwort	Eupatorium hyssopifolium	full and partial sun
White Wood Aster	Eurybia divaricata	shadiest areas only
Wild Strawberry	Fragaria virginiana	full and partial sun
White Avens	Geum canadense	full and partial sun
Purpledisc Sunflower	Helianthus atrorubens	full and partial sun
Woodland Sunflower	Helianthus divaricatus	shadiest areas only
American alumroot	Heuchera americana	shadiest areas only
Spotted St. John's Wort	Hypericum punctatum	full and partial sun
Path Rush	Juncus tenuis	grass species
White Cutgrass	Leersia virginica	grass species
Scaly Blazing Star	Liatris squarrosa	full and partial sun
Indian Tobacco	Lobelia inflata	annual, full and partial sun
Fringed Loosestrife	Lysimachia ciliata	full and partial sun
Solomon's Plume	Maianthemum racemosum	shadiest areas only
Tall Rattlesnake Root	Nabalus altissimus	shadiest areas only
Common Evening Primrose	Oenothera biennis	biennial, full and partial sun
Narrow-leaf Sundrops	Oenothera fruticosa	full sun
Aniseroot	Osmorhiza longistylis	shadiest areas only
Appalachian Ragwort	Packera anonyma	full and partial sun
Wild Quinine; Feverfew	Parthenium integrifolium	full and partial sun
Smooth Beard-tongue	Penstemon laevigatus	full sun
Jumpseed	Persicaria virginiana	shadiest areas only
Woodland Phlox	Phlox divaricata	shadiest areas only
Mayapple	Podophyllum peltatum	shadiest areas only
Christmas fern	Polystichum acrostichoides	shadiest areas only
Self Heal	Prunella vulgaris	full and partial sun
Narrowleaf Mountain Mint	Pycnathemum tenuifolium	full and partial sun
Orange Coneflower	Rudbeckia fulgida var. fulgida	full and partial sun
Black-eyed Susan	Rudbeckia hirta var. hirta	full and partial sun

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Carolina Wild Petunia	Ruellia caroliniensis	partial sun
Lyre Leaf Sage	Salvia lyrata	full and partial sun
Little Bluestem	Schizachyrium scoparium	grass species
Maryland Wild Senna	Senna marilandica	full and partial sun
Whorled Rosinweed	Siliphium asteriscus	full and partial sun
Narrow Leaved Blue Eyed Grass	Sisyrinchium angustifolium	full and partial sun
Tall Goldenrod	Solidago altissima	full and partial sun
Silverrod	Solidago bicolor	shadiest areas only
Blue Stemmed Goldenrod	Solidago caesia	partial sun
Slender Goldenrod	Solidago erecta	full and partial sun
Early Goldenrod	Solidago juncea	full and partial sun
Grey Goldenrod	Solidago nemoralis	full and partial sun
Wrinkle Leaf Goldenrod	Solidago rugosa	full and partial sun
Star Chickweed	Stellaria pubera	shadiest areas only
Calico Aster	Symphyotricum lateriflorum	full and partial sun
Wavyleaf Aster	Symphyotrichum undulatum	full and partial sun
Narrow-leaf Blue-eyed-Grass	Sisyrinchium angustifolium	grass species
Purpletop	Tridens flavus	grass species
Perfoliated Bellwort	Uvularia perfoliata	shadiest areas only
Wingstem	Verbesina alternifolia	full and partial sun
Yellow Crownbeard	Verbesina occidentalis	full and partial sun
Upland Ironweed	Vernonia glauca	full sun
Common Blue Violet	Viola sororia	full and partial sun