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### **Winter can be a critical time**

*of year for birds, but we can help them through the winter by providing cover, feeding, and maintaining an unfrozen water source. Autumn is the time to prepare or build your winter bird feeders, to clean out nest boxes, and add additional cover to brush piles and wind breaks around feeders. Both evergreens and shrub thickets provide shelter from winds, refuge from predators, and winter roost sites. A simple way to provide cover is standing your Christmas tree in a snow bank near a feeder instead of discarding it.*

*Keep some extra feeders for use in bad weather. It will not only give birds more places to eat it will cut down on your trips outside to refill the feeder. One feeder supplied with black-oil sunflower seeds, a second with a mix of millet or other small grains and a couple of suet feeders should cater to the majority of birds found around your home. Some birds prefer to feed in thicket and brambles so be sure to scatter seed in hedges, bushes and along wooded areas or even under your deck. Leave seed heads of ornamental grasses and old field unmowed. Birds will benefit from the seeds and cover provided.*

*Lastly, it is necessary to provide clean, fresh, unfrozen water in bird baths, shallow containers on the ground, or small backyard ponds, and consider the use of a birdbath heater. If you do not have a birdbath heater, keep the water ice-free if at all possible. Empty the birdbath in the evening and fill again in the morning.*

*Robin Tupper, Landscape Designer*




  
**Plant Profile - Cary Award Choices**
  
**for the Winter Landscape**
  


The Cary Award is a program to promote home landscape plants that have proven their performance in New England. The purpose of the program is to inform home gardeners which plants would be good choices in their landscape, instill confidence in the home gardener's plant selection, and to increase the diversity of plant material utilized by gardeners, landscape designers and architects. Several plants that have received Cary Awards are great choices for the winter landscape.

**Golden Hinoki Falsecypress** (*Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Crippsii'*)  
*Cary Award 2008*

This tree is beautiful all year but especially in winter. Bright gold sprays of fern-like foliage with shades of green in the interior portion of the plant creates a colorful flash in the winter landscape, especially when planted in front of a darker background so that the golden foliage stands out. Clippings are also an interesting addition to winter wreaths and floral arrangements. This is a moderate to slow growing deer resistant evergreen reaching 15' tall and 5' wide in 10-15 years. It prefers to be planted in full sun to partial shade in rich soil.



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*Plant Profile (Continued from page 1)*

**Korean Fir (*Abies Koreana*)**

*Cary Award 2005*

A loosely pyramidal evergreen tree with short, plump needles that are green on top and silvery underneath.

In the spring attractive small dark-violet cones appear, even at a young age. The Korean Fir has been found to be more heat-tolerant than other Fir. While it can be used as a screen, it's worthy of a prominent position as a specimen or accent tree. Grows to 25'H x 10'W, and prefers acidic soil and full sun but will tolerate light shade.



**Blue Prince and Blue Princess Holly (*Ilex x meserveae*)**

*Cary Award 1999*

These have become some of the most reliable and best performing Hollies for our area. The Meserve hybrids are also noted for their dense form, lustrous evergreen foliage, and heavy fruit set, but their most noteworthy attribute is their hardiness. They make a fantastic, thick hedge, growing in our climate to a height of about 10' for 'Blue Prince' and 8' for 'Blue Princess', but with pruning can easily be kept to a lower height.

'Blue Prince' and 'Blue Princess' need to be planted near each other in order to produce fruit, but one 'Blue Prince' will pollinate many female Hollies. These plants need good drainage and a rich, acid soil. They are good companions for rhododendrons and azaleas, and they accept sun or partial shade, although some protection from winter winds and bright winter sun is preferred.



**Hybrid Andromeda (*Pieris x 'Brouwer's Beauty'*)**

*Cary Award 2000*

This hybrid shrub (*P. japonica x P. floribunda*) offers New England gardeners something special through all seasons. Besides having dark green evergreen foliage which holds its color well even in the coldest months of winter, in spring this beauty really sings as that foliage forms a perfect backdrop for sprays of pure white urn-shaped flowers. A heavy bloom year can find the leaves almost hidden by the flower masses. In summer the new growth is yellowish-green in color, giving a nice contrast. Fall brings the bud set for spring, and the purple-red color contrasts with green foliage for exceptional winter interest. It is also deer resistant. Left unpruned, 'Brouwer's Beauty' will grow 6'H and 6'W.



**White Pine 'Soft Touch' (*Pinus strobus 'Soft Touch'*)**

*Cary Award 2004*

This plant grows naturally into a compact, squat mound of soft, slightly twisted blue-green needles, making it the perfect low maintenance evergreen for small spaces. It works as well in foundation plantings as it does in large rock gardens. 'Soft Touch' is a fitting name, as it's hard to resist patting! It is a slow growing dwarf conifer and will attain its mature size of 3'H and 4'-5'W after 15-20 years. It prefers full sun and is deer-resistant.

**Siberian Carpet Cypress (*Microbiota decussate*)**

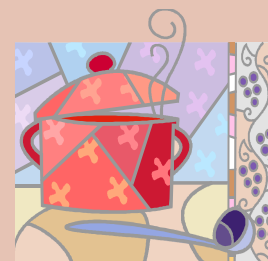
*Cary Award 1998*

As the name suggests, the Siberian Carpet Cypress is a native of Siberia combining a wonderful ground hugging shape with extreme hardiness. The evergreen "fronds" resemble certain junipers, and because of its shade tolerance it's often a good substitute for junipers, which do not grow well in shade. Useful as a groundcover, it gives a graceful, layered effect, and the green color gives way to an attractive bronze tone during the winter. It is also deer resistant and a slow grower, maturing at about 1'H X 6'W, although it can get taller and much wider.



## Tuscan White Beans with Sausage and Sage

*A classic hearty soup that never gets old, perfect for lunch or dinner!*



1 pound dried great northern beans,  
washed and soaked overnight  
2 quarts water  
2 medium onions, one diced  
4 cloves garlic, minced  
2 tablespoons chopped sage  
1 bay leaf  
2 teaspoons kosher salt  
1/2 pound Italian sweet sausage  
1 carrot, peeled and diced  
1 celery stalk, diced  
2 tablespoons fresh chopped parsley  
1 cup canned chopped tomatoes, drained  
Parmesan cheese, grated, to taste

Combine the drained beans with water in a large pot. Bring to a boil. Skim off the foam, reduce the heat to low and add one onion cut in half, 2 of the minced garlic cloves, one tablespoon sage and the bay leaf. Season with 1 teaspoon salt and cover. Allow to simmer for 1 1/2 hours, until the beans are very tender. Drain over a bowl, reserving cooking liquid. Measure out 2 1/2 cups of the liquid, discard the onion and bay leaf.

While the beans are cooking, heat a large Dutch oven over medium heat. If using link sausage, remove the casings. Add the sausage to the Dutch oven, stirring to break up the sausage until crumbled and browned lightly. Add the chopped onion, carrots, celery and parsley. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes. Add the remaining garlic and cook for 30 seconds. Add the tomatoes, the remaining sage, reserved beans and reserved broth, and continue cooking for 30 minutes. Adjust seasoning as desired with salt and pepper. Serve hot with grated Parmesan cheese.

## In The Flower Garden - Decorating for the Holidays



When you begin your holiday decorating, don't forget the window boxes, planters, baskets, and urns that held summer flowers.

Many of the following ideas can be combined in large window boxes or other containers for even more impact.

- Many craft and home improvement stores sell miniature artificial Christmas trees. Display them alone or in groups, either decorated or not, lit or natural, to make a dramatic impact.
- Use crumpled aluminum foil to partially fill the container, and cover with large shiny ornaments and bulbs. Wind strands of miniature white or colored lights through the pile. The balls and foil will reflect the lights adding extra sparkle.
- Cover small boxes in bright cellophane or mylar wrap and top with pretty bows of weather-proof ribbon. Stack the gift boxes in your window boxes or containers, adding miniature lights if desired.
- Hang inexpensive stockings on each window box, or make a garland from old mittens and drape across the front.
- Purchase inexpensive decorative nutcrackers and line them up. Attach them to pieces of greenery-covered foam wedged into the container.
- For a traditional look, fill the boxes with pretty artificial poinsettias or evergreen clippings and trim with a large weather-proof red or green bow.
- Fill with greens, insert branches of Winterberry Holly, and add large pinecones and artificial apples or pears. For extra sparkle, roll the pinecones in white glue and then a pile of sparkly glitter. Add miniature lights for extra twinkle.
- Fill window boxes or containers with floral foam covered with wire mesh. Spray Birch twigs with adhesive and sprinkle with faux snow. Set birch twigs into the foam. Decorate with homemade bird treats. Combine suet and peanut butter with cornmeal and roll into small balls or form into miniature star or tree shapes, embedding raffia loops for hanging. Cover with seeds, nuts and cereal. Create a garland of berries, raisins, small pretzels, nuts, and cereal tied onto raffia. The birds will eat the good stuff and use the raffia in the spring to build their nests.
- For a whimsical touch, glue small toys to a foam cone and create a toy tree. Wind miniature lights around the trees, if desired.



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## President's Message

To all of our friends, families, and clients, I personally wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving season. This is truly my favorite time of year. The cool crisp mornings along with the spectacular colors that nature provides us certainly has a way to lead us into this beautiful time of year. And one of the most beautiful aspects of this season is that it reminds us of how thankful we need to be and how bountiful our lives are. Despite the glooming news about the economy, soaring energy costs, and the dismal picture that seems to be painted everyday on the news and the television, I guess one can easily veer away from realizing and acknowledging the goodness that surrounds us all. Thanksgiving is the time for us to truly appreciate what we have, reflect on the positive points in our lives and realize how much more fortunate we all are compared to others. That being said, I and the entire staff here at Davis Landscape are so very thankful, truly gratified, for all of the clients that we serve and the loyalty and trust that is placed with us. In a world that seems to have become so stressed and even cynical at times, it is so humbling and reassuring to have such relationships with so many people...and for that we are THANKFUL!

As we move into the wonderful upcoming Holiday season, I personally wish you all, your families and your loved ones, a Very Joyous Holiday Season and look forward to speaking with you in the New Year. May Happiness abound! **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

~Conrad P. Davis, II

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