

## Native Plant Centerpieces

### Gathering with the Environment in Mind

Designed by Christine Hoffman of *Foxglove*

Flowers and plants sourced from *Holly Ridge Farm, Plum City WI*

Early Meadow Rue | Tall Woodland Rue

Penstemon | Wild White Indigo

Yarrow | Fleabane

Red Clover | Highbush Cranberry

Milkweed | Sedge

Native plants and flowers in urban and rural landscapes are beneficial to our soil, water, pollinators, and wildlife. (and us!) A few reasons to think about planting them:

- they help filter nutrients back into the soil
- they filter pollutants and sediment from run-off and away from our waterways
- this filtering reduces algae growth and excessive weed growth in our waterways
- their long tap roots require less watering
- no mowing = fewer carbon emissions
- they make lovely centerpieces!

Some of the species used today are labelled as “special concern” plants in Minnesota. This means their natural habitat has decreased due to the increase in agricultural land and impervious surfaces. All of these plants are available from native plant growers and naturalize easily into urban yards and gardens. Where to use these plants in your landscapes:

- rain gardens
- natural low areas
- embankments and shorelines
- along driveways and sidewalks
- any garden

The MN DNR lists suppliers of native flowers and plants:

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/gardens/nativeplants/suppliers.html>