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# Heartwood Nursery News

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Easing into Autumn



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## Recent Release: *The Tree Collectors* by Amy Stewart

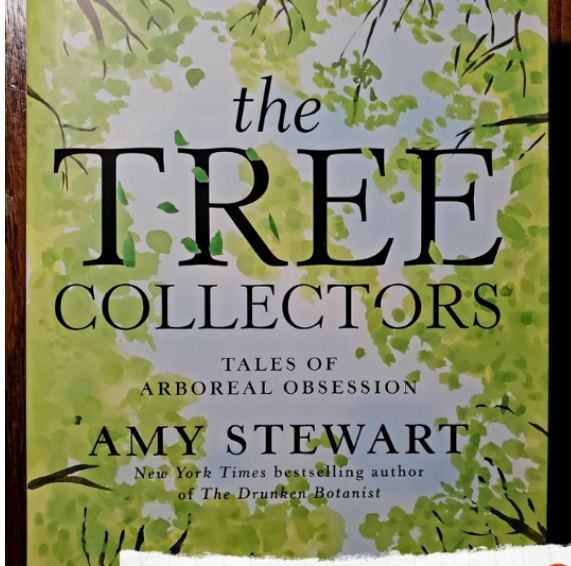
A Message from Sue Hunter, owner at Heartwood Nursery

"Words cannot begin to describe my appreciation to author Amy Stewart for interviewing me and including Hollies in her newest book! A flowing, charismatically written exploration of people's personal connections to trees and why they are so loved. Hollies are an often overlooked species in literature. We are honored ♡

Many thanks to Rachel Cobb who first introduced me to Amy during the process! ♡"

- Sue Hunter

*The Tree Collectors* is available now. Please click [here](#) for more information and to purchase your own copy.



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## Nature's Food for the Birds

Below are some native species listed that are excellent sources of food for birds. Many of these provide key nutrition during fall and winter months when their other food sources begin to dwindle. Many of these also are key for migrating birds. All are available now at Heartwood ~ take advantage of the August sale prices!

### Larger Planting Areas:

*Ilex opaca* - American Holly

*Nyssa sylvatica* - Black Gum

*Panicum virgatum* - Switchgrass

*Physocarpus opulifolius* - Ninebark

*Pycnanthemum muticum* - Clustered Mountain Mint

*Quercus palustris* - Pin Oak

*Sambucus canadensis* - Elderberry

*Viburnum dentatum* - Arrowwood Viburnum  
*Viburnum trilobum* var. *americanum* - American Cranberry Viburnum

Smaller Planting Areas:

*Amorpha fruticosa* - Indigo Shrub  
*Carpinus caroliniana* - American Hornbeam  
*Clethra alnifolia* - Summersweet 'Hummingbird'  
*Hypericum densiflorum* - Dense St. John's Wort  
*Ilex opaca* 'Maryland Dwarf'  
*Lindera benzoin* - Spicebush  
*Pycnanthemum muticum* - Clustered Mountain Mint



## What will grow under my Black Walnut tree?

There are many native species that will grow under Black Walnut trees (*Juglans nigra*), that are not sensitive to juglone. Juglone is a naturally occurring chemical in all parts of the Black Walnut tree, especially in the walnut hulls. In healthy soil, this substance is broken down fairly rapidly and there are many native species that are not susceptible to adverse effects from juglone. Black Walnut trees are an important part of our ecosystem. They create habitat, are a rich food source for birds and

mammals and are host to many native caterpillars. These trees are also quite hardy and can tolerate a wide range of growing conditions.

Native species that are not sensitive to juglone based on observations made at Heartwood Nursery:

American Holly (*Ilex opaca*) | Arrowwood Viburnum (*Viburnum dentatum*)  
Asters (*Aster* sp.) | Blackhaw Viburnum (*Viburnum prunifolium*)  
Christmas Fern (*Polystichum acrostichoides*)  
Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*) | Golden Alexander (*Zizia aurea*)  
Hay Scented Fern (*Sitobolium punctilobulum*)  
Mapleleaf Viburnum (*Viburnum acerifolium*)  
Smooth Hydrangea (*Hydrangea arborescens*)  
Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*) | Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*)

For optimum planting success, the soil needs to be prepared correctly when planting under Black Walnut trees. Care needs to be taken to avoid injuring the roots of the tree(s) when planting underneath. Like any tree, it is unwise to plant right up against the trunk. Planting out away from the trunk and out under the canopy is preferred. We routinely suggest mulching with aged, shredded pine bark mulch around new plantings. Pine bark mulch lasts longer than other mulches, increasing the health of the soil while naturally working to encourage the development of beneficial mycorrhizal fungi.

Also consider planting the following naturally occurring companion trees that grow with Black Walnut:

Black Cherry (*Prunus serotina*) | Black Gum (*Nyssa sylvatica*)  
Black Locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*) | Chestnut Oak (*Quercus prinus*)  
Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*) | Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)  
Sassafras (*Sassafras albidum*) | White Oak (*Quercus alba*)  
White Pine (*Pinus strobus*)

We carry many of the species that have been mentioned above! We also sell aged, shredded pine bark mulch.

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## Upcoming Event at Heartwood Nursery

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# AUTUMN WALK ON THE TREE TRAILS AT HEARTWOOD NURSERY

**Saturday, October 26 | 2:00 – 3:30pm**

**Heartwood Nursery, Felton**

REGISTER at [farmtrust.org/events](http://farmtrust.org/events)

Join us for an enriching autumn walk on the Tree Trails at Heartwood Nursery, led by Heartwood's owner and FNLТ landowner, Sue Hunter.

#### Learn About:

- **Fall Native Plant ID**
- **Best Native Trees for Erosion Control and Stormwater Management**
- **Why Leaves Change Colors:** Understand the science behind the beautiful fall foliage.
- **How Trees Predict Spring:** Find out how trees signal the coming of spring during the fall.

Participants will have the chance to bring unknown plant specimens from their properties for Sue to identify and provide recommendations. Please bring your samples in a sealed Ziploc bag. After the walk, visit Heartwood's retail store, which will be open with a variety of items available for purchase.

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## Special Thanks to Deb and Rachel

Recently we have been updating our website and working on establishing new customer outreach goals. We would like to thank Deb and Rachel for their professional guidance and insight!

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