Van Zyverden's WOODLAND PLANT SKELETON FLOWER





Diphylleia grayi, Skeleton Flower, is a native of the colder moist wooded sloped areas of Japan and China. It is a woodland perennial also commonly known as umbrella flower. It makes for a good ground cover in shady areas as it is sensitive to direct sun. Best planted in groups instead of as an accent plant. There are other Diphylleia species but only grayi have the crystal flower effect.

Incredible translucent flowers

Perennial plant which will return for years to come

After it flowers it bears dark blue purple fruit About This Variety: What makes this plant so unique is that its flowers when wet, turn translucent see through glass like leaving only the veining of the flower. Hence its common name. After they dry up, they turn back white. Blueish- purple fruit clusters develop in the fall after flowering. It is slow growing but long lived if properly located and initially cared for.

Growing Instructions: To grow successfully, mimic cooler wooded areas with consistently moist soil. Not hard to grow, but location is everything. Protect it from harsh direct sun light and hot summer temperatures.

Care Tip: Once planted leave undisturbed. Prefers soil rich in organic matter, but well drained. Mulch planting area with compost annually. During dry spells add moisture. In case of barren soil, best to add fertilizer.

Blooms: Summer

Exposure: Partial Shade to Full Shade

Height: Grows 12-18"

Spacing: Plant 12-36" apart, 1-2" deep just below soil level

USDA Zones: Hardy in USDA zones 4-9













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