

# Plant "Imagination"



*Scilla siberica 'Spring Beauty'*



*Sanguinaria canadensis 'Bloodroot'*

This *Siberian Squill* likes well drained loamy soil and filtered sunlight. Woodland gardens that are not boggy will make this plant happy. It is very hardy and needs some time below freezing in order to produce flowers. If made happy it will quickly increase from seeds and vegetative offsets. Plant in Sun to part shade. About 6 inches high, it will bloom in early spring (or, late winter).

The *Sanguinaria canadensis* 'Bloodroot' is from the Papaveraceae or more commonly the Poppy Family. It has medicinal uses and the root juice has been used as a dye. This is the only species of the genus Sanguinaria and while it can sometimes be found abundantly it is generally somewhat rare. A blood red juice from the rhizome gives it the name Bloodroot. I had the task of finding this plant for Anne when she was unable to attend a plant swap we planned on attending together. I could not find the plant and so I asked a woman who looked to me like she would be knowledgeable. "Not any here" was her response! But, I have some at home I will share! So, I and four other gardeners got to visit her gardens and each came away with a different but desired plant. Gardeners, are truly wonderful people.

This month featured early bloomers. I know you have imagined the changes to be made to your garden in the past few months which makes us all early bloomers in our minds at least. It won't be long before those plants we ordered from the online or mail order catalogs will be here. Let's see, what did I order and from who?

If you have had good experience with a particular vendor send me a note and perhaps we can create a list to share our experience with others. I will start by recommending, [www.thehostafarm.com/](http://www.thehostafarm.com/)