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Lovage (*Leviticus officinale*)

This old perennial herb can reach 6' and is long lived. The entire plant is edible and combines flavors of celery and parsley. It can be chopped and used in soups and stews. The hollow stem makes an interesting straw for Bloody Mary drinks.

Bear's Breeches (*Acanthus Hollis*)

This hardy perennial grows 3-5' spikes of flowers with broad, spiky leaves. It is best grown in sun to light shade and requires regular watering. It starts blooming in June and is deer resistant and attracts hummingbirds.

Indian Pink (*Spigelia marilandica* 'Little Red Head')

This wildflower grows in Eastern woodlands and spreads as a ground cover. The flower is an unusual red with a yellow center. If deadheaded, there may be a later bloom after the June bloom. It grows in sun or shade and attracts hummingbirds and butterflies. The height is 2' and it is deer resistant.