

# Fireworks Goldenrod



## *Solidago rugosa* 'Fireworks'

- **Use:** This 1993 introduction from Ken Moore of the NC Botanical Garden in Chapel Hill was originally selected from an NC Coastal Plain population of *S. rugosa*. Despite its southern heritage, it was rated #1 in the goldenrod trials at the Chicago Botanic Garden. The flowers resemble fireworks or literally bombs bursting in air...one of the finest additions to the fall garden!
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full to part sun. Prefers well-drained soil. Drought tolerant once established.
- **Growth:** From a slowly spreading rhizome, the stalks emerge upward in late spring, topping out at 3' tall and 2' wide.
- **Hardiness: Zone** 5-10 Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. The leaves are rough, long, and thin.
- **Flower:** In late summer, the bright yellow sprays of tiny flowers look just like an exploding skyrocket on the 4th of July. US ein cut flower arrangements. Contrary to popular belief, *Solidago* doesn't cause allergies; its pollen is sticky, not windblown, and is moved from plant to plant by bees.

Golden yellow flower spikes dart horizontally throughout the clump with radiating blossoms to form an explosion of interesting habit. *Solidago* Fireworks forms a tall mound of deep green and blazing yellow hues providing for late season color in the garden. Its form is truly unique and enchanting.

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