Arisaemas are an amazing group of plants, that grow in many different parts of the world. We are lucky to have our native Jack-in-the-Pulpit here in New England. Yet by far the largest concentration of Arisaemas is in eastern Asia. Many of these "Jacks" from Japan, Korea, and China are very showy and are welcomed additions to our woodland gardens. They also make wonderful container plants, that can be grown on a deck or patio, so their fine details can be appreciated close-up.

One of the most dramatic "Jacks" is Arisaema fargesii, it is native to China. Featuring large, glossy, trifoliate leaves that emerge over the big, bold flowers that curls around it's spadix. This is easy to grow and will offset nicely to form a colony quite quickly.



Arisaema fargesii – Chinese Cobra Lily



Our favorite (well . . . maybe we have four or five favorites) is Arisaema candidissimum. Also having large foliage and a big inflorescence, this Jack has a pleasant fragrance to the flower.



Arisaema candidissimum – Striped Cobra Lily

Often the emerging foliage of certain Arisaemas appear as if they are chicks hatching out of an egg, very prehistoric looking! One of these is Arisaema consanguineum. As with many of the Jacks, A. consanguineum has exceptional foliage, as well as variegated selections.



Arisaema consanguineum – Himalayan Jack-in-the Pulpit



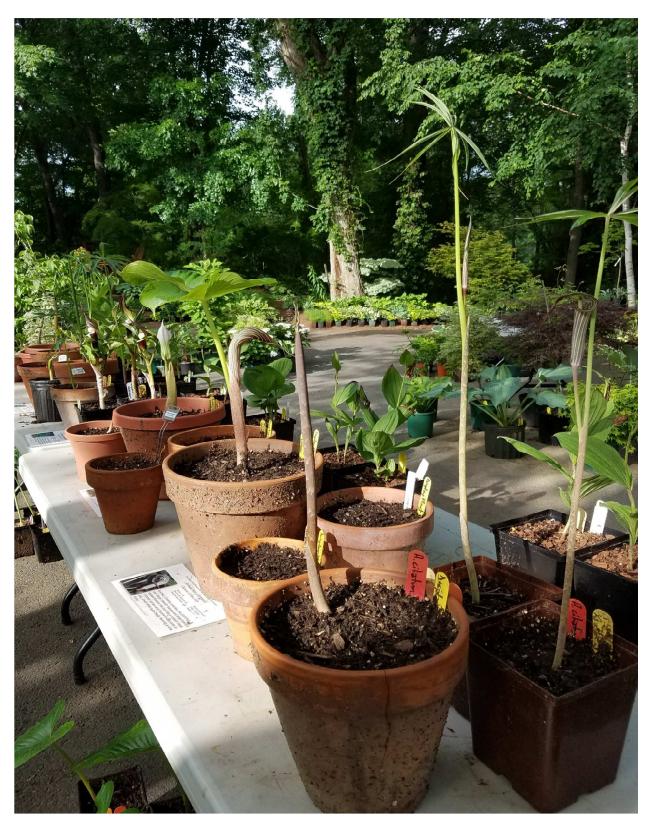
Arisaema consanguineum 'Wild Blue Yonder'



Foliage of Arisaema candidissimum and Sauromatum venosum



Here's to looking at you! Arisaema flavum – Owl-Faced Cobra Lily



If you have the chance to stop in at the nursery for our Arisaema weekend, you will find our display table tempting you with our selection of Jack-in-the-Pulpits!