Scientific Name: *Deinanthe bifida*

Family: Hydrangeaceae

Common Name: Deinanthe

Native Habitat: Japan

Hardiness Zone: Zones 4-8

Exposure: Mostly shade; foliage in the sun will burn and fade.

Form: Herbaceous, upright, clumping perennial.

Soil Requirements: *Deinanthe* is most suited for the woodland garden, with adequately moist, rich, but well-drained soil.

Growth Rate: Slow

Height: Approximately 2 feet in height.

Leaf: As the specific epithet *bifida* implies, the leaves are distinctly divided into 2 pointed lobes at the apex. The leaves are coarsely textured and provide aesthetic interest long after the flowers fade.

Flower: A definite member of the Hydrangea family, flowers are borne in terminal clusters of nodding, waxy, white flowers that can also have a pinkish tint to them. Flowers are approximately 1 inch across.

*Deinanthe bifida* can be enjoyed in Stonecrop’s lush Woodland Garden and often starts to flower in the beginning of July.

*D. bifida* was discovered and described in 1863 by the Russian botanist Carl Johann Maximowicz in the woodlands of Japan. This little known genus of the Hydrangea family is a delight to see in the garden and is a “must-have” for the plant enthusiast!