BAUCIS AND PHILEMON SOLUTION – PERENNIAL / RIOTOUS

Each letter string can be separated into two interlaced components: a proper name reading forward, and another modifying clue reading backward. For each, apply the clue to the notable romantic partner of the first name, in each case yielding a tree. Indexing into the trees gives a letter string that is one more intertwined forward-backward pair: in this case, respectively the two answer words PERENNIAL and RIOTOUS.

FORWARD	BACKWARD	PARTNER	TREE	INDEX
HERA	RHYME	ZEUS	SPRUCE	S P
HERO	BEHIND O	LEANDER	OLEANDER	E R
PRISCILLA	BIRTHPLACE	ELVIS PRESLEY	TUPELO	U
JACK TWIST	CONTAINED	ENNIS DEL MAR	ELM	E
XANTHIPPE	KILLER	SOCRATES	HEMLOCK	O
BONNIE PARKER	MIDDLE NAME	CLYDE BARROW	CHESTNUT	N
PETRUCHIO	ANAGRAM	KATE	TEAK	T
WONDER WOMAN	PORTRAYER	STEVE TREVOR	PINE	N I
BLONDIE	TYPO	DAGWOOD	DOGWOOD	O
KATIE HOLMES	SUPPORTING NOM	TOM CRUISE	MAGNOLIA	A
ANGEL	GAL PAL	BUFFY	WILLOW	I
MARION RAVENWOOD	OFFICAL STATE ONE	INDIANA (JONES)	TULIP TREE	R L