Heuchera ‘Champagne’ from Terra Nova
**Agastache ‘Mango Tango’** - Selected for its shorter habit, 'Mango Tango' impresses by its overall vibrant red-orange color, with dusty rose calyces and peach-orange flowers. Flowers cover the top ¾ of the plant, with aromatic, green foliage. It is drought tolerant, deer resistant, and attracts butterflies and hummingbirds. Growing 16-18” tall in full sun, hardy in zones 6-9. Available from Walters Gardens.

**Agastache ‘Kudos Yellow’** - Large, dense inflorescences of yellow flowers adorn this wonderfully compact Agastache. Compared to Agastache 'Sunset Yellow', 'Kudos Yellow' has larger, denser inflorescences, a more upright bushy habit, and is hardier. Like the others in the KUDOS™ Series, this plant is hardy to Zone 5 and is naturally resistant to downy mildew. Butterflies & hummingbirds love this plant, deer hate it. Drought tolerant once established. Available from Terra Nova and Emerald Coast.

**Achillea ‘Little Moonshine’** - ‘Little Moonshine’ has the same bright flowers and silver foliage as 'Moonshine' but with a compact habit that will not flop, making it ideal for containers and small garden spaces. From Blooms of Bressingham, this petite beauty comes into flower early & blooms for a long time (from May thru September - re-blooming if cut back). Strongly upright, growing 12-14” tall in full sun. Hardy in zones 4-8. Available from Green Leaf, Darwin, James GH, Gulley & DeGoede.

**Alyssum ‘Golden Spring’** - An exciting season extender from Darwin Perennials that brings a fresh class of "WOW" to the early Spring -flowering group. The first vegetative A. wulfenianum, ‘Golden Spring’ boasts the largest flowers of its class. Retailers looking for easy-growing, frost & freeze tolerant varieties for early spring sales (that also can take the heat) will enjoy 'Golden Spring' and its intense yellow color. Also deer, rabbit and pest resistant. Hardy zones 4-9. Ground hugging habit, 6-8” high. Available from Green Leaf, Gro N'Sell, Gulley, PP & L & Darwin.

**Allium ‘Pink Planet’** - This semi-sterile ornamental onion has showy dense balls of pink blooms on stems that will get 18" tall. Long blooming with flowers starting at the end of August and continuing for at least a month. Clumping habit with attractive foliage. Best in full sun and well drained soil. Hardy zones 4-9. Available from Stonehouse Nursery.

**Andropogon ‘Red October’** - What a dramatic color to add to your garden for the fall! This new Big Bluestem has leaves that start off deep green with red highlights in the spring. When fall approaches the red color increases and deepens to burgundy with red flowers. After the first frost the foliage turns candy apple red. Big and bold with a strong upright habit, reaching up to 6’ tall. Grow in full sun and well drained soil. Hardy zones 3-8. Available from Emerald Coast and North Creek.
**Baptisia ‘Decadence’ series**

Proven Winners is adding 2 new introductions into this highly successful series of baptisias, ‘Sparkling Sapphires’ and ‘Pink Truffles’. The Decadence series is the result of a 14 year breeding program by Hans Hansen that features unique and desirable flower colors and short, compact habits. They are all grown from cuttings rather than seed, resulting in more uniform finished plants. ‘Pink Truffles’ brings an entirely new color to the collection, with clear soft pink blossoms and a pale yellow keel on 12” long spikes in late spring. The pink flowers lighten to pale lavender with age. ‘Sparkling Sapphires’ offers intensely vibrant, vivid violet blue flowers in late spring. Both grow as tall as 2 ½-3’ with the rigidly upright habit you would expect in baptisias. Proven Winner containers are required. Grow them in full sun, and hardy zones 4-9.

Available from Walters and EuroAmerican.

**Buddleia ‘Humdinger Lavender Cupcake’** - The word “humdinger” is defined as “something that is very impressive or exciting.” That word definitely applies to this new collection of Buddleia! They are earlier and more compact than other buddleias. This plant has long, 12”, light lavender flower panicles and a rounded, compact habit. Blooming as early as midsummer and secondary blooms extending into early fall. Height of 3 ½-4’ and hardy to zones 5-10. Available from Walters Gardens.

**Calamintha nepeta ‘Marvelette Blue’ & ‘Marvelette White’** - These 2 new intros are both FleuroSelect Gold Medal Winners! They are 1st year flowering with upright spikes of striking blooms in early summer recurring through fall. Their fragrant foliage attracts butterflies and bees. They make great fillers in a sunny border or delightful container plants for the patio. Compact, growing only 8-10” high and hardy zones 4-9.


**Campanula ‘Rapido Pretty Blue’ & ‘Fresh White’** - One of the earliest blooming C. carpatica types on the market (up to 4 weeks earlier than ‘Clips’) with good vigor and uniformity, they offer attractive complements to early-season bulbs and annuals. Thanks to their compact, mounded shape & rich flowering power that bees love, the versatile plants light up patio pots, front-of border garden beds and Alpine Gardens. Grow in full to partial sun, and hardy zones 3-9. Available from Green Leaf, Swift, Walters, Gulley and PP & L.
**Carex ‘EverColor EverLime’** - The newest intro to the EverColor series from FitzGerald Nurseries, ‘EverLime’ offers the great 4 season interest of the other members. Foliage is a glossy dark green with lime green margins. It offers an excellent habit, growing in a tidy mound, 12-18” tall and wide. Easy to grow in sun and shade, and a nice addition to mixed containers too. Hardy zones 5-10. Available from Emerald Coast, North Creek, Green Leaf, Creek Hill, Skagit and PP & L.

**Clematis ‘Sweet Summer Love’** - Sweet Autumn Clematis has long been admired for its fall-blooming flowers, and now it comes in a new color other than white! Bred in Poland by famed clematis breeder Szczepan Marczynski, these cranberry-violet flowers will delight about a month earlier than the typical Sweet Autumn. PW pots are required. Hardy zones 4-8. Available from Walters Gardens, Donahue’s, 4 Star, and Pleasant View.

**Coreopsis ‘Solanna Glow’** – New intro in the Solanna series from Danziger, this features the softest yellow flower of any C. grandiflora selections so far. Compact growing, up to 15” tall, with blooms starting in late spring and recurring through the summer. Flowers dance well above the attractive medium green foliage. Flowers are sterile allowing more blooms through the summer. Ideal for sunny gardens and hardy zones 5-9. Available from Headstart, Danziger, Gulley and PP & L.

**Coreopsis ‘Ladybird’** – This new verticillata hybrid ups the bar. Like a traditional verticillata it is very hardy (Z5), however ‘Ladybird’ is more compact and resistant to powdery mildew. The reddest Coreopsis that Terra Nova has produced. Red flowers over bright green leaves provide an excellent color-spot in the garden. Use in mixed beds and borders, as a mass planting, an accent, or in a container. Available from Terra Nova.

**Coreopsis ‘Ka-Pow’ series**

From the master coreopsis breeder, Darrell Probst, comes a new series that brings some serious punch. The ‘Ka-Pow’ series offers a great range of colors that change with the seasons. Three colors in the series, all with large 2 ½” flowers on compact, dense plants. ‘Ivory’ has cream colored flowers that will develop some burgundy blushing in cooler temps. ‘Lemon' has yellow flowers that blush red in the fall. ‘Cerise’ has large burgundy - purple flowers with tips that turn a lighter color during the summer. All have good resistance to powdery mildew when grown in full sun. Although the form for all of these is compact, they still have decent size, reaching 20” tall with a 24” spread. Hardy zones 5-9. Available from Darwin, Green Leaf and PP & L.
**Digitalis ‘Foxlight’ series**

The Foxlight series from Darwin Perennials are stunning, all summer bloomers with every new tip forming flowers. 3 colors, ‘Rose Ivory’, ‘Ruby Glow’ and ‘Plum Gold’, with multicolored flowers on each. Tall, strongly upright, growing 24” tall, with large, deep green foliage. Tender in colder areas, but hardy zones 7 and south. Grow in full sun. Available from Emerald Coast, Darwin and Green Leaf.

**Dicentra ‘White Gold’**

With brilliant-white, heart-shaped flowers above golden leaves, ‘White Gold’ is fresh and will brighten any shade garden. Its beauty, reliability and vigorous growth will delight you. This plant likes moisture, allow to dry slightly between watering, but don't let it get bone dry when young in the greenhouse. Use as an accent, in mixed beds, in the woodland or shade garden. Hardy zones 4-8. Available from Terra Nova.

**Dianthus ‘Stargazer’**

The Star Series out of PlantHaven have attractive compact, mounding foliage that looks great in mass plantings. ‘Stargazer’ is the newest introduction in this series with fragrant, single, fringed white blooms with a deep maroon eye above steel gray foliage. They are heat tolerant with excellent vigor and produce uniform, spring and early-summer crops that are perfect for promotions. Grow in full sun, hardy to zone 5. Available from Green Leaf and PP & L.

**Dianthus ‘Fruit Punch’ series**

These sweet varieties are the newest additions to the Fruit Punch series, all sharing the trait of fragrant, double to semi-double flowers. Both ‘Maraschino’ and ‘Sweetie Pie’ have a stunning contrast with their silvery-blue foliage and large, 1¼ - 1½” blooms. ‘Cranberry Cocktail’ has even larger blooms, 2” flowers of hot magenta that float above the grey-green densely clumping foliage. Flowers appear in early summer on all 3, with a nice re-bloom in early fall. They demonstrate good heat and humidity tolerance. Proven Winner containers are required. Grow in full sun, hardy zones 4-9. Available from Walters and EuroAmerican.

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**Echinacea ‘Butterfly’ series**

Climb aboard the Butterfly train with these two new introductions by Arie Blom of AB-Cultivars. Like their series mates, ‘Julia’, ‘Cleopatra’ and ‘Purple Emperor’, they were bred to be compact, sturdy, 18” tall plants, that are very floriferous. 'Rainbow Marcella' is covered in a rainbow of pink and orange blooms. 'Golden Skipper' produces neon lemon yellow single flowers. ‘Orange Skipper’, last year’s introduction, is a striking neon tangerine-orange. Ideal for one gallon production, and perfectly fitted for an end cap display. Hardy zones 4-9. Available from Emerald Coast, Green Leaf, Skagit and PP & L.

**Dryopteris erythrosora ‘Radiance’** – A new and more colorful selection of the Autumn Fern, ‘Radiance’ offers dazzling shades of red, orange and pink on the new fronds in spring, maturing to glossy green in summer. Fall brings another display of colorful orange and red hues. Foliage remains semi-evergreen giving 4 seasons of interest. Hardy zones 5-11, thriving in hot, moist summers. Available from Casa Flora and North Creek Nurseries.

**Echinacea ‘Feeling Pink’** - A **FleuroSelect Gold Medal winner**, this compact, heavy-blooming purple coneflower has a shorter cycle, coming into bloom much earlier for growers. Only growing 20” tall with sturdy stems and large 2 1/2” blooms, this will make excellent quarts or gallons. Garden performance for the end user is excellent when grown in full sun and hardy zones 4-9.

**Echinacea ‘Cone-Fections Cherry Fluff’** - The Cone-Fection series introduced by Plants Nouveau and bred by Arie Blom are noted for double flowers, excellent flower form, sturdy habit, and well branched stems. 'Cherry Fluff' is the first ever bicolor double flowered echinacea. Soft green flowers age to pink and white, on a sturdy 18” tall, very floriferous plant. Like all the Cone-Fection echinacea, it has superior garden performance and can be used as a cut flower. Grow in full sun, hardy zones 4-9.

**Eryngium ‘Neptune’s Gold’** - The first all gold leaved Sea Holly! Bred in the UK by Neil Alcock it is a clump forming evergreen perennial with deeply lobed, toothed gold leaves. Upright branching rich blue stems with an electric blue cone flower surrounded by bracts that are graduated from silver to gold. Totally stable, never reverts, does not burn, and is excellent in containers. Upright, round-ed habit, growing to 24” tall, and hardy zones 4-9. Available from Creek Hill & Skagit.
**Festuca ‘Cool as Ice’** - This blue fescue was selected for its lighter green spring color that emerges to a bi-color blue in the summer. A vigorous plant with better heat tolerance than other blue fescues. Good for front of the landscape or a rock garden accent. Full sun to part shade, well drained soil. Hardy zones 4-8. Available from Emerald Coast and Creek Hill.

**Gaillardia ‘Fanfare Citronelle’** - With unique pinwheel flowers in a bright, sunny yellow, ‘Fanfare Citronella’ flowers over an exceptionally long period above a compact mounding habit. Introduced by PlantHaven, ‘Fanfare Citronella’ is drought tolerant once established. Forms a nicely rounded bush, reaching 20” tall. Hardy zones 5-9. Available from Green Leaf, Darwin, Gulley, Skagit and PP & L.

**Gaillardia ‘Sunset Sunrise’** - Introduced by PlantHaven, the Gaillardia ‘Sunset’ varieties have single rows of flat petals of vibrant color fringed with yellow carried on very strong stems. ‘Sunset Sunrise’ is the newest in this collection and features two rows of flat petals in orange and golden yellow. Performs best in full sun, growing up to 16” tall. Great for containers and in the mixed border, plus they are butterfly magnets. Hardy zones 5-9. Available from Green Leaf, NW Hort, Emerald Coast and PP & L.

**Helenium ‘Mariachi Ranchera’ & ‘Bandera’** - 2 new intros in this popular series of shorter, more compact heleniums, ‘Ranchera’ is a much truer red than any previous heleniums, and so far have been powdery mildew free. ‘Bandera’ flowers are a brick red with yellow edges to the petals. Both grow only 18” tall and will bloom from June into September if grown in full sun. Hardy zones 3-9. Available from Emerald Coast, Creek Hill and Green Leaf.

**Helleborus ‘Honeymoon’ series**

From Walters Gardens hybridizing program comes the new single-flowered Honeymoon series. It was chosen for its notable vigor and showy floral displays with large numbers of blossoms per plant. On the lighter side of the series, 'French Kiss' has 3-3 1/2” white flowers with raspberry pink veins. 'Spanish Flare' has 3” light yellow flowers with maroon red flares around the nectaries. In shades of black comes 'New York Night' with flowers 2 1/2-3" ranging from deep grey-purple to jet black in color. 'Rome in Red' is rich with maroon to wine red 3-4" flowers. All grow 18-24” in height in partial shade, hardy zones 4-9. Available from Walters Gardens.
The Carnival series from Darwin Perennials is a collection of heucheras that are bred from H. villosa and other species to give excellent hardiness in all conditions. The entire series is uniform in height and habit, and is being offered as an affordable alternative to other heuchera. Excellent garden performers and outstanding complementary plants for mixed containers. Foliage grows 10-12” tall, with prominent darker veining in all varieties. There are 10 varieties in the series, with 4 new ones featured here. For best color grow in partial shade, but tolerant of sun and shade, cold hardy zones 4-9. Available from Green Leaf, Gulley, North Creek, Raker, PP & L, and Meadow View.

**Anemone 'Honorine Jobert'** - Discovered in 1858, 'Honorine Jobert' is a tried and true hybrid that is a consistent best seller in the perennial market. Beloved for decades by landscape designers as well as home gardeners, it offers an incredible amount of flower power to go along with its statuesque habit. This selection of Japanese anemone has single white flowers with yellow centers on wiry branching stems that extend well above the rich, deep green foliage. They will reach 3-4’ tall and bloom late summer to early fall. Performs well in full sun or part shade. Hardy zones 4-8. Offered by Walters Gardens, Creek Hill, Aris, Skagit Gardens, Stonehouse Nursery, and Gulley Greenhouse.

**Heliopsis ‘Sunstruck’** - With the biggest blooms in its class & eye-catching variegated foliage, 'Sunstruck' from Darwin Perennials makes a huge impact in any garden. Compact, only growing 16” tall, and floriferous, they are perfect for the front of a border. Its compact habit is easier to ship and shows better at retail, plus the bright yellow blooms stay in flower all summer. Like other heliopsis, they don't get powdery mildew. Grow in full sun, hardy zones 4-9. Available from PP & L.

**Hypericum ‘Hypearls Compact Red’** - Cheerful yellow flowers develop into bright red berries with deep red stems. More compact habit is suited for smaller landscapes with eye-catching color until frost. Great for sunny gardens, small spaces, and containers. Attractive to birds and beneficial insects. No vernalization required. Sell with flowers and berries in July and August. Upright habit, growing up to 32” tall. Part shade to full sun - hardy zones 6-9. Available from Green Leaf and Darwin.

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Hosta of the Year - 2016

‘Curly Fries’ - This unique and unusual hosta is a somewhat surprising choice for Hosta of the Year, having only been introduced in 2008, but it is one of the quickest to reach such a high level of popularity! 'Curly Fries' is a miniature with rippled, narrow leaves on an arching habit that will get about 6” tall and 16” wide. Its chartreuse foliage will show off the brightest when positioned for the morning sun. The color and form will work as a stand alone or make a great complement to the rest of your shade garden. Grow in partial to full shade. Hardy zones 3-9. Offered by Walters Gardens.

Heucherella ‘Autumn Cascade’ - 'Autumn Cascade' is the latest trailing heucherella. It is appealing on many levels - the reddish tan leaves, the cute lobing, the great trailing habit and its excellent vigor. It grows great in hanging baskets, mixed containers or even as a groundcover. Unlike the other reddish shaded heucherellas, 'Autumn Cascade' has lobed leaves. Hardy zones 4-9. Available from Terra Nova.

Heuchera ‘Champagne’ - This is a stunning plant with medium size leaves changing from peach to gold to champagne-gold with a strong white veil overall. Free-flowering maroon stems with light peach flowers most of the season. Best used in part to full shade, 'Champagne' will attract hummingbirds and is heat and humidity tolerant. Use as an accent, border, mixed containers. Hardy zones 4-9. Available from Terra Nova.

Heucherella ‘Infinity’ - Like the name indicates this "foamy bell flower" blooms from infinity and beyond. A hybrid cross of heuchera and tiarella comes from the breeding program of AB-Cultivars and Arie Bloom. 'Infinity' has spectacular large, dark chocolate, velvety leaves that look as though they have cocoa powder on them. Creamy pink buds open to cream colored flowers on two foot spikes. A true goddess in your garden. A clumping form, with foliage reaching 8-10” tall, hardy zones 5-9. Available from Emerald Coast.

Hibiscus ‘Mocha Moon’ - This introduction comes with a combination of dark foliage and huge 7-8” white flowers. These slightly cupped pure white flowers have a scarlet red eye that bleeds on to the ruffled, overlapping petals. Flowers are produced from the top to the bottom of the plant, contrasting the deep bronze-green foliage. The thick, leathery, maple-like leaves form an upright, 4’ tall, full clump - perfect for a sunny landscape. Hardy zones 4-9. Available from Walters Gardens.
**Hibiscus ‘Summerific’ series**

These are standout additions to the best-selling Summerific series from Proven Winners, both offering 7-8" wide flowers and compact in habit. Flowering at the top of the 4’ plant, 'Berry Awesome' provides blooms of lavender pink and a red eye, against midnight green foliage and deeply lobed leaves. 'Perfect Storm' replaces 'Summer Storm' in the series, doubling in height to 3’ with white overlapping flowers, a bright red eye that veins out, and edged with light pink. The deep red foliage offers nice contrast to the blooms. Hardy zones 4-9. Proven Winner pots are required. Available from Walters and EuroAmerican.

**Lantana ‘Belle Starr’** - Developed on the creek banks of one of the legendary hideouts of the infamous Belle Starr and the Younger gang, Southwest Perennials introduces a new lantana, ‘Belle Starr Gold’. Similar to ‘Dallas Red’ in size and stature, this profuse bloomer will tolerate tough Texas conditions with bright golden flowers all summer. Works well as a ground cover or in mass. Grows 20” tall, hardy zones 8-11. Available from Southwest Perennials.

**Lavandula stoechas ‘Bandera Purple’** - 'Bandera Purple' is the first commercial L. stoechas from seed. Lush & compact, this newcomer shows an abundance of spikes carrying dark purple flowers with purple flags while the plant height does not exceed 8” tall. This spring to mid-summer flowering perennial works beautifully in the front of the border or in patio containers. Bonus: Butterflies and honeybees flock to 'Bandera Purple'. Grow in full sun, hardy in zones 7-10. Available from PP & L and Knox.

**Lagerstroemia ‘Barista’ series**

A popular flowering shrub in the south, Walters Gardens' hybridizing team brings you a Crape Myrtle series ready for the northern market! This collection blooms on new wood, with yearly flowering in the late summer. Northern growers can handle them the same way they handle buddleias and caryopteris. 'Cherry Mocha' is small in habit with cherry red flowers from red buds. 'Frappe Pink' is the most floriferous, with coral red buds opening to true pink flower clusters. 'Like a Latte' has a petite habit, dark green foliage with burgundy veining, and coppery red buds that open to white flowers. 'Sweet Macchiato' is upright, with dark blue-green leaves with deep red new growth and red buds opening to hot pink flowers and yellow stamens. Low spreading habits on all with height 2-2 ½’ and a little more spread. Grow in full sun, hardy zones 6-9. Available from Walters Gardens.
Leucanthemum ‘Spellbook Lumos’ - ‘Lumos’ will light up any garden with its yellow blooms that do not fade. Developed by Euro American, ‘Lumos’ is a dwarf Shasta, reaching 12” tall with a strong and sturdy habit. Super floriferous, ‘Lumos’ will bloom from mid spring thru summer. These re-blooming beauties are fantastic for cool season combinations. Grow in full sun, hardy zones 5-9. Available from EuroAmerican, Green Leaf and Darwin.

Leucanthemum ‘Luna’ - ‘Luna’ proves the moon is out! Showy, pom-poms of double flowers rest atop a dense, upright mound of foliage. Flowers bloom yellow, then gradually change to a two-toned yellow and finally finish white. Flowers stay yellow for two weeks or longer in Oregon, unlike other "yellows" that fade in a matter of days. Vigorous, growing in a rounded mound. Flowers first year. Equally at home in the garden border, container, or front of the border. Hardy zones 5-9. Available from Terra Nova.

Lobelia ‘Golden Torch’ - This will catch your customer’s eye! The golden foliage in the spring will fade to lime green in July, showing off striking, bright red flowers. Very upright habit, reaching up to 3’ tall with blooms from July to September. Lobelias thrive in wet locations, but this will also perform well in normal garden situations in full sun. Hardy zones 3-9.

Lobelia ‘Starship Deep Rose’ - This new series of cardinal flower from Kieft Seeds is an improvement from older cultivars, with first year flowering plants, earlier flowering, better branching, and better quality finished plants. Can’t take the heat? Well this newcomer from Kieft Seed loves higher temperatures, humidity and moisture, making it an excellent choice for sunny summer landscapes. These beauties are a favorite of butterflies and hummingbirds. Very upright growing, to 24” tall, and hardy in zones 6-10. Available from Walters and PP & L.

Lobelia ‘Tan Line’ - This red-tipped, gold leaved lobelia has red flowers and lots of vigor. Growing up to 42” tall and 24” wide in full sun, ‘Tan Line’ will be a centerpiece plant in a mixed border in summer. Introduced by Intrinsic Perennials, and according to Brent Horvath it’s the best lobelia introduction he’s offered. Hardy zones 4-9.

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Lychnis ‘Petite Jenny’ - This double-flowered little beauty is a dwarf form of the popular Blooms of Bressingham introduction Lychnis ‘Jenny’. The compact bushy clumps are topped with masses of soft lavender-pink flowers from mid-May into fall. Discovered by Paul Gooderham at Bressingham, UK, in a patch of its parent ‘Jenny.’ Best used in a sunny border and in containers. Hardy in zones 5-7. Available from Green Leaf and Gulley GH.
**Monarda ‘Leading Lady’ series**

These ladies lead the way in early summer, flowering earlier and forming a more petite clump than common M. didyma cultivars. They typically bloom from early to midsummer and grow just a foot tall. ‘Leading Lady Lilac’ has light lilac purple blossoms with purple bracts. ‘Leading Lady Plum’ has magenta purple blossoms with deep blackish purple bracts and deep purple spots on open petals. Both share densely branched, dark green, somewhat glossy foliage. After the first flush of flowers is passing full bloom, a second flush blooms above the initial flowers. The foliage is fragrant and the nectar is sweet and attractive to butterflies, hummingbirds, and honeybees. PW containers are required. They grow 10-14” tall in full sun, hardy zones 4-9. Available from Walters Gardens and EuroAmerican.

**Monarda ‘Pardon My’ series**

Proven Winners is introducing 2 new varieties in their popular ‘Pardon My’ series of petite bee-balms. ‘Pardon My Cerise’ has large, 2 ½-3” blooms of dark cherry pink. ‘Pardon My Lavender’ flowers are light lavender pink with darker pink centers, giving them a 3 dimensional look. Both form well branched bushes of deep green glossy foliage about a foot tall. Similar to the ‘Pardon My Pink’ and ‘Pardon My Purple’ sister plants, these offer good resistance to powdery mildew and are exclusive to the Proven Winner perennial program, with PW containers required. Grow in full sun, hardy zones 4-9. Available from Walters Gardens and EuroAmerican.

**Muhlenbergia ‘Fast Forward’** - Unlike the typical muhly grass that doesn’t begin blooming until late summer or early fall, ‘Fast Forward’ produces a beautiful show of flowers as early as August. The understory of broad, strap-like green leaves is attractive before, during and after the flower show. This U.S. native produces symmetrical, compact mounds and is refined in shape. More refined in shape than any other muhly. Foliage will grow 30” tall, with inflorescences up to 4’. Grow in full sun to partial shade, hardy zones 6 to 10. Available from Green Leaf and Emerald Coast.

**Mukgenia ‘Nova Flame’** - This hybrid is an amazing combination with dark pink flowers from the Bergenia mother and leaves edged in red and great fall color from the Mukdenia ‘Crimson Fans’ father. A cool and lovely intergeneric cross. The thick leathery leaves last longer than Mukdenia in the fall before they die down for the winter. Long lived and good in containers. Full sun to full shade. Bloom time from April to June. Hardy zones 3-9. Available from Terra Nova.
Penstemon digitalis ‘Pocahontas’ - A new Intrinsic Perennials intro from the same species as Penstemon ‘Husker Red’, ‘Pocahontas’ offers much darker stems and more refined tubular purple-pink flowers in June. Leaves are an attractive dark burgundy, on upright, full bushes that will grow up to 4’ tall. As an added bonus, the flowers are hummingbird magnets. Grow in full sun to partial shade, with the best color in more sun. Hardy zones 4-9. Available from Emerald Coast, North Creek and Skagit.

Penisetum ‘Ginger Love’ - ‘Ginger Love’ is a new introduction from Intrinsic Perennials, and is touted to be an improvement over P. ‘Red Head’. It features better red inflorescences starting in August on 2-3’ tall perfectly rounded bushes. Flowers fade to a silvery white and persist into October. They perform best in full sun and well drained soils. Hardy zones 5-9. Available from Emerald Coast, Green Leaf and Walters.

Penstemon ‘Quartz Amethyst’ & ‘Quartz Rose’

Penstemon ‘Quartz Amethyst’ and ‘Quartz Rose’ are the first in a new series being introduced by Star Roses and Plants and bred by NovaFlora. These have the looks and huge flowers of the western forms but are sturdy and hardy in the east. ‘Quartz Rose’ has large, striking bubblegum pink flowers with white throats on long stems that wave in the wind above the foliage. ‘Quartz Amethyst’ has large lilac flowers with white throats. Both offer a strong bloom display in late spring/early summer, and will re-bloom again in later summer. The habit is very upright with strong stems, growing around 20” tall with excellent basal branching. They are deer resistant and favorites of hummingbirds. Hardy zones 6-9. Available from Green Leaf, Skagit and Darwin.

Pennisetum ‘Ginger Love’ - ‘Ginger Love’ is a new introduction from Intrinsic Perennials intro from the same species as Penstemon ‘Husker Red’, ‘Pocahontas’ offers much darker stems and more refined tubular purple-pink flowers in June. Leaves are an attractive dark burgundy, on upright, full bushes that will grow up to 4’ tall. As an added bonus, the flowers are hummingbird magnets. Grow in full sun to partial shade, with the best color in more sun. Hardy zones 4-9. Available from Emerald Coast, North Creek and Skagit.

Panicum ‘Apache Rose’ - The durable grass from Proven Winners has a dense, upright, columnar habit with grey, green leaves. It has unique rose-colored flower panicles. Burgundy seed heads are produced in late summer. In the fall, the tips of the leaves turn a hint of rosy-red. Once established, it is very tolerant of heat, drought, and wind. PW containers are required. Use in full sun, growing 4’ in height, and hardy zones 4-9. Available from Walters Gardens and EuroAmerican.

Perovskia ‘Denim ’n Lace’ - This new variety continues the trend of compact, manageable perovskia from Walters Gardens’ hybridizing. It doesn’t get too tall, with stronger stems and upright habit. Lacy, bright sky blue flowers are held on by amethyst calyxes spaced closely for a full look amongst silvery-green foliage. It has a vigorous growth habit and color from July through October. PW container is required. Needs full sun to hold the strong, upright habit, reaching 28-32” tall and hardy zones 4-9. Available from Walters Gardens and EuroAmerican.
**Phlox ‘Opening Act’ series**

This new hybrid phlox series from Proven Winners boasts a long season of color, blooming in early June into midsummer with sporadic re-bloom into fall. 'Opening Act Blush' has light lavender pink flowers and 'Opening Act White' has pure white flowers. Both varieties offer dark green, glossy foliage that is mildew and disease resistant, blooming earlier than the paniculatas or summer phlox. Growth habit is similar to 'Minnie Pearl' or 'Amethyst Pearl,' but with a more clumping habit as opposed to running. They’ll grow up to 20” tall and are hardy zones 4-8. Grow in full sun for best performance. Proven Winner containers are required. Available from Walters Gardens and EuroAmerican.

**Salvia ‘Ember’s Wish’ & ‘Love & Wishes’**

2 new intros from the breeders of ‘Wendy’s Wish’ with a portion of the proceeds going to the Make A Wish Foundation, these tender perennial intros offer great flower power throughout the summer. They’ll bloom from spring past the first frosts with no pinching or dead-heading required. Upright, growing to 36” tall in full sun. Available from Green Leaf, Darwin and Skagit.

**Salvia ‘Arctic Blaze’ series**

Star Roses and Plants is introducing this new line of Salvia greggii crosses that are more reliably cold hardy with excellent habits and outstanding reblooming. Bred by NovaFlora, the Arctic Blaze series are all consistent to size, habit and bloom time. They form dense, bushy, rounded habits, growing up to 24” tall. 3 colors in the series so far, Red, Purple and Fuchsia. S. greggii varieties are favorites in the south and west because of their heavy blooming and brightly colored flowers, and the Arctic Blaze series will give Midwestern and East Coast gardeners the chance to enjoy them. Hardy zones 6-11. Available from Green Leaf.
Salvia ‘Salute Pink’ - The Salvia ‘Salute’ series are first year flowering, day length neutral varieties with compact habits and attractive foliage. ‘Salute Pink’ offers an outstanding pink color on strong stems with an excellent form and habit. Other colors in the series are ‘Deep Blue’ and ‘Ice Blue’, and all 3 will finish at the same time and height, reaching 15” tall. Flowers heavily in late spring/early summer, and reblooms again in late summer. Performs best in full sun and hardy zones 5-9. Available from Bartels, Knox and PP & L.

Salvia nemorosa ‘Hypnotic Purple’ - A new compact form of S. nemorosa, ‘Hypnotic Purple’ features the same purple blooms and dark stems of ‘Caradonna’ on a more compact plant. Upright growing, reaching 15” tall, ‘Hypnotic Purple’ will be easy to finish in gallons and ship easily. Heavy blooming in May and June with several re-blooms in summer. Grow in full sun, hardy zones 5-9. Available from Green Leaf.

Saponaria ‘Bressingham Pink’ - This beauty is a gem for the rock garden or other well-drained sunny location. It forms a carpet of grassy green leaves and is completely covered with rose-pink blossoms in late spring. Very cold hardy, zones 4-9, as long as it gets good drainage. Makes a good ground cover or edger to a mixed border. Winner of the Royal Horticultural Society’s Award of Garden Merit in 1993. Available from Gro-N-Sell and Jaldety.

Scabiosa ‘Flutter Deep Blue’ & ‘Rose Pink’ - These hardy, long-flowering plants from Darwin Perennials have deeper colors, more compact habits and shorter flower stems and larger blooms than 'Butterfly Blue' and 'Pink Mist'. The more compact habit will allow easier shipping and better display at retail. Plant in full sun, the Flutter Series will be beautiful in landscapes or in mixed containers. Hardy in zone 5-9. Available from Darwin.

Schizachyrium ‘Jazz’ - Schizachyrium ‘The Blues’ was a hit right from the day it was introduced. Now Intrinsic Perennials is introducing a shorter version, 'Jazz'. Growing 2½' tall, 'Jazz' has narrow blue foliage with purple hues and purple-bronze flowers, and is promised not to flop. Fall brings red and orange color to the foliage. Grow in full sun, hardy zones 3-9. Available from Emerald Coast and Van Hoorn.

Sedum ‘Dark Magic’ - It has to be dark magic to get so many great characteristics in one plant - amazing huge inflorescences, a short and very upright habit, glossy purple black leaves, dark pink flowers, and multiple crowns. Compared to 'Raspberry Truffle', 'Dark Magic' has darker leaves, is narrower, has more stems from the base, and much larger inflorescences. Use for edging, mass planting, mixed beds, borders, dry garden. Good to use for late summer bloom. Hardy zones 4-9. Available from Terra Nova and Emerald Coast.
**Veronica ‘Magic Show White Wands’** - From the Proven Winners series that brought us 'Enchanted Indigo' and 'Hocus Pocus' comes a new color with all of the same great attributes. ‘White Wands’ produces pure white flower wands that top the short, dense clump of dark green, glossy foliage all summer. It does not require vernalization to bloom, though it does benefit from it. Perfect for combination planters or borders. Grow in full sun, hardy zone 4-8. PW pots are required. Available from Walters Gardens and EuroAmerican.

**Teucrium ‘Tickle Pink’** - A new selection of Teucrium chamaedrys with deep pink blossoms held on short spikes in late spring/early summer above the rich, glossy green, fragrant foliage. Plant habit is a perfect mound, growing 12” tall by 24” wide. Grows best in well drained soil in full sun. Foliage is evergreen, giving 4 seasons of interest. It can be kept as a well clipped short hedge. Hardy zones 5-9. Available from Headstart and Danziger.

**Veronica incana ‘Pure Silver’** - V. incana is a silver leaved, ground hugging form of veronica that isn’t usually used in the east because of requiring extremely well-drained soil. ‘Pure Silver’ from Intrinsic Perennials is a selection with the same bright silver foliage but tolerant of heavy soil and moist conditions. Flower spikes are a beautiful blue, held well above the foliage in June. Grow in full sun, and hardy zones 4-8. Available from Stonehouse.

**Veronica ‘Spike’** - Another intro from Intrinsic Perennials, V. ‘Spike’ is an interspecific cross with an exceptionally long bloom time, tidy habit and attractive foliage. The tight, clumping bushes grow up to 10” tall, spikes of deep blue flowers up to 5” taller. Purported to be an improvement over ‘Royal Candles’. Grow in full sun, hardy zones 5-9.

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