



# New 2011 VARIETIES

From Abutilon to Zea here are the latest releases of annuals, including vegetables, from breeders worldwide.

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# Ball FloraPlant

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## **Biggest Blooms With Archangel Angelonia**

For the big visual impact – even from a distance – choose the new Archangel™ Angelonia series from Ball FloraPlant. The generous blooms are three times larger than other angelonia varieties. They cover tall, sturdy spikes with a robust habit. The well-branched plants continuously produce appealing blooms through extreme heat, humidity and drought. Archangel's sturdiness withstands shipping with less breakage, shrinkage and tangling. Its standard angelonia culture makes it easy for growers to produce, and its uniform habit and flowering time make it a great choice in the greenhouse. Available in Pink, Purple, Raspberry and White.

**For more information**, visit [www.ballfloraplant.com](http://www.ballfloraplant.com).

## **3 Flowers Up With Presto Geranium**

Ball FloraPlant remains a worldwide leader in geranium genetics, and declares 2012 the Year Of The Geranium with new series introductions and expanded class offerings. New Presto™ Geranium is a compact, dark-leaved zonal with flower power. Featuring all-new genetics and a wide range of core colors, such as new Brilliant Red (shown), Presto is Ball FloraPlant's most uniform series with a strong first flush of flowers with 3 to 4 blooms. No PGRs are needed to retain its compact habit, lowering input costs and saving time in the greenhouse.

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## Selecta

### **3D™: A Whole New Dimension Of Osteo**

Selecta presents a whole new dimension of flower! New 3D™ Osteospermum has button-like and tufted blooms that stay open all day and night. Available in Silver, Pink and Purple, 3D can be grown just like standard osteos with no special culture needed. Perfect for cool-season, early spring containers. Retailers will love how its blooms attract shoppers for all-hours garden appeal. 3D grows 12 to 16 inches and spreads 18 to 24 inches. All Selecta varieties are supplied as unrooted cuttings, available exclusively through Ball Seed, and as rooted cuttings available from selected Root & Sell stations.

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# Dümmen USA

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RED FOX Potunia Plus Pinkalicious is a new bright pink cultivar showing all the tight flowering and round, compact habit indicative of the Potunia assortment. What's also new is its flower size, thus the "Plus" in its name. Growers who are familiar with RED FOX Papaya will not be surprised by this "plus-sized" flower. In fact, RED FOX Papaya now features the "Plus" name, as does new Plus Red and Plus Yellow. All four Potunia Plus varieties also offer a bit more vigor than the original Potunia petunias.

New RED FOX Sweetunia Bordeaux is one of the Grand Crus of Dümmen's petunia collection. With a deep purplish color revealing hints of expressive garnet highlights, this vintage 2012 balances youthfully exuberant medium upright growth with a mature medium vigor. It definitely presents an excellent finish and will be ready to enjoy in Spring 2012, with no further aging required. Our rating: 96/100. Sweetunia Bordeaux is joined by other new colors such as RED FOX Sweetunia Orange Flash and Mystery, and proven vintage varieties like Sweetunia Blueberry Ice and Strawberry Morning.

Dümmen's newest series of petunias, RED FOX Peppy petunias, is represented here by Peppy Lavender. Giving new meaning to the expression "eye candy", Peppy Lavender shows off a vivid striped flower design that energizes the senses and becomes a focal point of any garden. Two other zingy new colors, Peppy Purple and Peppy White, show the same semi-upright habit and good branching of Peppy Lavender. The series is supported with peppermint candy-themed merchandising material and is sure to be a sweet addition to growers' programs.





# New Varieties from Ernst Benary of America

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## **Begonia × benariensis BIG® Red Bronze Leaf Improved**

Improvements such as shorter internodes, a more intense flower color and improved branching make this our most exciting addition to the BIG® series yet. Huge, 3-inch blooms stay on top of the deep bronze foliage for even more flower power and crowd stopping, consumer appeal. BIG® Red Bronze Leaf Improved matches the existing BIG® colors for habit, timing, and vigor so it is easy to grow and ship the whole series together. The outstanding garden performance in shade or sun will keep your customers coming back year after year.

## **Begonia tuberhybrida F, Nonstop™ Yellow with Red Back**

As the name implies, these intense golden yellow, fully double flowers have a unique rosy-red back which enhances the richness of the bloom, and gives the overall look of the plant an interesting bi-color effect. Over a week earlier to bloom than either Yellow or Apricot, this new color will soon be a favorite in Nonstop™ programs.

## **Gaillardia × grandiflora 'Arizona Apricot'**

A 2011 AAS Winner, 'Arizona Apricot' is a must for all growers. It's easy to grow, fills in fast and flowers the first year for increased production efficiency. This tough-as-nails perennial thrives under a wide variety of conditions. Hardy in Zones 2-10, 'Arizona Apricot' blankets the garden with color even under hot and dry conditions. It flowers as early and uniformly as 'Arizona Sun' and 'Arizona Red Shades' and continues blooming well into the fall. With a well-branched, compact habit, it is easy to produce and display uniform plants that will compete with annual color displays at retail.

## **Salvia farinacea Evolution™ White**

A new eye-catching white color with the same great garden performance and compact habit as AAS award winner Salvia Evolution™. Early to flower and very floriferous, Salvia farinacea Evolution™ White is sure to create instant consumer demand. Its bright white blooms create a clean, fresh look in the landscape all season long. The compact habit makes this garden favorite easy to produce, rack and ship, reducing your production costs.

## **Ernst Benary of America**

For almost 170 years, Benary's breeding activities have developed some of the leading annuals, perennials and potted ornamental plants. Known worldwide as a leader in Begonias, both tuberous and fibrous, Benary's fine assortment includes some of the industries most sought after varieties in Pansies, Pentas, Petunias, Marigolds, Impatiens, and Rudbeckia, to name just a few.



# Fides

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## **Petunia Fortunia® Silver Vein**

The newest addition to the Petunia Fortunia® series is Silver Vein. This variety has a beautiful dark purple heart with clear veins. Silver Vein has beautiful large flowers, is very vigorous and has an excellent garden performance. With its unique colors, this new variety is a further completion of the Fortunia® series!

## **Pop Idols®**

Introducing an exciting new series of compact zonal geraniums: Pop Idols®. This series performs very well in six packs and high density production. Pop Idols® has a fantastic branching habit and a short crop time, therefore making them perfect for mass production. The small, dark green leaves make a nice contrast with the bright colors. This series consists of five colors: Red, Lilac with Eye, White, Salmon and Neon Pink. Pictured: Pop Idols® Neon Pink

## **Margarita Nano**

Fides proudly presents you the new Margarita Nano line. The name says it all: A unique series of compact Osteospermum, perfectly suitable for 4-inch and six packs. Just like the Margarita series, they are produced environmentally friendly as they need very little growth regulators. Because of its great flowering, Margarita Nano provides the garden with a continuous profusion of flowers. Margarita Nano was especially developed to be grown quickly with little effort!



# Green Fuse Botanicals

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## **Sutera (Bacopa) Betty™ White**

Sutera Betty™ White is one of two new Sutera from Green Fuse Botanicals with groundbreaking genetics. This variety has an exceptionally large flower with great warm weather tolerance. It was selected during summer months growing in 90°F temperatures and a full sun exposure. Sutera Betty™ White has a well branched and controlled plant habit for such a large flowered Sutera. It also blooms along the entire stem, providing more color throughout the entire plant.

## **Petunia Tiny Tunia™ Yellow**

Petunia Tiny Tunia™ is very floriferous with a compact, tidy habit which creates a bouquet of color. The series now includes a stunning yellow which is truly unique for a small flowering Petunia class. Little to no plant growth regulators are required for finishing this plant and for this reason, Tiny Tunia™ Yellow lends itself perfectly for finishing combination containers. Tiny Tunia™ Yellow possesses an upright to mounded plant habit with a garden height of 8 to 10 inches (20 to 25 cm).

## **Heliotrope Topaz™**

Heliotrope Topaz™ is the perfect component for combination containers. Little Topaz flowers decorate the crown of this compact variety creating a deep green and blue mound. Heliotrope Topaz can be shipped without fear of leaf drop as unrooted cuttings or as a finished plant. Total garden height is approximately 8 to 10 inches (20 to 25 cm). The bright blue flower possesses a slight fragrance as well.





# McGregor Plant Sales

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Gaillardia 'Fanfare Blaze' is the first in the new Fanfare breeding program from the UK. It has all the standout features from the team who brought you the benchmark selection Gaillardia 'Fanfare': unique pinwheel blooms, compact tight habit, exceptionally long flowering period from early spring-fall. 'Fanfare Blaze' brings all this plus the new color palette to the garden with warm burnt orange tones. A real sun lover, it is drought tolerant once established. 'Fanfare Blaze' grows to 12 inches by 18 inches and provides unsurpassed performance in containers, beds and borders.

The latest in the distinctive Dahlia series, Mystic Wonder has velvet textured blooms, rich blood red in color with elegant dark centers. These beauties are set apart from other Dahlia varieties by their fashionable filigreed deep mahogany to black foliage topped with vivid blooms. Unlike their forebears, they do not require staking. Plants grow to 31 inches by 24 inches in a compact, clumping habit. They perform best in full sun in rich moisture retentive soil. Grouped together they are ideal to add a riot of color to borders or pots and planters.

Lucky Lantern® Abutilon Red - (NUABRED) is the latest in this series of genetically dwarf compact, rounded bushy abutilons that are excellent for summer containers, as well as borders and landscapes. The variety features beautiful large size flowers and stays small, growing to 12 inches by 12 inches in a rounded habit. It is best grown in well-drained soil in full sun and is heat and drought tolerant once established. The advantage of a vegetatively propagated Abutilon is the long blooming period from summer to fall with a profusion of bells at all times.



# Suntory Flowers

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LOFOS® *Loa phospermum* is a totally different bedding plant bred by Suntory Flowers Ltd. This variety features large trumpet-shaped flowers and heart-shaped, dark-green foliage with a delicately serrated edge. With the addition of pure 'White' to exquisite 'Wine-Red, two colors are available in the market this year. This marvelous vine blooms early and throughout the most of the year. LOFOS® is easy to grow and as vigorous as ipomoea, and also is resistant to major diseases and pests. The key to healthy plants is to water sufficiently in early stages to help develop a strong root system. In later stages, apply moderate amounts of water. The crop will be ready to market 5-6 weeks after potting. LOFOS® is perfect for hanging baskets or patio containers with its trailing habit and dense foliage. To make plants climb, some guides will be required.

Sunvillea® is a miniature bougainvillea, which blooms immediately, even in the liner stage. Plant one plug in 1-quart containers. It will be ready to sell in 8-10 weeks. Plants are compact and tight with dense foliage. It comes in 3 colors. Rose is a deep pink, almost magenta color. Pink has light salmon pink bracts and is very long blooming. Cream has a yellowish cream bract with hints of a deeper yellow. These showy evergreen dwarf beauties have numerous bright colorful bracts growing in an upright habit. Clusters of flowers will soon cover the whole plant. This plant works perfect as a 4-inch pot and patio containers. The showy shape and volume will stand out from the distance and can be great for landscapes. Sunvillea prefers a warm and sunny position. Keep soil slightly moist with good drainage.

The introduction of Surfinia was ground-breaking as it was the first vegetative petunia to the world market. Surfinia provides excellent garden performance and outstanding longevity. Surfinia Deep Red is the exciting, new addition this year. Because it was selected in the harsh Japanese climate, Surfinia Deep Red has excellent rain and heat tolerance. Its vigor will not slow down even during the summer. Generally "red" is not always the strongest species, but among other varieties of red petunias, Surfinia Deep Red has more flower power, and it continuously and profusely blooms all season long. Keeping the compact shape, attractive bright red flowers will densely cover the whole plant. Length from top to bottom is 4 feet and it will spread up to 8 feet in diameter. Use Surfinia Deep Red in pots, hanging baskets, window boxes, landscaping and almost every application.

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# New Annual Varieties

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## ABUTILON

**Red** was added to PlantHaven's **Lucky Lantern** series. The compact plants produce large, bell-shaped flowers in a warm red tone from summer through fall. The plants, which have small- to medium-sized mid-green foliage, have a tight rounded habit growing to 12 inches tall by 12 inches wide.

## ACALYPHA

**Jungle Cloak** is an unusual addition to Cultivaris' **Tiki** line. Its camouflage-colored leaves present well at retail in 6-inch and gallon pots, and add a lot of interest to mixed containers.

## AGASTACHE

The **Nectar** series, from Skagit Gardens and Pacific Plug & Liner, includes **Apricot** (gold), **Grape** (purple), **Grapefruit** (yellow with a touch of pink), **Orange** and **Raspberry** (dark red). Compact plants produce heavy blooming spikes. Plants



Agastache Nectar series

reach 15–18 inches tall and 15 inches wide. They bloom summer through fall.

## ALYSSUM

**Lobularia maritime Easter Bonnet** series from PanAmerican Seed combines uniformity of habit and color with earliness. Covered with dainty, fragrant flowers, the plants stay compact and tidy





prolific number of flowers. This is an early flowering series.

The compact **Angelina** series from Selecta has excellent branching and strong stems, with good tolerance of a wide variety of environmental conditions. It's ideal for mixed containers, and has an expanded color range of **Dark Pink, Deep Plum, Purple** and **White**.

**Blue** is the newest color in PanAmerican Seed's **Serena** series. Plants are easy and economical to grow. The series fits into warm bedding production and no pinching is required for labor savings. It is low maintenance and long lasting in the landscape.

much longer than other alyssums, making these excellent edging plants. New colors are **Lemonade, Peach** and **Formula Mixture Improved**.

### ANGELONIA

The **Archangel** series from Ball FloraPlant produces generous, vibrant flowers and glossy dark green foliage. Archangel boasts a more robust habit and flowers three times larger than other varieties. The well-branched plants are suitable for high-density production and thrive in extreme heat, humidity and drought. They work well in 4½-, 5- and 6-inch pots and quarts. Available in **Pink, Purple, Raspberry** and **White**.

The **Sungelonia** series from Suntory includes **Deep Pink, Blue** and **White**. The compact plants are uniform across the series producing dense foliage and a

### ARGYRANTHEMUM

**Peppermint** has been added to Ecke's **Comet** series. Series performance makes it possible to grow together or in combinations with predictable results. Plants have proven garden performance.

### ASYSTACIA

*Asystasia gangetica* '**Cream**', '**Light Blue**' and '**Lilac**' from Athena Brazil have a spreading habit and are ideal for baskets or as a groundcover. These drought-tolerant plants are covered with flowers during the warm months. Hardy to USDA Hardiness Zone 8.

### AUBRIETA

**Audrey Light Blue** from Syngenta Flowers, Goldsmith Seeds is perfect for early-spring assortments. Long-lasting blooms work well for a long shelf life and outstanding garden color.



Bacopa Taifun White Wedding

### BACOPA

Cohen Propagation Nurseries has made additions to its **Secrets** series bred by Breier. New varieties with double flowers are **XL Double Blush White** and **XXL Double Lavender**. The entire series has been split into groups from medium to XXL size flowers. The XXL flowers have a diameter of more than an inch. They are easy to root and build nice finished plants.

The heat-tolerant **Boutique** series from Hort Couture feature a large, pronounced eye zone on each flower that gives them a very unique appearance. **Tie-Dye White** has white flowers with a pronounced pink eye zone. **Blue** has blue flowers with a white eye zone and yellow centers.

**Atlas White** from Ecke is a versatile variety for use in monoculture pots and combination planters. Plants are early to

flower and produce extra large flowers, blooming from spring to frost. Plants have a mounded trailing habit.

**Taifun White Wedding** from Westhoff has very large white flowers with unique overlapping petals. It has an initial mounding then semi-trailing habit.

Green Fuse Botanicals has introduced the new **Betty** series. **White** boasts a large flower size on full and well-branched plants. **Blue** has large light blue flowers and an impressive plant habit.

### BEGONIA

**Begonia x benariensis** BIG Red Bronze Leaf Improved from Ernst Benary of America has shorter internodes, a more intense flower color and improved branching. Huge, 3-inch flowers stay on top of the deep bronze foliage. Red Bronze Leaf

Improved matches the existing BIG varieties colors for habit, timing and vigor.

Benary has two additions to its *Begonia tuberhybrida* F<sub>1</sub> **Nonstop** series. **White Improved** is now earlier and matches the other key series colors for easy crop scheduling. Smaller leaves show off the larger, pure white, fully double flowers. Well-branched plants have a full rounded habit. **Yellow with Red Back** produces intense golden-yellow, fully double flowers with a unique rosy-red back giving them a bi-color effect. It is over a week earlier to bloom than either Yellow or Apricot.

The new **Shadow King** Rex begonia series from Green Fuse Botanicals consists of four shade-loving varieties. **Green Envy** is a unique leaf shaped, chartreuse colored plant. **Moonlight** shines bright

with its silver/white foliage. **King Rothko** is the most striking of the series with a rich red and black color displayed on a rounded leaf form. **Strawberry Lime** produces multi-colored leaves. Plants will also perform as indoor house plants.

*B. semperflorens* **Fairyland** series from Floranova is a compact fibrous begonia with consistently double flowers. The plants perform equally well in packs and pots. In the garden, plants add durable and season long color to combination or specimen pots and in landscape plantings. Available from seed in four separate colors: **Coral Picotee, Pink, Red, White** and a formula **Mix**.

**Belleconia** from Cultivaris is a grower-friendly, cascading series with a tight teardrop habit and excellent branching. Plants produce a multitude of medium-sized, fully double flowers all summer long. They have an ideal pot habit, later developing full potential in large hanging baskets, mixed containers and window boxes. Varieties include **Apricot Blush, Rose** and **Soft Orange-Peach**.

Cultivaris' **Summerwings** series of easy-to-grow cascading begonias have a bushy habit, excellent branching and a multitude of medium-sized, graceful flowers all summer long. Plants are well-suited for 4- to 6-inch pots, but can also be used in hanging baskets, mixed containers and window boxes. Varieties include **Deep Red, Orange, Pink-Rose** and **White**.

The **Rhine** series from Dummen USA is known for its very large flowers, medium vigor and good branching. New variety is **Rosetta Pink**.



Begonia Belleconia Soft Orange-Peach





Begonia Whopper Red

Ball Seed has released several exclusives. ***B. x semperflorens-cultorum* Whopper** is a vigorous plant producing extra-large flowers up to 3 inches across and keeps blooming from spring through the end of fall. Whopper has excellent heat tolerance. Recommended for growing in 4-inch pots to sell as a green plant to landscapers or in gallon containers in bloom.

**Yin/Yang *B. x semperflorens-cultorum*** series include the bronze-leafed Yin varieties and the new **Yang** green-leafed series. Both series are up to two weeks faster to finish than comparable varieties and are well matched across all colors. Plants are heat tolerant with terrific flower power. Colors include **Pink, Red, Rose, White** and a **Mix**.

***B. boliviensis* Million Kisses Amour** has bright red blooms that make an exceptional contrast against the very dark green foliage. This vigorous trailing series flowers 10 to 14 days faster than comparable varieties.

### BIDENS

**Doubloon** from Green Fuse Botanicals enhances mixed containers with its golden yellow flowers and dark green foliage. Its mounded, compact plant habit is exceptional.

**Giant Sun** from Westhoff has large bright yellow flowers and a compact, creeping habit.

**Mexican Gold Semi-Double** from Syngenta Flowers, GoldFisch features a denser, more controlled plant habit loaded with extra-large, semi-double flowers. This early to bloom variety is ideal for quarts, gallons, baskets and mixed containers.

**Bidy Gonzales** is an early and fast flowering bidens from Dummen USA with large daisy-type flowers and a controllable habit.

The **Bee** series from Cohen Propagation Nurseries has two new varieties, **Patio Yellow** and **Double Yellow**. Both were bred by Breier. Compact Patio Yellow fits basket combinations and pot production. Double Yellow has double flowers with a more vigorous growth habit.

'**Tweety**' from Cultivaris has dense foliage and a well-branching habit. It is early flowering, heat-tolerant with double flowers. Early-flowering '**Tweety Compact**' has dense fernlike green foliage and is covered in single flowers.

GGG International's **2teeth** (the name means in Latin bi= 2, dens= teeth) varieties have large flowers, intense color and excellent branching.

## BOUGANVILLEA

The new compact **Sunvillea** series from Suntory consists of **Cream, Pink** and **Rose**. Plants bloom early and often. The shrub-like plants can be grown in pots as small as 4-inch. Plants started from 72 cell liners in 4-inch pots finish in 16 weeks. Final height is 2-3 feet tall and 2 feet wide.

## BRACTEANTHA

'**Totally Yellow**' from Cultivaris has a great habit and presents large, double, bright yellow flowers on short stems directly above the neat foliage. It was selected for its heat tolerance and exceptional garden performance.

## CALENDULA

**Double Skyfire** from GGG International is the first double flowering variety on the market. It has extreme good branching, large flowers and a vigorous growth habit.

## CALIBRACHOA

**Can-Can Rose Star** from Ball FloraPlant is highly programmable. Plants have consistent pH tolerance, dark green foliage, tip-to-top flower coverage and season-long performance. It has a stable and strong flower pattern under high light conditions.

**Pink Star** is a new addition to the Syngenta Flowers, Goldfisch **Callie** series. Bred for flowering under shorter day lengths. Plants have excellent frost and heat tolerance expanding their selling season. They are well-suited for 4-inch pots, hanging baskets and mixed containers.

Westhoff has added to its **Celebration** series with new varieties and mixes. Plants are well branched and very floriferous. New varieties include **Banana, Lemon Ice, True Blue, Dark Blue, Illusion** (flower color changes from yellow with red-purple center to sand-like color with light violet purple zone) and **Latte Macchiato** (bicolor cream with coffee colored ring in the center of the flower). New mixes include **Capri** (Gold, Red, White) and **Vulcano** (Dream Kisses Deep Red Improved, Dream Kisses Tiger Eye and Celebration Orange Red).

The **Aloha** series from Dummen USA feature semi-upright growth, big flowers, tropical colors, and medium vigor. Tiki types feature a distinct red "eye." Eight new varieties expand the series to 20 colors.

The **Kimono** series from Hort Couture produce large, upward facing flowers with eye zones that are set off by deep green



foliage. Plants are exceptional summer performers, great for baskets and mixed combinations. **Blue Dragon** has blue flowers set off by a deeper blue eye zone. **Kim Chi** has a flower color that ranges from pale pink to dark pink with a deep rose eye zone. **Koi** produces light orange flowers set off by a deep orange eye zone. **Obi Lavender** has lavender flowers with a deep pink eye zone. **Tokyo Sunset** has pale yellow flowers that melt into a red-rose eye zone.

Proven Winners has added several new varieties to its **Superbells** series. **Cherry Star** has petals that are a rich cherry color with minimal fading. A breeding break-through new star pattern that stays consistent, even in the heat. **Grape Punch** is the truest purple in the Superbells series, leading to black with a yellow eye. Extremely floriferous with an excellent mounded habit and very early to flower. **Miss Lilac** has a light silvery, lilac color with no fading. Extremely floriferous with an excellent mounded

habit and very early to flower. **Sweet Tart** takes a new breeding direction with a morn-type flower pattern. Its nice compact habit is perfect for 4-inch production. **Tequila Sunrise Improved** has been improved for overall habit with the same speckled flowers of gold to cherry-red.

GGG International's new **Sweet Bells** varieties have huge and plenty of flowers along with a nice round growing habit in containers, hanging baskets and in combinations.

They do not have any rooting problems and will perform during the whole season until the first freezes.

Suntory adds **Cream** and **Pink** to its **Million Bells Bouquet**. Plants are easy to grow and maintain their shape. These compact, self-cleaning heavy bloomers have strong center branching and bloom all season long. Also, **Million Bells Mounding Red Improved** is now earlier to flower.



## CALLA

Golden State Bulb Growers has added to its selection of **Callaifornia Callas** (*Zantedeschia*). **Ice Dancer** is naturally compact producing long lasting 1½- to 2-inch white flowers with a distinct dark eye and glossy deep green leaves. Plants are robust and well-branched, but have low growth regulator requirements.

**Lolly Pop** is naturally compact with 1- to 1¾-inch pink bicolor flowers and maculated (spotted) leaves. Individual flowers last two to three weeks. Vigorous and well-branched **Natural Bouquet** produces an abundance of 2¼- to 4-inch soft yellow flowers above caladium-like maculated green leaves. **Pink Cloud** produces broad 2¼- to 4-inch recurved pink flowers and is suited to small and large pot production. The plants are

full-bodied, well branched and durable.

**Pink Melody** is a robust plant that really stands out with 2¼- to 4-inch pink/rose and white bicolored flowers. The full-bodied plants are well-branched and durable.

## CANNA

**Chocolate Sunrise** from PlantHaven produces warm sunshine yellow flowers. Produced from tissue culture, plants form a tight clumping habit measuring 48 inches tall by 36 inches wide. Plants are hardy to USDA Zone 7b.

## CHLORIS

*Chloris truncate* **Flying Stars** from American Takii is a spring sowing tropical grass. It prefers well-drained soil and full sun.

## CLERODENDRUM

**'Starshine'** from Athena Brazil can grow to be a 5-foot shrub in Hardiness Zones 10-11. It also makes a showy 6- to 8-inch pot as an annual or in a combination. It should be grown in full to partial sun. Its bright orange flowers attract butterflies and hummingbirds.

## CLITORIA

**'Azul Petite'** from Athena Brazil has very bright, showy blue and white double flowers with dark green foliage. It is great in baskets or combinations. Plants bloom from May to October.

## COLOCASIA

**Royal Hawaiian Black Coral** from PlantHaven features elegant glossy dark foliage with electric blue veins and dark petioles. Plants reach 48 inches tall by 36



Calla Pink Cloud

inches wide. Hardy to USDA Hardiness Zone 7b-11.

### COLEUS

Hort Couture's **Under the Sea** Collection is aptly named. The deeply toothed edges of the leaves give the impression of sea creatures on the "crustacean" types and the diminutive "coral" types give the impression of sea coral. Bred by graduate students at the University of Saskatchewan, the collection offers an eye-catching assortment of foliage shapes and colors that are perfect for mixed combos or landscape applications.

**Bone Fish** has deep pink foliage set off by lime green accents on the leaf margins.

Very fine and dainty, it is a great accent for mixed containers. **Gold Anemone** produces chartreuse crustacean-shaped foliage set off by dark purple accents on the leaf edges. **Hermit Crab** has pink, crustacean-shaped foliage set off by dark green accents on the leaf margins.

**Langostino** has dark red foliage set off by bright yellow sub-leaves creating the visual of lobster claws. **Lime Shrimp's** deep green finely lobed foliage is set off by purple accents on the leaf edges creating the appearance of a shrimp.

**Molten Coral** with its bright fuchsia

foliage and yellow leaf tips gives the impression of sea weed. **Red Coral** has small red leaves and a compact habit giving it the appearance of sea coral on the ocean floor. **Sea Scallop** has chartreuse foliage with a deep purple "scallop" in the middle of the leaves.

Ball FloraPlant has introduced two new varieties. Durable and rugged **Wasabi** produces serrated chartreuse leaves that hold their brilliant color without fading or spotting. These low-maintenance plants make a high-impact addition to large pot programs.

**Sultana** has large scalloped leaves that have a deep burgundy center with chartreuse netting pattern at the edges. Similar in vigor to Henna, with a beautiful habit.

### CUPHEA

**Pink** is an addition to the **Cuphoric** series from Syngenta Flowers, GoldFisch. It is a small-leaved semi-trailing plant that produces an abundance of pink flowers. Plants work beautifully in 4-inch pots and as a component for mixed containers. Being heat lovers and drought tolerant, this variety extends sales from spring into summer.

### CYCLAMEN

Syngenta Flowers, Goldsmith Seeds has introduced two new series.

The **Friller** series displays true  $F_1$  vigor and branching. Available in four colors and two mixes, plants produce abundant frilly flowers. The uniform series is up to three weeks earlier than other fringed varieties.

The **Winfall** miniature series has



Coleus Under the Sea Gold Anemone



seven bright colors. Because plants size up under low temperatures, less energy is required. Ideal for high density production in 2½- to 4½-inch pots, these tightly mounded plants are perfect for fall and winter indoors and out.

## DAHLIA

Dummen's new **Dahlia XXL** series starts with nine colors. Plants offer good branching, enormous flower size and radiant colors making them perfect for gallon containers.

**Dreamy** is a new mid-sized series from Cultivaris with dark burgundy foliage and medium-sized, semi-double flowers in a range of luscious colors. The series starts

with six varieties (**Eyes, Fantasy, Fusion, Inspire, Moonlight** and **Passion**), some with two-tone colors. Plants can be grown in 4- to 6-inch pots or gallons and they work well for late-summer to fall sales.

The **Mystic** series is available from Cohen. Bred in New Zealand, there are eight varieties that have a vigorous habit and produce large single flowers with dark chocolate brown foliage.

GGG International's new **Starlias** series has a wide range of colors and are perfect for pot production.

## DIANTHUS

**Lavender Picotee** is a unique color in the *D. chinensis* F<sub>1</sub> **Diana** series from Hem Genetics which captures attention for its cool tones and striking pattern. The series combines earliness and a compact plant habit with large single flowers in a wide color range.

**Rose** expands Hem Genetics' Dianthus interspecific F<sub>1</sub> **Chiba** series to 12 colors

and two mixtures. The series is very early flowering with a compact and basal branching plant habit. Its heat, rain and cold resistance result in an excellent garden performance.

### *D. caryophyllus* **Can Can Cocktail**

**Party** from Sakata Ornamentals brightens any landscape border, patio container or bedding area. This mix includes delicately scented flowers of burgundy, purple, salmon, scarlet and rose pink that flower from mid-spring well into summer. Plants reach 18 inches tall and 8 inches wide. Excellent basal branching on strong cut flower quality stems. This cool crop requires little or no heat in the greenhouse.

Syngenta Flowers, Goldsmith Seeds has released several varieties.

The early **Elation** series adds **Cherry**. Plants have a compact and branching habit that requires fewer growth regulator applications. It has long-lasting garden performance.

**Barbarini Pink** can be programmed to bloom from April through September. It has a uniform habit and blooms the first year planted. Recommended for fall sales, this variety has great overwintering ability.

**Diabunda Crimson** has a deep crimson color. The compact, well-branched plants are extra early flowering.

## DIASCIA

**Marshmallow** from Cultivaris is a new series that combines disease resistance with an excellent habit. Hundreds of flowers cover the plants from early spring to fall. Grown cool for early spring, the frost-tolerant plants are great in 4-inch

pots to hanging baskets. Varieties include **Coral**, **Flamingo**, **Pastel** and **Red**.

## EGGPLANT

Vegetalis has introduced two eggplants. **'Emerald Isle'** produces unusual light and dark green striped fruit on this spineless plant. The easy-to-pick 2-ounce fruit should be harvested early for best flavor and highest yields. Its compact habit and fruit color make 'Emerald Isle' a novelty in a patio container and it can be used in Asian cooking for a gourmet twist.

**'Pot Black'** produces small 2-3 ounce black fruit that are highly ornamental and can be picked from the time it is as big as a ping pong ball until it is almost as big as a tennis ball. This compact, spineless variety is well suited for traditional gardens and patio gardening.

## EUPHORBIA

**Euphoric White** from Syngenta Flowers, GoldFisch is a vigorous well-branched plant that fills pots and baskets quickly. Plants are early to bloom with an abundance of large white bracts even under the most stressful summer conditions. Euphoric varieties create interesting components in mixed combinations.

Westhoff has released two varieties in the **Starblast** series. **Softpink** and **White** produce an abundance of flowers on well-branched compact-mounding plants.

**StarDust White Flash** from Dummen is very floriferous with very dark foliage and medium vigor.

The **Bling** series from Hort Couture offers



very compact plants that are controlled in combinations and have extreme flower power all season. **Pink Princess** produces masses of blush-pink flowers throughout the season. **White Princess** has masses of white flowers.

### FUCHSIA

Compact, quick to flower and easy to ship, new to Dummen's **Arêtes Upright** series is **Boogie** with numerous pale pink and blue flowers.

### GAILLARDIA

Danziger's **Galya** series includes double-flowers, vivid colors and continuous flowering. Plants have a mini-shrubby, extremely branched habit. Colors include **Red Spark**, **Yellow Spark**, **Coral Spark** and **Tangerine Spark**. All prefer full sun and flower from early spring to fall in gardens and mixed containers. Hardy to Zones 8-10.

### GAZANIA

Bred to deliver larger flowers, shorter peduncles and beefier-looking plants, the

**New Day** series from PanAmerican Seed is more compact and easier to produce. This drought-tolerant series is well suited to high-density pack programs. Available in **Bronze Shades**, **Clear Orange**, **Pink Shades**, **White** and **Yellow**.

**Malibu** has been added to Ecké's **SunBathers** series. Plants feature large, showy semi-double flowers that don't close at night. The series is part of the low-maintenance Painted Dunes Collection.

### GERANIUM

Plants in the **Pinto Premium** series from Syngenta Flowers, Goldsmith Seeds display a well-branched habit with strong vigor for high-density production in pots or large packs. Improved for earliness, uniformity and habit, plants respond readily to growth regulators. Available in eight bright colors, plants produce large flowers with shorter stems making them easy to ship.

Ball FloraPlant has introduced several geraniums. **Presto** is the most uniform compact, dark-leaved zonal geranium



Gazania SunBathers Malibu

## New varieties

series from Ball FloraPlant. The series has 13 varieties in a full range of core colors. Plants produce a strong first flush of three to four flowers. Naturally compact, no growth regulators are needed. The series is highly programmable and great for pot-tight, bench-run programs. Plants show excellent heat tolerance and are ideal for late-season and second turns. Best suited for 4- to 6-inch pots and 10- to 14-inch baskets.

**Fantasia Dark Red** is the darkest red zonal geranium on the market. Its excellent uniformity allows more plants per square foot and optimizes shipping density. The dark green foliage contrast



Geranium Darko Deep Red



Geranium Pop Idols Lilac with Eye

well with the large, semi-double flowers.

### ***Pelargonium peltatum* Precision**

is an easy to control, early blooming ivy geranium series with a medium compact habit. It holds its shape from the greenhouse to the garden. It was selected for early flowering and excellent uniformity. Oedema-resistant Precision needs less growth regulators. The series has 14 colors.

**Pop Idols** is an exciting new series of compact zonal geraniums from Fides North America. The series performs very well in six packs and high density production. Plants have a well branching habit and a short crop time. The small, dark green leaves make a nice contrast with the bright colors. This series consists of five colors: **Red, Lilac with Eye, White, Salmon** and **Neon Pink**.

**Lavender evol.** is an addition to Selecta's zonal **Moonlight** series that features early flowering, dark foliage and a compact habit. Lavender evol. has a stronger blue color with a habit and timing that match the series. Plants can be grown pot-tight.

The interspecific **Frenza** series is a Ball

Seed exclusive that roots like a zonal and has a compact, mounding habit. Plants are very heat tolerant and their branching makes for better pot coverage and plenty of open flowers per plant. The series includes **Dark Red, Fire,** and **Hot Coral.**

Dummen has introduced several new series and varieties. The **Atlantic** series is distinguished by its early flowering, very good branching, and large double flowers. New color is **Dark Red.**

Big single flowers, medium vigor and great heat tolerance are characteristics of the **Belle Ville** balcony-type ivy geranium series. **Red, Dark Red** and **Salmon** are new colors.

**Pacific** series plants have strong vigor and big double flowers with early flowering and very good branching. Four new colors are being added.

The **Cumbanita** series starts with **Dark Red** and **Hot Pink.** This is a vigorous interspecific (ivy/zonal) with a large double flowers. Dark Red is one of the darkest red geraniums in the Dummen Red Fox line.

Another new interspecific series from Dummen is **Salsarita.** Plants have big single flowers and dark green leaves and are suitable for all pot sizes. A standout characteristic of Salsarita is its high level of heat tolerance. Colors include **Dark Red** and **Pink.**

The **Graziosa** series is a *Pelargonium x domesticum x crispum* interspecific with good branching and no need for a cooling period. Plants are ideal for late spring season. Two new colors have been added to the series.

**Graziosa Piccola** is a new series, which is a super-floriferous little sister to

**Graziosa.** Plants have abundant flower power and a controllable habit which is ideal for pot production. The series kicks off with five varieties: **Merlot, Royal Soft Pink, Soft Pink, Pink Picotee** and **Harlequin.**

Ecke Ranch has released several geranium varieties. **Global Rose Pink** is a free-branching ivy with strong short internodes and a mounding habit. It produces semi-double flowers. Plants have been bred for oedema and heat tolerance.

**Cherry Blush** is an addition to the **Elegance** regal geranium series that produces full flowers in March through early summer and is ideal for Easter and Mother's Day. Plants are self-branching with durable foliage for shipping.

**Violet** joins the **Maestro** zonal series. Medium vigorous plants produce large flowers. Early to flower with good heat tolerance, plants do not need to be pinched.

**Red Hots** joins the dark leaf **Candy** zonal series. Compact, controllable growth, no

Geranium Global Rose Pink



## New varieties

pinching or growth regulators are needed. It is ideal for high density production.

Elsner PAC has released four zonal geraniums. **Elanos** is PAC's green foliage zonal series. **Cherry Red** brings this series to 15 well-matched varieties. It has bright, full cherry red flowers.

Elsner PAC was the first geranium breeding company to bring out a yellow zonal geranium. **First Yellow Improved** has fuller and more floriferous flowers. It is great in combinations to enhance or contrast other colors.

The **Flower Fairy** series offers distinct bicolor flowers. **Velvet** has velvet red flowers with a pink edge and a pink center. The series now has four varieties.

**Darko** is a dark green foliage zonal geranium series. **Deep Red** has intense and bright deep red flowers that pop in contrast to its dark green foliage. The foliage shows a strong zonal pattern. The addition brings the series to 10 varieties.

### GERBERA

**Tangerine Dark Center** from Syngenta, Goldsmith Seeds is the newest addition to the **Jaguar** series. This early and uniform series produces compact plants suitable for high density 4- to 5-inch pot production. Plants produce three to seven flowers at first flush. New mixes include: **Fall Colors**, **Salsa**, **Spring Time**, **Valentine** and an **Improved Mix**.

### GOMPHRENA

**Audray White** brings this American Takii series to a total of four varieties, including Bicolor Rose, Pink and Purple. Plants, which have excellent basal branching and withstand hot and humid conditions,



**Impatiens Rockapulco Coral Reef**

flower in 70-90 days. The series can be used for fresh cut flowers, dried flowers and as a tall bedding plant. It makes an excellent gallon crop.

### HELICHRYSUM

The **Xagros** series from GGG International offers four unique strawflower colors and a great compact growth habit.

**Silverstar** from Westhoff has fine silver-green foliage and a vigorous-trailing habit.

### HIBISCUS

*H. acetosella* **Mahogany Splendor** is an all-new "thriller" in PanAmerican Seed's Fantastic Foliage accent plant collection. It features deep burgundy, maple-shaped leaves with serrated edges similar in look to a Japanese maple. This drought- and heat-resistant variety can be grown directly in the water as a pond plant and is deer resistant.



## IMPATIENS

**Patchwork Lavender** from Ball FloraPlant has a unique bicolor pattern with a strong center eye. The low-maintenance, dark green-leaved plants are mounded, well-branched, and spreading, with non-stop flowers all season. It is easy to program for direct-stick programs.

**Rockapulco Coral Reef** from Proven Winners produces an abundance of big, bright shimmery, coral pink double flowers with a pinkish center.

## IPOMOEA

Proven Winners has released three new varieties. **Illusion Garnet Lace** has very compact, dense, lacy, dissected foliage. The series controlled growth habit makes the Illusions ideal for small pot production, summer gallons and mixed containers. Garnet Lace broadens the range of colors with bronze-red foliage.

**Sweet Caroline Bewitched Improved** has been improved for darker foliage color and more texture that adds foliar interest. It also has better branching forming a compact mounding but not

trailing habit. **Sweet Caroline Raven** was selected as an improvement over Sweet Caroline Purple with darker foliage and better branching. Raven, like the rest of the series, is heat and humidity tolerant and a vigorous grower.

## KALE

**Glamour Red** from American Takii is a 2011 All-America Selections award winner. The series is the world's first shiny leaf bedding-type kale. Its unique leaves protect against water loss. The leaves color at low temperatures of 55°F -60°F.

American Takii's new round-leaved **Song Bird** series is more compact and upright for better rain drainage than the Pigeon series. Colors include **Pink, Red** and **White**. Low temperatures (55°F-60°F) intensify color.

## LANTANA

The **Evita** series from Athena Brazil has a very uniform, medium habit. The male sterile plants start to bloom very early and keep on flowering. There are six colors available.

**Chipotle** from Cultivaris consists of four well-branched, smaller-leaved varieties: **Blaze, Cream, Flare** and **Glow**. Plants have excellent heat tolerance and constantly flower through the first freeze.

The **Lucky** series from Ball FloraPlant adds **Lemon Glow**. It holds its eye-catching bicolor pattern well, always showing both yellow and white. It features a compact habit and excellent branching, for fewer pinches and less growth regulators. Plants stand up well to heat, humidity and other stressful conditions.



## New varieties

Less seed set means more continuous flowering. It is a great series for outdoor production because it bounces back from overhead irrigation and rain.

Additions to Syngenta Flowers, GoldFisch **Bandana** series include **Light Yellow** and **Peach**. The plants' easy-to-grow mounding habit is self-cleaning, low maintenance and heat and drought tolerant making them an excellent season extender. Perfect for containers or landscape applications.

### LAURENTIA

*Laurentia hybrida* '**Pot Indigo**' from Thompson & Morgan produces very dark blue almost purple flowers. This F<sub>1</sub> hybrid has a more compact habit than the Avant-garde series, reaching a height of 8 inches.

### LEUCANTHEMUM

**White Mountain** from Green Fuse

Botanicals has large 3-inch plus classic daisy flowers. It has a garden height of 24 to 30 inches.

### LEYCESTERIA

*L. formosa* **Jealousy** from PanAmerican Seed produces bright chartreuse foliage. This versatile bushy plant can be marketed as an annual, perennial or shrub. Cooler conditions bring maroon highlights to the foliage and flowers in the summer. Purple fruits appear in autumn. It pairs well with other vigorous items in large containers and performs well in wetlands.

### LINARIA

Naturally dwarf **Fantasy Apricot** from American Takii is a quick crop flowering in eight to 10 weeks. It withstands frosts and short duration freezes to 26°F. It is excellent for year-round production in mild areas. It is the 10th color in the series, which also has two mixes.



## LOBELIA

The **California** series from Cohen Propagation Nurseries was bred by Breier in Israel under hot climate conditions. It has six new varieties with good habits in attractive colors. Plants flower year-round even under short day conditions.

**Techno Heat Light Purple** and **Techno Heat Upright White** are the newest additions to this Syngenta Flowers, GoldFisch series. Techno is bred for improved heat tolerance and exceptional summer blooming. It is the earliest flowering series. These varieties are ideal for pints, quarts, gallons, baskets and combination plantings.

**Blue + Eye** from Selecta adds a sparkling new color to the well-matched **Magadi** series. The series offers the habits and colors growers need with strong performance on the bench and in the garden.

**Ocean White** from Ecke performs well in 4- to 10-inch pots, baskets and combination planters. Plants flower spring to summer. It can be grown cool in the greenhouse for energy efficiency and lower energy costs. It is part of the low-maintenance Painted Dunes Collection.

Westhoff has added to its lobelia series. The **Star** series adds **Deep Blue**, which has large dark blue flowers on a semi-trailing plant habit. **Hot Arctic White Improved** is an upright plant with large clear white flowers. Improvements include better branching and more flowers.



## LOBULARIA

Fast growing and floriferous, Danziger's **Silver Stream** forms a ball-shaped plant that stays compact. It also features a great sweet honey fragrance. This heat-tolerant selection grows and thrives throughout the entire summer. It is ideal as a filler in mixed containers, hanging baskets or window boxes.

**Snow Globe** from Hort Couture is a compact form of sweet alyssum that has undeniable flower power. Very heat tolerant, it produces masses of white flowers throughout the summer. It has been bred to have a reduced amount of flower shed which equates to more flowers on the plant.

## LOPHOSPERMUM

Suntory adds **White** to its Lofos series. This vigorous vine is self-cleaning, blooming early and throughout the season. It produces trumpet-shaped flowers on plants that trail up to 84 inches and spread up to 24 inches.

## MARIGOLD

**Moonstruck Deep Orange** and **Lemon Yellow** from Syngenta Flowers, Goldsmith Seeds display huge, fully double flowers



Marigold Moonstruck Lemon Yellow

on well-branched, high-quality plants that are ideal for 4-inch pots and larger.

The pack-friendly **Bonanza** French marigold series from PanAmerican Seed is noted for its earliness, large flowers, uniformity and superior performance under a wide range of conditions. **Deep Orange** has double crested 2- to 2½-inch diameter flowers. Plants are fast to flower with a tight flowering window.

### NEMESIA

**Karoo** from Cultivaris is a large flowered upright series that exhibits excellent branching, superb colors (**Pink Ice, Pink Improved, Soft Blue, Violet Ice and White**). Plants are completely sterile so that they continue flowering the whole summer. The beefy plants are great for 4-inch to 1-gallon production and grow well under cool early-spring conditions.

### NEW GUINEA IMPATIENS

The **Sun Harmony** series from Danziger showcases plants with highly branched, mounded habits and beautiful, large rounded flowers. Blooming profusely and continuously from early spring through fall, they feature excellent garden performance in full sunlight or partial shade. Colors include **Salmon, Orange, Purple** and **Magenta**.

**Lavender Parfait** and **Vibrant Red** join Ecke's **Pure Beauty** series. Plants have large flowers and a larger plant habit making them great for the landscape. They are also excellent in pots and hanging baskets.

### SunPatiens Spreading Carmine Red

from Sakata makes a strong statement in 10- or 12-inch hanging baskets, gallons or mixed containers. Matched in habit to Spreading Corona, plants reach a height and spread of 24-36 inches.

Proven Winners has added several varieties to its **Infinity** series. Bred by Ludwig Kientzler, the plants are heat-tolerant and year-round blooming. **Electric Cherry** has a striking display



New Guinea Impatiens Sun Harmony Magenta



of large hot pink flowers tipped in electric pink. **Electric Coral** has hot deep coral flowers that have a light pink center. **Lavender Improved** has been improved for overall habit and branching. Large lavender flowers have a white eye. **Salmon Bisque** produces bright salmon-colored flowers that are brushed with white.

**Super Sonic Orange Ice** from Syngenta Flowers, GoldFisch displays huge blooms with an extremely eye-catching flower color. The strong and vigorous plants are ideal for quarts, gallons and hanging baskets.

Dummen's **Magnum** series consists of strikingly strong, easy-to-grow plants with enormous flower size. The flowers keep coming due to its strong branching and budding. **Pink** and **Purple** are new colors.

## OSTEOSPERMUM

The **3D** series from Selecta stays open all day and night for high-impact retail displays of color and all-hours gardener enjoyment. A great cool-season crop choice, with no special culture needed. Its double, button-like blooms come in **Pink**, **Purple** and **Silver**.

**Side Show Yellow Glow** from Sakata tolerates a wide range of growing conditions. No pinching is needed, and only a small amount of growth regulator maintains the plant's compact habit. Flowers keep coming even during the heat of the season, while also staying open under low light conditions.

Sakata's **Cape Daisy** line series

expands with two additions. **Fire Burst** offers a unique range of hues that begin with a copper yellow that shifts to a copper red as the flowers mature. **Purple** produces pastel flowers that deepen with time to a brilliant dark purple color. Both varieties have a well-branched and compact habit with a quick production time.

Fides has introduced the **Margarita Nano** line. These compact plants, which provide a continuous profusion of flowers, are perfectly suitable for 4-inch pots and six packs. Just like the Margarita series, they need very little growth regulators. The series was especially developed to be grown quickly with little effort.

The new **Akila** series from PanAmerican Seed is the most compact seed osteospermum series available. It is well suited to mechanized production and high-density programs. Plants



*Osteospermum Astra Orange Sunrise*

branch without pinching and all colors flower within a seven- to 10-day window. No vernalization is needed. Available in **Lavender Shades, Purple, White** and a **Mixture**.

New “magic” colors in Ball FloraPlant’s **Serenity** series change as flowers fully open. **Peach Magic** starts golden yellow and changes from pale salmon to pink. **Pink Magic** opens pink-salmon and deepens to true pink. **Rose Magic** opens bronze-salmon and matures to deep rose pink. Plants in the series have exceptional habit and timing uniformity that make them perfect for early-season bench-run programs.

**Summertime Sweet** series from **Dummen** is a compact version of the existing Summertime series. Plants require little growth regulator and are ideal for intense production. All of the five new colors have extremely interesting polychromatic flowers.

The **Astra** series from Cohen adds **Apricot Yellow, Orange Sunrise** and **Rose with Eye**. Bred by Florensis, the compact plants have good basal branching and produce many medium-sized flowers. Resistant to bad weather conditions, the early-flowering plants have a long blooming season. Best for small pot production, plants have comparable flower size between all varieties.

Bred to induce flowering at higher temperatures, the **Tradewinds** series from Syngenta Flowers, GoldFisch has added **Bronze** and **Cinnamon** for early

spring and fall plantings. The robust bushy plants are durable and easy to grow.

### PANSY

**Iona Frosty Blue Improved** from American Takii has been improved for a shorter flower stem, rounder flower and more compact plant. The F<sub>1</sub> series has 18 colors in the series, both blotched and clear. The large-flowered series is early, compact and free flowering.

American Takii’s F<sub>1</sub> **Nature Rose Picotee** is a multiflora pansy and viola cross. The compact, vigorous, strong plants are extremely floriferous and withstand both heat and cold. They are excellent for both spring and fall sales. Plants are strong landscape performers rebounding quickly from rain and freezes. The 20 color series includes both standard and unique colors.

Seven varieties have been added to Benary’s F<sub>1</sub> **Inspire** series. Bred for a wide range of weather conditions, the Inspires are ideal for both fall and spring production. Plants have a naturally compact habit and narrow flowering window. The series now consists of 29 colors in both clear and blotched faces. New colors include: **Blue Angel**, a unique frosty light blue with a bi-color blue face; **Blue Velvet**, a rich royal blue with a dark face and cap; **Deep Blue with Blotch**, the darkest blue with a black face; **Lemon with Red Blotch**, a fresh lemon yellow with a rusty red face; **Lilac with Blotch**, a mid blue-lavender with dark blue face; **Peach Shades Improved**, a warm blend of pinks and yellows; and **Terracotta**, a range of colors from rosy cream to rich red, all with a dark red face



Pepper 'Basket of Fire'

Plants in Floranova's new **Freefall** series are early flowering, covered with 1½-inch flowers. They start as low mounding plants and develop into their full spreading or cascading habit as they grow. Plants are ideal for baskets, color bowls and in the landscape. Fewer plants are required per square yard in the landscape and fewer plants per pot in a basket. Available in five separate colors: **Deep Violet** which is almost black, **Lavender, Purple and White, Purple Wing** which is a bright yellow with purple upper petals, **Golden Yellow**, and a formula **Mix**.

**Majestic Giant II Rose with Blotch Improved** from Sakata offers a more compact and dwarf plant habit along with shorter stems when compared to the original variety. A deeper, more intense color is well matched to the series other varieties, which retain a compact

habit from autumn through spring. Plants produce 4-inch flowers on a variety less affected by temperature and light. Plants, which require little or no growth regulators, reach 8 inches tall and 10 inches wide.

**Dynamite Blue Jeans** from Sakata is a large-flowered, compact pansy with strong color contrasting flowers that face upwards. This vigorous grower reaches 6 inches tall and 8 inches wide.

Syngenta Flowers, Goldsmith Seeds has released several new varieties.

**Fire** and **Ocean** have been added to the **Colossus** series. The mounded plants display a tight plant habit that is easy to produce, provides longer shelf life and requires little to no growth regulators. These plants, which produce huge, upward-facing flowers, resist stretching during warm weather.

**Black** and **Purple** have been added to



**Petunia Fortunia Silver Vein**

the **Mariposa** series. Plants have loads of flowers and robust stems that enhance overwintering performance.

PanAmerican Seed's **Matrix** series has been bred for superior plant architecture with less stretch. The series' uniformity, similar habit and timing streamline greenhouse production. New releases include **Lemon, True Blue, Tricolor Mixture, Red, White & Blue Mix** and **Red & White Mix**.

PanAmerican Seed has also expanded its **Plentifall** series, the first seed-produced trailing series, with **Frost** and **Yellow**. Medium-sized blooms hold up in rain and weather extremes better than larger-flowered types. Plants can be grown in cool-season baskets for early spring and autumn sales. Plants also can be used as a spreading groundcover with superior overwintering hardiness.

### PEPPER

Vegetalis has introduced three peppers. **'Chenzo'**, which is compact and well-branched, fits nicely into containers and small spaces. Cascading beneath the foliage, long black peppers turn a bright red on the highly productive plants. At

45,000 Scoville heat units (shu), **'Chenzo'** is about as hot as a jalapeno pepper and can be used fresh or dried.

**'Loco'** produces small egg-shaped peppers that turn from purple to lavender to red as they ripen. The fruit is held above the foliage for easy picking and can be used fresh on a salad or mixed in a vegetable medley to add a little spicy flavor. The fruit is rated at 24,000 shu.

**'Basket of Fire'** is the first true hanging basket pepper. Its spicy hot peppers add color and character as they turn from cream to orange, maturing to red. The small leaves don't hide the long thin fruit which pop from under the foliage. The basal branches cascade as they develop while new growth continues to fill the top for a well rounded appearance. Highly ornamental, its fruit has a heat rating of 80,000 shu, which is best used fresh for spicy dishes or dried for use later.

### PETUNIA

**SuperCal** from Sakata brings together the best traits of petunia and calibrachoa. Plants are pH tolerant, day length neutral and can be grown cool. The foliage is not sticky so flowers drop easily from the plant as they age. New **Pink Ice Petchoa** produces clear, cool pink flowers with a compact, spreading habit. The SuperCal line now has eight colors.

The newest addition to the **Fortunia** series from Fides North America is **Silver Vein**. This variety has large flowers with a beautiful dark purple heart and clear veins. It is very vigorous and has an excellent garden performance.



The **Happy** series from Cohen includes eight varieties. Bred by Breier, plants have hanging to half hanging habits that can fit basket and pot production. Plants produce single large flowers under short day conditions. Series includes special colors such as **Copper** and **Orange**.

**Good and Plenty** is a brand new multiflora series from Green Fuse Botanicals. Plants have a mounded habit with a slight trailing form, which is excellent for pots or hanging baskets. Colors include **Purple**; **Blue** showcases

large, deep blue flowers on a medium vigor plant; **Red** is an exceptional selection with a true red color and excellent plant habit; **Rose** has a deep rose color; **White** is a clear color with a medium vigor growth habit; **Yellow** has large yellow flowers with white highlights.

Other new petunias from Green Fuse Botanicals include: **Tiny Tunia Yellow** is a unique color for the small flowering class; **Blanket Midnight Velvet** has a rich, exceptionally dark purple color providing the perception of velvety textured flowers.

Dummen has introduced several new varieties. **Potunia** petunias are known for their round compact habit, very early growth and ease of production. New colors include **Blackberry Ice**, **Pinkalicious**, **Popcorn** and **Watercolor Lavender**. The company is also introducing its **Potunia Plus** varieties that are a bit more vigorous and produce larger flowers.

Plants in the **Sweetunia** series offer medium upright growth, medium vigor, good flower power and amazing colors. **Bordeaux**, **Mystic**, **Orange Flash** and **Strawberry Ice** are new colors.

**Suncatcher Pink Lemonade** from Ball FloraPlant is an early-flowering, low-energy input vegetative petunia. Its fast, uniform flowering makes it ideal for early southern markets. It maintains a two-tone appearance under all conditions.

**Pink Morn** and **Salmon Morn** expand Hem Genetics' **Limbo F**, grandiflora series to 16 colors and a formula mixture. This natural dwarf series doesn't require growth regulator applications.



Petchoa SuperCal Pink Ice

## New varieties

The strong semi-trailing habit of **Picnic Purple** and **Violet** from Syngenta Flowers, GoldFisch makes these mini petunias perfect for the landscape as well as in premium baskets. These varieties are early to bloom and quick to finish.

**Supertunia White Russian** from Proven Winners offers an antique look of white petals with purple to black veins. Supertunia varieties create extraordinary hanging baskets and containers because

their compact habit means they fill in quickly and don't get leggy.

**Coral Crush, Red, and Volt Mix** join PanAmerican Seed's **Shock Wave** series. The series is the earliest-to-flower spreading petunia and the only small-flowered spreading series from seed on the market. Plants bloom in a tight and consistent four- to six-day window. Hanging baskets produced with the plants are covered with many petite, high-impact flowers.

GGG International offers new small, medium and big flowering petunias with its **Sunpleasure, Sweet Pleasure** and **Tiny Pleasure** varieties. Outstanding colors, nice round shape and endless flowers. They are weather-resistant and heat-tolerant.

Westhoff offers a new series and additional varieties. Its new **Hells** series has plants with extraordinary fluorescent colored flowers and an upright plant habit (more vigorous than its Perfectunia series). Plants produce mid-sized flowers and are very floriferous.

**Bells** has electric fluorescent purple-orange-red flowers with a dark center.

**Glow** has electric purple-red flowers with a dark veined eye.

Introduced last year, the **Perfectunia** series



Petunia Surfinia Deep Red



Petunia Hells Bells

Rose Gold Medallion



has compact upright plants with early, mid-sized, bright flowers. New varieties include **Bordeaux, Pink, Orange** and **Yellow**.

Suntory has made some additions to its **Surfinia** series. **Bouquet Salmon** and **Lemon Improved** have a compact mounding habit and are profuse bloomers. Lemon Improved now has a habit that better matches the series and is earlier to flower. **Deep Red** has a compact trailing habit reaching up to 6 inches tall and 4 feet in length. Plants are ideal for hanging baskets.

### PHLOX

Dummen's **Phloxy Lady** series expands with five new colors. Its compact round habit and self-branching characteristics make it ideal for landscapes.

### PORTULACA

The new eight-color **Happy Hour** series from PanAmerican Seed can be sown up to two weeks earlier for early-season sales. Bred for reduced day length sensitivity, plants flower under shorter day lengths than other varieties. Flower timing is uniform across the series. The well-branched, mounded plants are easier to pack and ship with less breakage than prostrate types. The drought-tolerant plants produce large, semi-double flowers that do well in hot, dry, full-sun conditions.

### ROSE

**Gold Medallion** ('MORcingold') from Greenheart Farms produces small, decorative vibrant yellow flowers with a mild scent. Plants, which reach 12 inches tall, are excellent for pots and borders. It is hardy to USDA Hardiness Zones 4b-11.



### SALVIA

**Summer Jewel Red** from Amerian Takii is a 2011 AAS award winner. It is early blooming, seven to nine weeks from sowing. The very compact plants have excellent branching and flower all season. Its flowers attract hummingbirds.

**'Brazilian Purple'** from Athena Brazil is an aggressive plant reaching 4-foot tall in the landscape. Plants should be finished in 1- to 2-gallon pots. Plants produce many unique purple flowers on dark stems.

*S. farinacea* **Evolution White** from Benary has the same great garden performance and compact habit as AAS award winner *Salvia Evolution*. Early to flower and very floriferous, *Evolution White* produces bright white flowers.

**Purple** from Green Fuse Botanicals is a great addition to the **Cathedral** series.

**Purple** is compact and is true to its color description.

### SANVITALIA

**Sunvy** from Dummen is an early series of sanvitalia with a range of habits. **Sunvy Top Gold** has a more compact habit.

### SNAPDRAGON

**Rose** is the latest addition to Hem Genetics' **Twiny** F<sub>1</sub> double-flowered series, which expands to six colors and a formula mixture. The plant's tolerance to hot and wet weather conditions results in exceptional garden performance. Plants are recommended for 4-inch and larger containers.

### STRAWBERRY

**Frisan** strawberry from ABZ Seeds has eye-catching hot pink flowers. The strong plants produce many runners that make it perfect for hanging baskets. Abundant flowering occurs during the first season, including on the runners. Plants produce juicy fruit with sweet flavor. Abundant flowering and a high yield of fruit continue during the whole summer season.

### STREPTOCARPUS

The **Ladyslipper** series from Green Fuse Botanicals consists of five shade-loving plants. **Blue Halo** has a blue throat with a yellow halo at the flower's entrance. **Blue Ice** has numerous dark blue veins on a white background. **Pink Halo** possesses a soft pink throat with the signature halo at the flower's entrance. **Rose-Red** is the richest color in the series with large flowers on a good size plant. **White Ice** has a large white flower with purple veins.



## TOMATO

'**Cherry Falls**' from Vegetalis produces 1½- to 2-ounce, cherry-sized red fruit. Highly productive, a single plant produces 600-800 fruit in a season. With its cascading habit, plants are well suited for baskets, window boxes and large mixed combination pots along with other vegetables or flowers. It is well matched in habit to Vegetalis' Rambling tomato series.

## TORENIA

The new compact **Kauai** series from PanAmerican Seed is easier to schedule with a tighter, seven to nine day flowering window. Varieties include the unique **Magenta** and **Lemon Drop**, as well as **White**, **Deep Blue**, **Rose**, **Burgundy** and a **Mix**.

## TRADESCANTIA

'**Athena Marlene**' from Athena Brazil is a low growing groundcover with a similar

habit to *T. setcreasea* 'Purple Queen'. It has soft, fuzzy green/silver foliage with penny-sized lilac flowers. It should be grown in full or partial sun.

## VERBENA

**Vivid** is a new series from Green Fuse Botanicals. Plants were selected for their bright colors and large flowers. Colors include **Blue**; **Peach** has soft tones that complement orange, yellow and reds; **Red**, which is the most compact within the series, has rich, scarlet flowers; **Rose** has a complementary white eye; **White** is clean white against dark green foliage; **Zinfandel** is unique deep rich burgundy with a contrasting white eye.

**Vepita** from Cultivaris offers a uniform, consistent habit across the series with very early flowering on plants exhibiting strong disease resistance. **Dark Magenta**, **Fire Red**, **Hot Pink**, **Lavender Ice**, **White**,



Verbena Vepita Lavender Ice

## New varieties

**Pink** and **Blue-Violet** are perfect for high-density production in 4-inch or quart programs or in mixed containers.

The **Veevo** series from Cultivaris is unique in its combination of a mounding, well-branched habit, large, vibrantly-colored flowers and strong disease resistance. **Blush-Pink, Lilac, Pink, Scarlet** and **White** are well-suited for 4-inch and 1-gallon pots.

**Lanai Twister Pink** from Syngenta Flowers, GoldFisch is one-of-a-kind displaying a swirl of white and pink blooms. The Lanai series, which has received 20 trial awards since 2006, is early to bloom with large, striking flowers in a wide assortment of colors. Plants have better mildew and frost tolerance.

Additions to the **Lanai Upright** series include **Blue with Eye, Pink,** and **Rose with Eye.** The plants' controlled upright habit is ideal for 4-inch, high-density production. Naturally upright growth reduces the need for growth regulators and allows for better shelf-life quality.

Westhoff has made three additions to its **Estrella** series. Plants have a compact-mounding habit and are continuously blooming with flowers located close to foliage. **Dark Purple** has intense purple flowers. **Salmon Star** has salmon to peach colored flowers with a clear cream star shaped pattern. **White Improved** has clear white flowers with a more compact plant habit to match rest of the series.

The **Lapel** series from Cohen has **Magenta** and **Red with Eye.** Bred by Breier, the heat-tolerant, mildew-resistant plants have narrow leaves with full trailing



habits. The well-branched plants have a controlled growth habit and produce single medium-sized flowers.

Cohen's **Tiara** series has four varieties available. Bred by Breier, the trailing plants produce broad leaves and large single flowers.

**Burgundy** and **White Improved** are new additions to Ball FloraPlant's **Aztec** series. Plants have excellent powdery mildew tolerance. Burgundy won't fade and stays deep, rich and velvety. White Improved grows fuller with a semi-upright habit. The mounded, trailing plants stand up to heat and humidity plus cool temperatures, assuring that these three-season performers stay lush and healthy from spring through fall.

Dummen is offering several new varieties. **Empress** is a series with big flowers, a semi-upright habit and most importantly a very cold and heat resistant demeanor. Two new **Charme** colors featuring a white eye have been added.

The new **Empress Flair** series has all of the attributes of Empress, but with a more compact habit. Seven new colors will be available.

Proven Winners makes two additions to its **Superbena Royale** series. Plants have an early compact habit that then spreads vigorously in the garden. The flowers are sweetly fragrant and the exceptional branching creates cascades of flower clusters. **Iced Cherry** has a cherry color that becomes frosty toward the center. **Peachy Keen** produces new flowers that are a deep peach color that transitions to a paler peach as the flowers age.

**Blush** joins Ecke's **Costa del Sol** series of mildew tolerant verbenas. These early-flowering plants have a perfect mounding habit that allows them to work equally well in pots and baskets.

GGG International has expanded its **Star Dreams** and **Summerdreams** series with a few outstanding colors. They are weather resistant, have large flowers and flower through the whole summer.

### VIOLA

**Scarlet** and **Frosty Blue Improved**

have been added to American Takii's **F<sub>1</sub> Gem** series. The series has exceptional heat tolerance and strong-over-wintering ability. There are 18 colors, and plants are excellent for color bowls, containers, hanging baskets and landscapes.

Eight new colors (**Azure Blue, Beaconsfield, Lilac with Purple Wing, Twilight, Violet, Violet Flare, Violet with Eye** and **White**) have been added to Hem Genetics' **Corina** series. Plants have a mounding garden plant habit and are covered in multiple flowers, flowering from the beginning until the end of the season. Corina can be grown in different types of packs and pot sizes.

New **Sorbet Delft Blue XP** from PanAmerican Seed is a Fleuroselect award-winner. The **F<sub>1</sub> Sorbet XP** series delivers uniform plant habit and a tight flowering window. Plants cover the growing medium at flowering with more blooms on every plant and less stretching. Fewer growth regulators are needed.

### ZEA

**Zea mays** '**Field of Dreams**' from Floranova is a colorful ornamental popcorn. The foliage is highly variegated green and white with touches of rose. Container size will determine plant height, but it can reach 4-5 feet tall in the garden. It can be used in large combination pots and as an accent in landscapes. As the growing season begins to come to an end, 'Field of Dreams' produces attractive ears of ornamental corn. The ears can be dried and the kernels can be popped.



Verbena Tiara Burgundy

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