

## ANNUALS-1

**ABUTILON HYBRIDS (Flowering Maple):** An old-fashioned annual from the Victorian days making a rapid return into modern gardens and containers. Maple-type leaves and bell-shaped flowers on upright, branching plants that attract hummingbirds. Excellent in all containers and very easy to over winter in any bright location. In fact, one of the few blooming plants that will bloom year-round. Best in a sunny, but not hot location. Pinch regularly to maintain bushiness.

‘Kirsten’s Pink’--An extremely floriferous variety with soft pink flowers on a compact, upright plant. Grows to 12-16”. Nice in hanging baskets in addition to containers and beds. (4 1/2” pot)

‘Souvenir de Bonn’--A stunning variety grown more for its foliage than its flower. Bushy, upright plants are quite adaptable, thriving in morning full sun to rather dense shade. The creamy white variegation is stunning in large mixed containers. Structure is reminiscent of a Japanese maple. Bell-shaped, soft orange flowers appear sporadically year round. Grows to about 3’ in the garden. Makes a lovely houseplant. (5” pot)

### ACALYPHA, SPECIES:

‘Sizzle Scissors’--The pink, serrated edges of this narrow-leafed beauty make this bold foliage plant stand apart. This eye-catcher made ‘Garden Design’ magazine’s “Way Hot 100 List” in 2008. Plant in full sun to part shade. Excellent in containers and grows to 22-26”. (4 1/2” pot)

**ACALYPHA PENDULA/HISPIDA (Chenille Plant):** Bright red flowers are borne in long, pendent, tassel-like spikes. These tropical plants are best grown in light open shade with good air circulation. Keep moist. Allowing to dry too often will cause a rapid decline. Almost always grown in hanging baskets or containers.

‘Firetail’--Graceful, fuzzy, fiery-red cattail-like flowers appear at the tips of dark green foliage. Great, heat-loving plant. (4 1/2” pot)

**ACALYPHA WILKESIANA (Copperleaf Plant):** A beautiful foliage plant with large, toothed, oval, delightfully colored leaves. Very closely related to the chenille plant. Most varieties grow 3-5’ tall. They grow rapidly during warm summers. In cooler summers, the leaves are more brightly colored, but the plants remain shorter. A rare and exotic addition to large containers. Full sun to part shade.

‘Beyond Paradise’--This statuesque beauty adds height to containers and beds. Leaves are large and splashed in many colors from green through shades of orange, peach, pink, red and even yellow. A true winner. Easy to grow and flourishes in hot sun. Height at 20-36”. (4 1/2” pot)

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'Bronze Pink'--Large, bronze pink leaves on robust plants. Well-branched and loves summer heat. Great in combination planters and large pots. Upright growth habit to 12-24". (4 1/2" pot)

### ACHILLEA PTARMICA HYBRID (Sneezewort)

'Gypsy' White--A one-of-a-kind new plant with an abundance of small white, button-like flowers on bushy to semi-trailing plants. Very heat tolerant, it blooms throughout the hot summer months. Plant suppliers refer to it as the "summer bacopa". Works nicely in combinations and hanging baskets. Pinching is encouraged for desired growth habit. 10-14" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

ACIDANTHERA, Gladiolus callianthus (Peacock Orchid): Cormous plant with linear leaves. In summer and in autumn, bears loose spikes of up to 10 hooded, funnel-shaped, strongly scented, pure white flowers, 2" across, each with a prominent purple-red mark in the throat. Blooms curve downward on long, thin tubes. Grows 24-40". Must be dug in fall. (Available in the bulb area)

AFRICAN DAISY: See Arctotis or Osteospermum

AGAPANTHUS AFRICANUS HYBRIDS (Lily of the Nile): Huge umbels of blue, purple or white on long stalks over grass-like foliage. Widely grown as cut flowers, this South African genus is actually a tender perennial with a fleshy root. Easy to overwinter in any cool, bright spot--either completely dormant or with foliage. Blooms best when containers are very root bound. (Available in pots and priced as marked)

AGASTACHE HYBRIDS (Hyssop): Bees, butterflies and hummingbirds love the nectar rich flowers of hyssop. Their colorful, tubular flowers on dense spikes bloom from mid-summer until frost. Leaves are nicely scented. Very drought tolerant. Many are common garden perennials, but some of the less hardy varieties are wonderful in beds and large containers and are treated as annuals. The following selections are only hardy to Zone 6 or higher. For hardier varieties refer to the perennial section.

Acapulco Series--Excellent for containers with a mounding, semi-cascading habit. Flowers are multiple, rather than a single spike. Available in rose. (4 1/2" pot)

Color Spires Series--Florets are borne on 4" long spikes with a well-branched habit. Hardy to Zone 7. Available in orchid (salmon pink to lavender) and steel blue. Orchid grows to 24-30" and steel blue 18-24". (4 1/2" pot)

AGERATUM HOUSTONIANUM (Floss Flower): Fuzzy blue, purple, pink or white flowers highlight this common bedding plant and depending on variety, uses range from edging to stunning, long-stemmed cut flowers. Grow in humus-rich, evenly moist, yet well-drained soil. Plant in full sun. Attracts butterflies.

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Artist Series--Compact in pots, yet a vigorous series in the garden, they are distinguished by their huge flowers--far larger than old-fashioned ageratums. Plants are large-leafed and well-branched and are extremely heat tolerant. Available in blue and purple. (4 1/2" pot)

'Blue Horizon'--Mid-blue flowers on sturdy stems make this variety ideal as a cutflower. Very attractive to butterflies. Grows to 24-30". No staking or pinching required. (4-pack)

Hawaii Series--A dwarf, compact series that requires little maintenance. Plants form neat little mounds and produce a profusion of powder-puff blooms all season long. Grows to 8". Available in blue. (4-pack)

Patina Series--Heat tolerant, vigorous and very uniform. Plants are free-flowering and will not burn out in heat and sun. Well-branched. Grows 10-12". Available in Delft blue (blue with a white center). (4 1/2" pot)

'Pearl Blue'--Compact, dark green-leafed plants are mounded and well-branched, with mid-blue flowers. Garden height is 5-8" with a spread of 12". (4-pack and jumbo pack in summer)

ALLAMANDA HENDERSONII (Golden Trumpet): Beautiful, tropical, yellow-flowered vines or shrubs that are perfect for large containers. This mandevilla cousin requires very similar growing conditions--heat and humidity, full sun and moist, rich, well-drained soil. Can be easily over wintered with a hard pruning and then left on the dry side. Can grow to 3-6' in a container in one summer. Fertilize regularly.

'Brown Bud'--The mature height of this upright and leggy tropical can reach 8'. Yellow blooms are 3-4" across. Grow in full sun. Allow to dry out between waterings, then water thoroughly. (6" pot)

ALOCASIA: Fashion a tropical atmosphere with the enormous, velvety green rippled and patterned leaves produced by these large tubers--close relatives to colocasia (true elephant's ears). Spectacular as a tub plant, adding texture and curiosity to the landscape. Can also be used near or in water gardens. Most thrive in full to part shade and in moist soil. Move indoors before fall frost and store dormant or keep as a houseplant. We usually carry an assortment of varieties and pot sizes that changes from year to year from the giant upright Calidora to small, delicate, highly variegated varieties. All have a place in the garden. Each is priced individually.

x Amazonica--This is a foliage plant of striking form and color. The glossy green leaves are shaped like arrowheads and have veins of silver. Its leaves have been known to get quite large, up to 1' wide and 2' long. Prefers full shade. Grows to 2-4'. (6" pot)

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x Calidora--Thick, plain green very glossy leaves on meaty stems. Will grow upright to 6' in a single summer. Foliage is dramatic and upright. (8" pot)

'Black Stem' (A. macrorrhiza)--Large 12-18" bright green leaves display pronounced deep violet-red veins and stems. Grows 3-4'. (6" pot)

Alocasia lauterbaachiana--Upright in form, this is one of the easier of the alocasias to grow. Leaves are long, slender and a rich green with wavy edges and purple undersides and stems. Equally beautiful indoors or as a specimen plant on the summer patio. Grows in rather dense shade to part sun. Allow to dry a bit between waterings. Grows to 2-4'. Very long-lived. (6" pot)

Alocasia macrorrhiza (Giant Taro)--Thick, sculpted and glossy green leaves are held upright on thick and stiff stems. Very large, dramatic and eye-catching. (Available in the bulb area)

'Nigra' (A. plumbea)--Leaves are held stiffly upright and are dark green or almost black. Grows 2-3' tall. (6" pot)

### ALPINIA ZERUMBET (Shell Ginger):

'Variegata'--Yellow and green bicolor leaves. Though it flowers in the south, it rarely flowers in northern climates. Thrives on our hot and humid summers in large containers on the deck or patio. For full sun to part shade in rich and moist soil. This stunning foliage plant grows rapidly to 3-4'. Overwinter indoors as a houseplant. Very lovely around water features. (6" pot)

ALSTROEMERIA HYBRIDS (Peruvian Lily): When planted in filtered shade and moist, well-drained soil, these South American plants spread freely and put on a superb show from early summer into fall. 2" orchid-like blooms are borne on upright, lily-like stems. Use in the border, in pots or as a cut flower. Need to lift and store over winter.

Princess Series--A genetically dwarf type. Grow in large containers or in the garden landscape. Plant in sun to light shade. Available in these beautiful colors: 'Fabiana' (pastel yellow on unique white-edged foliage), 'Isabella' (orange and yellow), 'Julietta' (white with purple wash and purple splotches), 'Mathilde' (coppery with lemon and mahogany highlights), 'Theresa' (pink with a deep rose center) and 'Zavina' (salmon splashed with yellow). Grows to 10-14" tall. (6x6" pot)

ALTERNANTHERA DENTATA (Calico Plant): An easy to grow, very versatile foliage plant at home in beds as well as containers. Tall varieties can be pruned hard or allowed to grow wild for varied interest. Foliage tends to be glossy and colors and patterns vary by variety.

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'Party Time'--Bright pink and green foliage covers this great newer variety. Excellent companion plant for containers and hanging baskets. 18-24". (4 1/2")

'Red Thread'--Mounding, trailing habit with rich burgundy leaves. 6" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

ALYSSUM, *Lobularia maritima* (Sweet Alyssum): Low-growing and attractive in rock gardens, containers, beds and hanging baskets. Very fragrant. Plant in full sun and keep moist. Prune back occasionally to improve appearance and flowering. All grow to 3".

Clear Crystals Series--This exciting new tetraploid series delivers superior vigor; fragrant, larger flowers; and stronger performance in containers and landscapes. Available in white, purple and a mix. (4-pack and jumbo pack in summer)

Easter Bonnet Series-- Compact, uniform and early blooming. Available in deep pink, violet and a mix of deep pink, violet and deep rose. (4-pack)

AMARANTHUS (Joseph's Coat, Summer Poinsettia): A useful annual for extra dry areas providing long-lasting blooms and colorful foliage. Blazing colors for backgrounds, beds and flower arrangements. Prefers full sun. Revels in hot, humid weather. Edible leaves and seeds.

Cascade Series (*A. caudatus*)--Upright habit with long, cascading panicles. Grows to 30". (3-pack)

'Early Splendor' (*A. tricolor*)--Bright crimson red on bronze leaves. Very brilliant. Grows 36-48" tall. (3-pack)

'Giant Copperhead' (*A. cruentus*)--Full, upright, copper-colored spikes, copper stems and yellowish green foliage. Great fresh or dried. 48-60". (3-pack)

'Redtails' (*A. caudatus*)--The age old 'Love Lies Bleeding'. Red pendulous flower spikes over arching branches. 36". (3-pack)

ANAGALLIS HYBRIDS (Pimpernel): Pretty much unheard of in North America, anagallis has been a standard in European gardens since the last century. Plants are compact and usually intensely colored in blues and scarlets. Growing conditions vary by species, but they generally like full sun to part-shade and they generally bloom best during the cooler parts of early and again in late summer.

Angie Series--This monelli type displays vivid blooms on an upright habit. Excellent heat tolerance. Available in blue and orange. (4 1/2" pot)

ANGEL'S TRUMPET: See *Brugmansia*

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**ANGELONIA ANGUSTIFOLIA (Summer Snapdragon):** Unheard of not so many years ago, angelonias have become one of our best loved summer annuals. Flowers are two-lipped with a shallow cup. Vigorous and requires high light conditions. Excellent in containers. Virtually pest-free and very fragrant. A must-have for every garden. Must be kept moist once established.

Angelface Series--Abundant spire-like blooms coat compact, upright plants. Excellent in the landscape and wonderful in wildflower gardens. Grows 18-24" tall. Available in blue, dark violet, 'Dresden' light blue, 'Wedgewood' blue (a blue and white bicolor) and white. Loves heat and sun!! (4 1/2" pot)

AngelMist Series--Upright with hairless stems and lance-shaped, pointed, toothed leaves. Flowers in summer. Native to Mexico and the West Indies. Grows 14-20". Available in dark lavender, dark pink, dark rose, purple stripe and white. (4 1/2" pot)

AngelMist Spreading Series--The first trailing angelonia on the market is perfect for hanging baskets, containers and beds. Grows to only 6-10" tall. Available in pink, purple and white. (4 1/2" pot)

Serena Series--This very first seed-grown angelonia is great for edgings and mass plantings. Finally, it's no longer cost prohibitive to grow angelonia for bedding. Each color flowers continuously with no deadheading. Tidy and compact at only 10-12" tall. Loves heat and humidity. Available in lavender-pink, purple and white. (2-pack and jumbo pack in summer)

**ANISODENEA HYBRIDS (African Mallow):** Genus of 19 species from South Africa related to the mallows (hibiscus, abutilon, etc.). Cup-shaped, 5 petal flowers are borne from spring thru fall. Plants are shrubby with toothed leaves. Nicely trains into standards. Likes moderately fertile, well-drained soil in full sun.

'Slightly Strawberry'--An exciting new variety with excellent branching habit. Great landscape appeal where height is desired. 36-60" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

**ARCTOTIS FASTUOSA (Venidium, Monarch of the veldt):** A member of the daisy family from South Africa. Flowers are borne above a rosette of fuzzy, gray-green leaves. Flowers close at night and on cloudy days. Use in containers, edging or in the rock garden. Make nice cut flowers. Attracts butterflies. They prefer average to poor, well-drained soil. Most varieties grow to around 12"

'Peachy Mango'--Blooms all summer, but even more in the fall with antique coral flowers. (4 1/2" pot)

**ARGYRANTHEMUM FRUTESCENS:** Easy to grow and heat and drought tolerant, these daisies (relatives of garden mums) flourish in full sun to part shade.

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Foliage is usually deeply lobed and varies from green to intensely glaucous. Flowers are generally single and come in shades of white, pink, yellow or apricot. All bloom throughout the summer until a hard freeze. Excellent in beds or in containers.

'Bright Carmine'--Unique, intensely red blooms with a yellow eye. Grows 12-16" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

Butterfly Series--Early flowering, compact growth and everblooming. Excellent for the garden, planter box or pot. Grow in full sun. Well-drained, organic soils are best. Grows to 14-18". Keep soil moist but not soggy. Responds well to pruning and trimming. Deadhead regularly. Available in 'Vanilla' (white) and yellow. (4 1/2" pot)

'Comet Pink'--Abundant single daisy blooms and great looking fine foliage on compact plants. Mounding habit and vigorous growth are ideal for spring and summer display in containers. Plant in full sun to part shade. Grows 12-16" tall. Keep moist. (4 1/2" pot)

Courtyard 'Buttercream'--Fully double yellow flowers with anemone-type blooms. Excellent branching. Tolerant of heat and cold. Only 12-16" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

Molimba Series--Anemone-type blooms open lavender-pink, and turn white in summer heat. In fall, new blooms add color to combos. Grow to 14-16". Available in pink (4 1/2" pot)

'Reflections Yellow'--Upright habit with a typical daisy flower and a unique dark eye. (4 1/2" pot)

ASARINA SCANDENS (Climbing Snapdragon): An elegant and graceful climber with snapdragon-like blooms in quiet shades of blue, pink or white. Very pretty, with a host of 1" long blossoms. Thrives in sun, shade, heat or cool. Excellent trained on a trellis or in a basket or pot. A delicate, self-sowing annual vine. 48-96".

'Joan Loraine'--An old, single-colored variety from Mexico. This graceful climber has attractive, soft green leaves with 2" deep purple-blue flaring trumpets. Very fast growing. (4" coir pot)

ASCLEPIAS CURASSAVICA (Annual milkweed, Bloodflower): Nonstop, 2-4" blooms that very much resemble our native *asclepias tuberosa* and monarch butterflies love them as much if not more. Plants are erect and bushy, growing to 36". For full-sun in well-drained soil. Native to Central and South America.

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Silky Series--The only widely available series. Available in deep red, scarlet (red and orange, bicolored) and gold. (3-pack)

### ASPARAGUS DENSIFLORUS:

Meyerii--An unusual and novel pot plant. Very graceful spikes form a cone shape. Upright. (Available in 6 & 10" pots)

Sprengeri--Common outdoor foliage plant and year-round indoor houseplant. Well-branched plant with woody tuberous roots. The arching stalks are woody and wireline with small, evergreen-like, bright green leaves. Has small white flowers followed by red berries. Very long-lived. Grows well in all conditions except the hottest sun. Used in mixed containers. (4" coir pot)

ASTER (CHINA), *Callistephus chinensis*: Keep soil moderately moist and mulch to keep roots cool. Tall varieties will need staking. Don't bother deadheading; China asters do not rebloom. Plant in full sun. Remove plants immediately after blooming and rotate crop to avoid disease, waiting 4 years to replant in the same spot. Most modern varieties are resistant to aster wilt, but not aster yellow, which is incurable and carried by insects. As the name implies, plants simply turn yellow and die.

Matsumoto Mix--2" semi-double, flat, spray type blooms with contrasting yellow centers. Upright plants grow to 30" tall, have strong stems for cutting and are heat tolerant. Contains shades of pink, blue, white and red. The ultimate cutflower!  
(4-pack)

BABY'S BREATH, ANNUAL : See *Gypsophila*.

BACHELOR'S BUTTONS: See *Centaurea*

BACOPA, *Sutera cordata*: Loads of smallish flowers bloom against a background of rich green foliage on trailing stems. It is both heat and disease resistant. Thrives in part-shade to full sun, but does best in shade when conditions are hot and dry. Plant in baskets, window boxes or beds. Maximum height is 4-6", but spreads up to 14". Keep moist. If it gets too dry the flowers will drop. If in the shade, do not overwater. Prune as desired. Foliage is very fragrant. Origin: Australia.

Cabana Series--A very compact and floriferous bacopa that works better than most in mixed containers. Available in trailing light blue. 6-10". (4 1/2" pot)

Cloud 9 Series--Features larger, more rounded blooms. Non-trailing varieties are compact and densely branched. The best heat tolerance of any bacopa series. Available in white. (4 1/2" pot)

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'Gold 'n Pearls'--Yellow and green variegated foliage with typical white bacopa blooms. 3-5" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

'Nano White'--Though a small-flowered variety, it has received many accolades for its exceptional heat tolerance. (4 1/2" pot)

Snowstorm Series--The most popular of the bacopas. Performs well in both sun and shade and is heat tolerant. Available in 'Giant Snowflake (white) and pink.  
(4 1/2" pot)

BALSAM, Impatiens balsamina (Touch-Me-Not): A member of the impatiens family of plants. Flowers have a waxy texture and resemble miniature camellias. Plants are upright and bushy and studded with double flowers. Space plants 12" apart in full sun or partial-shade. They prefer a loose, well-drained soil high in organic matter. Very tolerant of high heat if kept moist enough. An old-fashioned favorite.

Color Parade/Top Knot Mix--Pastel flowers top 14-16" plants. Large flowers are held well above the foliage. (4-pack)

BANANA: See Musa and Ensete

BASIL, ORNAMENTAL: See Herb Section--'Red Ruffles' and 'Red Rubin'

BEGONIA, ANGELWING (OR CANE-STEMMED): This type of begonia is grown for its habit, foliage and flowers. They are fibrous rooted and generally grow more upright. Stems are slender and bamboo-like. Leaves are long, often deeply lobed, and asymmetrical. Flowers are borne in cymes year round. All varieties make great houseplants. Prune as needed to maintain shape and size. Propagates easily.

'Sinbad'--An heirloom variety with dusty green leaves overlaid with a silver sheen. Pink blooms appear all summer, but is grown for its knockout foliage. Mix with ferns and impatiens for great effect. 10-16" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

BEGONIA, FIBROUS (OR WAX): One of the few annuals that bloom under almost any light conditions, but they tend to do best in light (tree) shade. They bloom continuously and are rarely bothered by pests. Space 6-8" apart. Used both as bedding plants and in containers of all kinds. Generally grow 6-10" tall. Green leafed varieties are more sun tolerant than bronze leafed.

BIG Series (B. x benariensis)--An early flowering series. This series offers big flowers, big container appeal and even bigger landscape potential. Large, showy flowers above glossy bronze and green foliage. Season long color in sun and shade. The 'Big' series is a must for all serious gardeners! 16-24" tall. Available in red and rose with bronze foliage. (4 1/2" pot)

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Cocktail Series--Compact, 6-8" plants all have bronze foliage. Available in 'Gin' (rose), 'Whiskey' (white), 'Vodka' (scarlet) and a mix. (4-pack and jumbo packs in summer)

Dragonwing Series (B. x hybrid)--A very heat-tolerant begonia, 12-15" tall. Large blooms that are somewhat pendulous; large, wing-shaped leaves are a solid glossy green. Excellent in hanging baskets and large containers. Also performs well in garden beds. Use in sun or shade. In sun, the foliage becomes bronze and the flowers richer in color. Very impressive. Available in red or pink. (4 1/2" pot and hanging baskets)

Nightlife Series--Very early flowering and uniform at 6-8" tall. The series features large blooms that contrast well with the very dark bronze leaves--the darkest foliage on the market! Great performance in beds and containers. Available in rose. (4-pack and jumbo packs in summer)

Super Olympia Series-- Green foliage. Very early to flower on compact plants. Available in pink, red and white. (4-pack and jumbo packs in summer)

**BEGONIA, ELATIOR/HIEMALIS/RIEGER:** A result of crossing a variety of tuberous begonia species. Traditionally categorized as winter-flowering begonias, they can bloom pretty much year-round. All are bushy plants with masses of single or double flowers. They thrive in bright, filtered light and lower humidity than most tuberous types. Easy to over winter.

Amstel/Multi Series--Easy to grow and very floriferous. Compact habit. Flowers are semi-double. Available in Blitz (deep yellow), Carneval (orange yellow), Clara (white), Julie (yellow rose), Nelly (light pink), Netja Dark (deep pink) and Polly (rose white). (4 1/2" pot)

Frinzies Series--Unique fringed petals attract alot of attention. Foliage is a deep green. Habit is compact. Available in Janny Fringed (coral rose) and Netja Fringed (deep rose). (4 1/2" pot)

Rhine/Grand Series--Grandiflora blooms are semi- to fully double. Colors are bold and clear. Great year-round with great winter flowering. Available in Barkos (deep red), Borias (pink-white bicolor), Brigitte (deep orange), Dragone (rose), Fuga (deep coral), Nadine (rich yellow) and Olympic Red. (4 1/2" pot)

**BEGONIA, REX (Syn. Rhizomatous):** Stunning foliage plant in shades of pink, burgundy, deep green and silver. As with all begonias prefers dappled shade in a protected spot. Almost exclusively used in containers. Makes a great houseplant.

'Capricorn'--With it's bold color markings and undulating, indented, extremely spiraling leaf curl, Capricorn is an attention-getter. Leaves are patterned in wine, gray-green, red, burgundy with a splash of silver. 6-12" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

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'Devil's Paradise'--Foliage with pink and silver variegated leaves. 12". (4 1/2" pot)

'Escargot'--Meaning "snail" in French, that's exactly what this unique begonia looks like. Spiraled leaves are patterned with bands of green and silver. A strong grower indoors or out. Grows to 10-16" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

'Evelyn Weidner'--Named after a true legend in the world of horticulture, this unique plant features bright pink and silver leaves that have a uniform, snail-like curl. The center color is repeated in the border of each leaf. Just 8-12" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

'Miami Storm'--Silver underlying leaf color intensifies the metallic red leaf color. From the Great American Cities collection. 6-12". (4 1/2" pot)

'Omaha Beefsteak'--Blood red leaves with a dark purple center. 12". (4 1/2" pot)

'Red Tango'--A new variety with striking leaves painted in red, deep bronze and green. A sure hit! 8". (4 1/2" pot)

'Taurus'--Leaves sprout a curled horn at one leaf lobe. A narrow pink border

'White Caps'--From the Caribbean Dreams series, gray-green leaves are heavily flushed with silver. More upright. Grows to 12". (4 1/2" pot)

### BEGONIA RHIZOMATOUS

'Black Coffee'--Dark green, star-shaped leaves with maroon undersides. This vigorous grower adds depth to any container and a stunning contrast when matched with light flowering plants. Small pink and yellow flowers. 14-18" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

'Last Laugh'--Shady locations benefit from the medium green tones and spackling of copper-red spots. This easy grower has a compact habit and sports pale pink flowers. 12-16" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

**BEGONIA, TUBEROUS:** Tend to do best in climates with cool, damp nights.

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tion from wind and afternoon sun is essential. Soil must be moisture retentive. In the fall, when the leaves turn yellow and begin to drop, lift the bulbs, remove the stems and store in a cool, dry place until it is time to replant in March or if potted, simply allow the pot to dry up completely, remove the dying foliage and store cool and dry until early March. Move to a light spot and begin watering. They can last many years in the same pot!

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'Bonfire' (*B. boliviensis*)--A newer angelwing-type with orange pendulous flowers. Has a mounding growth habit to about 8-10". For full sun to part shade. Quite impressive. (4 1/2" pot)

Illumination Series--One of the best varieties of trailing begonias for hanging baskets. Cascading plants fill in quickly, displaying 2", double flowers. Available in apricot and salmon-pink. (4 1/2" pot)

Nonstop Series--Compact plants with an abundance of mostly double, brightly colored blooms. 3-4" flowers on 8-10" plants. Available in apricot, deep red and a mix and Mocha Nonstop (with dark leaves) in deep orange, pink shades, scarlet, white, yellow and a mix. (4 1/2" pot)

On Top Series--Excellent variety for hanging baskets. Compact growth habit with large double flowers. 8-12". Available in 'Sunset Shades' (multi-colored flowers in shades of yellow, apricot, orange and red). (4 1/2" pot)

**BIDENS FERULIFOLIA (Golden Goddess):** Daisy-like blooms, rather similar to a coreopsis, with deeply cut, lacy leaves. Blooms nonstop. Plants have a tendency to be very vigorous, but are tough as nails, thriving in the hot summer sun. Prefer to be kept moderately moist, but can wilt with little damage. Very popular in the 19th century and only recently making a big comeback. Attracts butterflies.

'Marietta Gold Spark'--Lush, compact and constantly in bloom, this superb, mounding variety brings a rich golden color to baskets, window boxes and planters. Also great in borders. Grows 14-18" tall and spreads to 30". Nonstop blooms. (4 1/2" pot)

'Peter's Gold Carpet'--One of the best yellow flowering plants for baskets and beds. This variety is far more compact than most varieties making it more suitable for combination containers. The big, brilliant golden-yellow flowers bloom early. Has excellent heat tolerance. Place in full sun. Very easy to grow. Reaches a height of 10-12" and a spread of 14-16". Keep moist until the plant is well established. (4 1/2" pot)

**BIRD OF PARADISE, *Strelitzia reginae*:** The official flower of the City of Angels, Los Angeles, makes a stunning container specimen in the Madison garden, blooming nearly nonstop given the proper growing conditions. Though an annual in the Wisconsin garden, they can be brought indoors and make a stunning, easy-to-care-for houseplant. Outdoors, they thrive in full sun, but bloom best in late summer as the days cool and shorten. Indoors, if given a bright condition, birds of paradise are known to bloom throughout the winter. The unique, birdlike orange, blue and white flowers are a standard in tropical floral arrangements and are extremely long lasting cut flowers. White specimens, *S. alba*, are quite large and rarely bloom so are best avoided in favor of the familiar orange varieties. Plants are easily propagated by splitting

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plants that have become too crowded. Bring a bit of the tropics to your yard.  
A native of South Africa. (10" pot)

BLACK-EYED SUSAN (Annual): See Rudbeckia

BLACK-EYED SUSAN VINE: See Thunbergia

BOUGAINVILLEA GLABRA: A tropical native of Brazil whose showy flowers are actually papery bracts. Bougainvillea seems to capture the essence of the Latin American tropics with its lush foliage and electric colors. It's very easy to grow. It loves summer heat and humidity. In Wisconsin it must be planted in a container and over wintered in a very sunny window. Bougainvilleas are quite vigorous and the branches are quite thorny. Must be in full sun. Colors usually include shades of pink, magenta, red, purple and/or gold, some with variegated leaves.

Our 2009 selection includes: 'Blueberry Ice' with variegated foliage, 'Flame' (orange), 'Pixie Queen' (miniature, upright and variegated chartreuse) and 'Surprise' (hot pink). Available in 6" pots and hanging baskets.

BRACHYSCOME HYBRIDS (Swan River Daisy): Airy mounds of soft, billowy foliage topped with innumerable, small, daisy-like blooms, usually in shades of violet-blue, with yellow or black centers. Great as an edging plant or cascading from hanging baskets and containers. Plant in full sun and well-drained soil--they like to dry out between waterings. Prune back hard when finished blooming. Generally, not extremely heat tolerant.

'Blue Zephyr'--Beautiful blue flowers are present spring through summer. Great branching habit results in a globe shaped plant, covered with daisy flowers. Excellent summer performance in the landscape. Grows 10-15" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

BRACTEANTHA: See Strawflower.

BRAZILIAN FIREWORKS, *Porphyrocoma pohliana*, *Justicia pohliana* (syn. 'Rose Pinecone'): From a large group of plants in the acanthus family. This group of plants has often been divided and reclassified in the past few decades. All are recognizable by their tubular flowers with arching lips and bracts. They are native to subtropical climates worldwide and are closely related to the shrimp plant. Plants bloom year round. As old blooms fade, new blooms constantly replace them. Plants self sow easily as the seed pods pop. Though tolerant of both sun and shade, plants look their best in light shade to full shade where the silvery green foliage glows. Generally, plants grow to about 10". Makes a great houseplant.

'Maracas'--The first widely available variety for the home gardener. This attractive plant is grown for its variegated foliage. Blooms are a very attractive pink and purple combination on short spikes. This is a heat loving

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variety that can be used as a houseplant or outdoors in the shady garden. Grows 6-8" tall. Easily grown from seed. (4 1/2" pot)

**BROWALLIA AMERICANA:** Erect, bushy annual with smallish blue, violet and/or white single blooms. A favorite and old-fashioned annual for the semi-shaded wildflower and mixed beds. Can be pinched for more controlled growth and better branching. Self-sows readily, but the seedlings germinate only once the weather has warmed adequately. A seldom seen heirloom. A native of tropical South America.

'Blue Lady'--This little known variety is a true gem. It blooms literally nonstop until the first hard freeze. In cooler weather, stems become purple tinged set off by blooms of lavender-blue and cream. Grows to 2' tall. (3-pack)

**BROWALLIA SPECIOSA (Bush Violet):** Bushy, upright to somewhat sprawling branches tipped in 2" trumpets with broad, pointed, star-like lobes in shades purple, violet-blue or sometimes white. Used to replace impatiens with a similar growth habit but in a different color spectrum. They also make a great winter blooming plant indoors from tip cuttings or seed. Likes bright shade and evenly moist soil.

**Bell Series--**2" flowers of blue resembling small petunias from summer through frost. Excellent in hanging baskets, pots or beds. Prefers partial shade and does not like to dry out. Grows 10-12" tall. Space 12". Makes a nice indoor blooming plant. Available in blue. (3-pack and jumbo pack in summer)

**Endless Series--**A new series of vigorous plants that bloom nonstop. Plants start blooming early, forming dense mounds and then trail as the summer progresses. 10-14" tall. Available in 'Illumination', a true dark blue. (4 1/2" pot)

**BRUGMANSIA or DATURA AUREA (Angel's Trumpet):** An amazing annual for large tubs. Huge, fragrant, trumpet-shaped flowers coat this bushy shrub all summer long. Related closely to eggplant, most visible in the leaves and plant structure. Grow in full sun and keep well watered. Store plant indoors over winter, either as a houseplant or dormant, barely moist and cool. Night-scented. Grows to 60" tall. Usually available in white, yellow and pink. (Available in 6 and 10" pots)

**CALADIUM BICOLOR:** Tuberous rooted plants grown as an annual in Wisconsin, meaning the bulbs must be dug and stored in the fall. They are grown for their beautiful foliage--long-stalked, broad arrow-shaped leaves variegated with white, pink or red. They prefer a rich, moist, shady location away from dry, hot winds. They are of tropical origin so prefer humidity and may become a bit scorched in appearance during the peak of summer. Available nearly year round in our blooming plant area. (Available in 4 1/2" pots)

Carolyn Whorton--light pink leaves with dark pink spots.

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Fannie Munson--green-edged, pale pink leaves with green veins and deep pink midribs.

Frieda Hemple--leaves with bright red centers and bright green margins.

Red Flash--has white-marked green leaves with red veins and wide green margins.

White Christmas--has broad, snow-white leaves with mid-green veins.

White Queen--has white leaves, gradually shading toward the dark green margins, and red veins that bleed slightly.

Other potted varieties are readily available in the blooming plant area and are also available by special order in 6" pots.

**CALENDULA OFFICINALIS (Pot Marigold):** Edible flower. Petals used to color foods to replace saffron. Easy to grow annual. Enjoys sunny, cool conditions. Prefers well-drained, moist soil. Tall varieties make great cutflowers. Self-sows easily. Leaves are also edible.

Bon Bon Mix--An early dwarf (8-12") variety. Bright, sunny colored blooms on bushy, compact plants. Mix contains bright yellow, orange, apricot and soft yellow. Plant 12" apart. (4-pack)

Pacific Beauty Mix--Uniform, large, double flowers on long, straight stems. Excellent for cutting. Clear colors and resistant to summer heat. Grows to 24". (3-pack)

**CALIBRACHOA HYBRIDS (Million Bells):** Fairly new, calibrachos were separated from the petunia genus in 1990. Flowers resemble a miniature petunia, though the line is becoming increasingly blurred. Among the easiest annuals to grow, calibrachoa has become hugely popular. Featuring hundreds of 1" flowers, it is fast growing, heavy blooming and self-cleaning. Low growing and often trailing. Thrives in full sun. Perfect for baskets, window boxes or as a ground cover. As with all petunia-relatives, fertilizing is important. Apply acid fertilizer biweekly to avoid yellowing foliage and woody stems.

Callie Series--An early flowering variety in many bright and unique colors. Excellent in hanging baskets and large containers. Prefers part shade. Available in deep yellow and rose star. Semi-prostrate, growing 6-10" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

Superbells Series-- An amazingly heat tolerant variety and very disease resistant. Excellent garden performance. Grows 7-10" tall. Available in apricot punch (apricot with red eye), blue, dreamsicle (orange), peach, pink, pink kiss (pastel with a deeper pink eye), plum, red, saffron (bright yellow),

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tequila sunrise (yellow, splashed orange and red), tickled pink (soft pink, bicolor blooms), trailing blue, trailing lilac mist, white and yellow chiffon (pastel yellow). (4 1/2" pot)

**CALLA LILY**, *Zantedeschia* hybrids: Tender rhizomes native to swamps and lake margins of southern and eastern Africa. Grown for their unusual white or brightly colored spathes, borne in summer. Leaves are lance shaped and bright green, many varieties with silver mottling. Best started in pots indoors during early April before moving outdoors in late May. Plant in a part-sun/part-shade location. Plant in humus-rich, moist soil. Rhizomes must be dug again in the fall. Makes an excellent container plant.

'Black-Eyed Beauty'--Very popular and elegant in a lovely pastel shade of yellow. (6" pot)

'Flame'--A fantastic variety with the brightest of orange blooms. (6" pot)

Varieties in our bulb area include: 'Elliottiana' (bright yellow), 'Flame' (orange and gold) and 'Neon Amour' (rich pink). In addition, we are usually able to get potted varieties on a weekly basis and are available for special order in 6" pots.

**CALLIANDRA EMARGINATA** (Powderpuff): A great container plant for the deck or patio and an excellent houseplant for a very sunny window. Calliandras will bloom the entire year if given the appropriate light. Because it's a shrub in its native tropics, calliandras need to be pruned to shape periodically to control both size and shape. The powderpuff pink or red flowers have a mesmerizing effect and are a favorite for children. Flowers are short-lived, but emerge constantly. Container grown plants generally top out at about 3 feet. Calliandras belong to the legume group of plants--obvious by their pea-like foliage. Available in 10" pots.

**CANARY CREEPER**, *Tropaeolum peregrinum*: Annual vine. Flowers resemble bright yellow birds ready for flight. A member of the nasturtium family. Plant in average soil in full sun to part shade. Grows 8-10'. (4" coir pot)

**CANDY CORN VINE**: See *Manettia*

**CANNA HYBRIDS** (Indian Shot): Easy-to-grow, old-fashioned plant that has been making a comeback to Wisconsin gardens in the past few years. Its lush tropical foliage is alone a conversation piece, but it has the added distinction of being topped by huge, orchid-like blossoms. Cannas have a very long bloom period--usually from mid-June till frost and are extremely heat tolerant. They are fantastic utilized in mass plantings or the back of the border and are much underused as the focal point in container plantings. The red varieties are especially attractive to hummingbirds. The rhizomes need to be raised and stored indoors in fall, much like gladiolas and dahlias. A few varieties are started in pots in a warm greenhouse in early April to ensure the longest

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bloom time possible during our short growing season. By buying well-established plants, the customer is guaranteed 3-4 weeks of added bloom time over planting the bare roots. (4 1/2" deep plastic pot unless otherwise noted)

'Australia'--The darkest leafed canna on the market. Foliage is purple-black with a sheen. Flowers are large and a lovely salmon-red. Grows to 4-5'. (6" pot)

'Ermine'--A 3' tall clumper with creamy, nearly white blooms above rich, green foliage. (6" pot)

Magic Series--A new and completely virus-free and new series in pink, orange and yellow. Colors are clear and the foliage is a bright green.

'Pink Sunburst'--Foliage is spectacularly variegated in greens, yellows and pinks. The plants are dwarf, growing to only 18-24". Flowers are a warm pink. (6" pot)

'President, The'--Scarlet-red flowers over green foliage. 3-4' tall. The most popular canna on the market.

'Pretoria'/'Bengal Tiger'--Originally from India. Zebra-striped foliage of creamy yellow and green. Melon-orange blooms. 4-6 feet tall. Spectacular! (6" pot)

Tropical Series-- A seed grown, extra-dwarf strain perfect for pots or beds. Available rose (a past AAS Winner). Stays under 24" tall.

'Wyoming'--Brilliant orange flowers with bronze foliage. A true attention-getter. 4-5' tall.

'Yellow King Humbert'--Red-splashed yellow flowers over green foliage. Grows 3-4'.

2009 varieties available as bare root rhizomes in the bulb area include: 'City of Portland' (coral-pink with green foliage), 'Durban' (red with bronze and patterned foliage), 'Los Angeles' (rose-pink blooms and deep green foliage), 'Rosemond Coles' (orange-red blooms with dark green leaves) and 'Wyoming' (orange flowers and bronze foliage).

CARDINAL FLOWER/CLIMBER, *Ipomoea x multifida*: Attention-getting twining vine with bright, trumpet-shaped scarlet flowers measuring 1" across. Grows vigorously up to 6 ft., with minimal care. Blooms from early summer until frost. Showy palm-shaped foliage is perfect to train around decks, railings, up mailboxes or trellises. (4" coir pot)

CARDOON, *Cynara cardunculus*: A bold, edible foliage plant with spectacular, silvery, deep-cut foliage that really wakes up both beds and large containers.

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Leaves are large and thistle-like. Plants produce fuzzy, artichoke-like flowers, but only during the second season and in warmer climates. A favorite at Olbrich Gardens. Plant in full sun in rich, fertile, well-drained soil. Foliage can be harvested for kitchen use at any time, but the younger leaves are the most tender. Can be eaten fresh like celery, or cooked. Most varieties grow to 3-5' tall and 3-4' wide.

'Porto Spineless'--A variety from 2005 with softer leaves than the species. Leaves are lovely in fresh arrangements. 36-48". (5" pot)

CASTOR BEAN, *Ricinus communis*: Create an exotic, tropical (but annual) hedge in your garden. A fast-growing plant with eye-catching foliage and seed pods. Use at the back of the border or massed in a bed. Seed pods make a great cutflower. Grow in rich, moist, well-drained soil in full sun. Space plants 4' apart. Seeds are very poisonous.

'Crimson Spire'--Red stems with bronze leaves and crimson seed pods. Can reach 8-10' in height in the right conditions. (4" coir pot)

'Zanzibariensis Mix'--Bright green foliage, various colors and variations. Grows to 60". (4" coir pot)

CATHEDRAL BELLS: See *Cobaea*.

CELOSIA, COMB-TYPE, *Celosia argentea cristata*: A mutation of the plumosa types described below forming crested flowers like a rooster's comb. Excellent in fresh or dried arrangements.

Amigo Mix--6" tall. An extra dwarf mixture of large combs from purple, red, white, pink to light yellow. Grow in full sun. Nice in containers. (4-pack and jumbo pack in summer)

Chief Mix--A series of celosia bred especially for cut flower purposes. Uniform growth with a wide range of flower colors. Tall plants with huge 6" cauliflower shaped combs. Mix comes in colors of dark red, carmine, rose, gold and red and yellow bicolor. Perfect for hot, sunny locations. Height: 36-40". (4-pack)

Cramer's Hi Z--(4-pack)--A tall variety similar to Chief Mix. (4-pack)

'Prestige Scarlet'--A 1997 AAS Winner. An exceptional heat-tolerant landscape performer. The 15-20" plants produce 3 1/2" combs and continue to branch after the central flower emerges. Will reach a spread of 18-20". (4-pack)

CELOSIA, PLUME, *Celosia argentea plumosa*: A plant of tropical origin, the shiny, deep maroon or bright green leaves are topped by tiny flowers clustered into plummy feather dusters, generally in shades of red, yellow, orange or shocking

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pink. Remove any existing blooms when planting out for best success. Excellent in fresh or dried arrangements. Grow in full sun.

Fresh Look Series--At 20-24" tall, these basal-branched plants are topped by plumes up to 10" tall. Vigorous, with outstanding garden performance. New leaves cover old plumes so plants always look good. Available in gold, a 2007 AAS Winner. (4-pack)

'Smart Look' Red--New in 2008. More compact and better branched than the old 'New Look'. Crowned with many neon red plumes over deep bronze foliage. The 20" plants are very robust. (4-pack and jumbo pack in summer)

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'Cramer's Amazon'--A novel cut flower with incredible versatility. Husky plants with bicolored red and green foliage and gorgeous magenta spicata-type blooms. A single pinch at 12" produces 16 or more stems for cutting. Excellent landscape variety. Unpinched, it grows to 48-60" tall! (4-pack)

CELOSIA, WHEAT, *Celosia argentea spicata*: Taller, more open and less flamboyant than the *plumosa* types. Well-suited for the wildflower garden. Excellent in fresh or dried arrangements. Grow in full sun.

Flamingo Feather--Light pink, wheat-like plumes which fade to white under high heat. Harvest early to retain color. Tassel-like plumes are 2-3" long atop 18-26" stems. (4-pack)

Spiky Series--Available in purple. (4-pack and jumbo pack in summer)

CENTAUREA CYANUS (Bachelor's Button, Cornflower): Very easy to grow. Great for children. Early summer blooms for beds and as a cutflower. Prefers a sunny location and well-drained soil. Space 12-15". Do not allow to become soggy.

Boy Series--Vibrant steel blue in color. An excellent cutflower. Best grown in cool conditions. 30-36" tall, but tends to lay along the ground. Available in the classic blue. (4-pack)

Polka Dot Mix--A popular mix of all cornflower colors. The standard dwarf mix for bedding purposes. A lovely mix of blue, rose, white, lavender and pink with many bicolors. Extra-early bloomer. Grows 16-20". (4-pack)

CESTRUM NOCTURNUM (Night Blooming Jessamine): An intoxicatingly fragrant tropical shrub from the very large nightshade family (tomatoes, petunias, tobacco, etc.). This upright plant originates from the West Indies and has greenish-white flowers that emit their strongest fragrance in the late evening

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and at night. The shrub is very tough and very long lived. Prefers a site in full sun. Makes a fantastic container specimen for the deck or patio. Place where the fragrance can be enjoyed most. To control size, prune hard after flowering. The plant will go through sporadic blooms well into fall when the plant must be brought indoors for the winter. (10" pot)

CHENILLE PLANT: See Acalypha

CHRYSOCEPHALUM APICULATUM: Leaves and stems of this relatively new plant are a fuzzy gray, similar to dusty miller, licorice plant or gray santolina. Flowers appear in small sprays of tiny spheres. The plant is exceptionally tough and drought tolerant, preferring full sun. Grows 12-14" tall with a sprawling habit. Nice in both baskets and mixed containers.

Flambé Series--Pretty much the only series available on the market. Very free flowering. Available in orange and yellow. (4 1/2" pot)

CIGAR PLANT: See Cuphea

CITRONELLA: See Mosquito Plant

CITRUS (Lemons, Limes, Oranges, etc.): An often overlooked group of plants for the summer container and then as a houseplant the rest of the year. All members of this large family not only have very fragrant white flowers, but equally fragrant foliage when the leaves are crushed. All will produce an abundance of fruit given patience, full sun and plenty of water. Most citrus will flower during the late summer and fall and then produce fruit the following winter and spring. All are very long lived, easy-to-grow and can be pruned to shape, making sure not to remove all flower buds and/or fruit. Readily available examples include: Calamondin Orange, Meyer Lemons and Limes, Key Limes, Kaffir Limes and Kumquats. Grocery store oranges and lemons can also be easily started from seed. Available throughout the year in assorted sizes and priced as marked.

CLEOME HASSLERIANA (Spider Flower): A relative of capers, cleome forms an open, annual shrub. This species produces upright, branching, sticky, thorny stems with palmate leaves. Flowers form in open clusters all season long. Self-sows readily, but never invasive.

Queen Series--A tall border plant that revels in heat. A striking background to other annual bedding plants. Upright 3-5' plants have a open, airy appearance, strong scent and unique, dangling seed pods. Blooms all summer and withstands hot, dry conditions. Prefers full sun and thorough watering. Space 1-3' apart. Available in pink, violet and white ('Helen Campbell'). (3-pack)

'Senorita Rosalita'--A Proven Winner cleome that appeared on the market in 2007. Plants are about 36" tall and have deep green foliage and dark stems,

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topped by blushing pink blooms. Outstanding in hot, dry locations. (4 1/2" pot)

Sparkler Series--New in 2002, the first dwarf, bushy cleome, reaching only 3 feet tall and wide. Extremely free-flowering, it is ideal for smaller gardens or as an annual hedge. Available in blush (a 2002 AAS Winner), lavender, rose and white. (3-pack)

CLERODENDRUM UGANDENSE (Butterfly Flower, Blue Glory Bower): A year-round blooming tropical native to Central Africa. Panicles of multi-colored blue flowers appear nearly nonstop on this 2-4' upright bush that is perfect in containers for the patio or deck. It can also be used in mixed borders as an annual. Only Zone 7 hardy, this plant needs to be overwintered indoors in a bright location. (10" pot)

COBAEA SCANDENS (Cathedral Bells or Cup and Saucer Vine): Distinctive 2" bell-shaped blooms cover this fast-growing, pest-free 20 foot vine from June through October. Plant in full sun. Blooms are lavender or white. (4" coir pot)

COLEUS, Solenostemon Hybrids--SEED VARIETIES: Very easy and very versatile, coleus grows just about everywhere, even as a houseplant. For best results, give it moisture and filtered shade. The sunnier the location, the more muted the color patterns. Keep the flower stalks pinched to maintain bushier plants and save the plant's energy.

'Dark Chocolate'--Unique and eye-catching chocolate color; will show burgundy tones in full sun. The mid-size leaves are larger than the Wizard series, but smaller than 'Kong'. Well-suited for the landscape and for containers. Keep well-watered in full sun locations. Grows to 24-30" tall. (2-pack)

Giant Exhibition Series--Very large leaves put on a dramatic show in shady areas. Garden height is 12-15". Available in a mix. (4-pack and jumbo pack in summer)

Kong Series--It's big, bold and bright! Kong boasts huge, colorful leaves. A terrific accent plant for large containers, the well-branched, mounded, 18-22" tall plants are also great in mass plantings. Performs best and shows most intense color in full shade. Also makes an excellent houseplant in bright light. Available in 'Mosaic' (bright green with shades of red and cream), red (red center, strong veining, bright green edge) and rose (vibrant green edge around a rose center) and, new in 2009, salmon-pink (salmon-pink and chocolate brown with a green edge). (4 1/2" pot)

'Watermelon'--The ideal landscape coleus. Does well in both sun and shade. Plants are vigorous, low maintenance and late to flower. Leaves are deep, bright pink with a bright green margin. Grows to 14-16". (2-pack)

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Wizard--Very colorful and uniform in height (10-12"). Large, heart-shaped leaves with very distinct markings. Excellent basal branching. Available in coral sunrise, mosaic, pineapple (green with dark red flecks), rose, sunset (vivid apricot) and velvet red. (4-pack)

COLEUS, Solenostemon Hybrids--VEGETATIVE VARIETIES: Exciting, newer coleus varieties that are not only more vigorous, but often times more sun-tolerant than older bedding varieties. In fact, many were often called 'Sun-loving Coleus' when they arrived on the market a few years back. Most varieties tend not to flower or flower very late, requiring less pinching and maintenance. Many varieties are robust and can grow to 3' tall. All are excellent both in the border and in containers. Fertilize regularly. Some varieties are more for shade, others for sun, so check the labels for the best growing conditions. Available in 4 1/2" pots.

'Amora'--Butter colored leaves with scalloped green edges and pink veins. A tall variety that prefers a little shade for best coloration. 36-42".

'Big Red Judy'--One of the largest coleus varieties we carry at 24-36". Leaves are a rich red with an upright habit.

'Black Prince'--An unusual, solid, almost black variety that's a good grower but not too vigorous. 12-30"

'Chocolate Drop'--Trailing habit and early to flower for great effect. Small purple-black leaves with wide green edges. Great in pots or in the landscape. 8-10".

'Coco Loco'--Irregular shaped leaves are splotted and splashed with near black, burgundy, purple and green. A wild and wonderful stunner for mixed containers. 24-30".

'Coleusaurus Kiwi'--Thick green, yellow and black lobed foliage on strong stems. Has a very lush habit. 18-30"

'Dark Heart'--Upright, mounding habit. Dark purple-black leaves with hints of pink, edged in green and yellow. 6-12".

'Dark Star'--Compact dark purple with scalloped edge. 10-14".

'Dipt in Wine'--Large leaves of burgundy red with lighter veins running the whole length. Bright gold at the base of each leaf. Strong grower. 24-30".

'Electric Lime'--Bright lemon-lime leaves with lovely yellow veining and patterns.

'Fishnet Stockings'--Wide, bright green leaves with contrasting deep burgundy veins and margins. 24-36".

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'Freckles'--Chartreuse splashed with apricot-orange. For sun through full shade. Only 10-14" tall.

'Gay's Delight'--A sun-lover. Lime-green with red to purple veins. 24-30".

'Glennis'--Splashes of yellow, green, red, pink and orange all on one spectacular 24" coleus.

'Henna'--Very uniform with serrated foliage in a unique chartreuse to copper color complemented by dark burgundy undersides. An amazing new addition that tops out at 22-28".

'Indian Summer'--Multi-colored leaves are earthtone red, green and brown. The colors deepen the higher the light. 18-24".

'Kingswood Torch'--Flaming magenta foliage, overlaid with orange and burgundy. Strong grower. 36-42".

'Lancelot Velvet Mocha'--Narrow, lacy leaves in a rich burgundy hue. A strong, upright grower. 12-18".

'Lava Rose'--A trailing coleus that grows fast and full. Excellent in baskets. Smallish leaves of green, burgundy and pink with a hint of yellow. Spreads to 2'.

'Lemon Twist'--Crimson edging accentuates the chartreuse leaves of this beautiful coleus. The extremely lobed margins and rose-colored stems add a delicate look to a tough plant. 16-24" tall.

'Limon Blush'--Heavily scalloped foliage with beautiful pink and cream coloration on a very well-branched plant that tops out at a tall 24-36".

'Mariposa'--Very large, textured leaves drape downward, showing off their spectacular dark crimson color and deep pink edge that sets off the new growth. A single plant is imposing on its own! 24-32".

'Merlin's Magic'--Deeply lobed leaves and moderate vigor. Foliage is a blend of green, dark purple-black and creamy yellow that becomes almost completely dark purple-black when grown under high light levels. 18-24".

'Mint Mocha'--Multi-colored ducksfoot-type foliage is green and mottled yellow and red flecks. For best color, avoid intense light locations. Grows to 18-24".

'Oscar'--Velvety deep rusty leaves with a deeply scalloped golden edge. Quite large at 30-36".

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'Pink Chaos'--New in '06. Narrow bright pink to magenta leaves with splashes of bright green. Shocking coloration! 18-24".

'Religious Radish'--A virtual monster that can grow to 45"!! For sun or for shade, the red leaves have a burgundy center.

'Royal Glissade'--Flecks of dusty rose on bright green leaves. Bred to hold up to summer heat. Red tones become more vibrant in full sun. 24-30".

'Sedona'--Russet color, splashed with deeper orange, does best in a bit of shade. Tidy habit. 24-30".

'Splish Splash'--New in 2009, this variety has a bold coloration that features burgundy red leaves, edged in green and splashed in gold. Height is 18-24".

'Strawberry Drop'--Trailing habit and early flowering. Great in baskets and containers. Small, brightly colored leaves of rose, green, burgundy and pink. 8-10".

'Texas Parking Lot'--Large yellow foliage with brick red stains. Looks cordovan in the shade and screaming pink in the sun. Upright habit. 30-36".

'Twist & Twirl'--A wide array of vibrant foliage colors on twisted foliage. Colors intensify with more sun. 24-30".

COLOCASIA ESCULENTA (Elephant Ears, Taro): One of the most imposing of garden plants, not grown for its flowers, but rather for its enormous green or burgundy leaves which rise on 3-7' stems. The plants are dramatic, sculptural, fast-growing and give a tropical flair to the landscape or containers. The roots are edible and are a major food source throughout the tropics, replacing the potato as a starch source. For earlier garden enjoyment, start the large tubers in pots in late winter. They prefer full sun and moist conditions in a protected area. Strong winds will tatter the monstrous leaves. After the first killing frost, dig and cure the tubers for a week or two. Store the tubers dry and warm for best results. Dark-leaved varieties tend to overwinter best if allowed to continue growing through the winter months--simply cut back the foliage after frost, pot the tuber and keep moist in a light, but not overly bright spot. All colocasias are priced as marked.

Giant Green Elephant Ear (*C. esculenta* species) tubers are available in the bulb area and started plants are available in 8" tubs and priced as marked. Quantities are limited so check on availability. Other varieties include:

'Chicago Harlequin'--This stunning elephant's ear was discovered in 1993 at the Brookfield Zoo in Chicago. It boasts large, deep green leaves, splashed with random patterns of lighter green. In addition, the stems are also patterned in green and cream! Grows to 5'. (6" pot)

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'Coffee Cups'--A fun addition to gardens that gathers water into its large cup-like leaves and spills like a waterfall when the water gets too heavy. Stems straighten back up to collect water and repeat. Garden Design magazine listed this new variety among their "Way Hot 100" of garden plants. Height is about 6'. (6" pot)

'Elena'--A fantastic replacement for Xanthosoma 'Lime Zinger' that grows much faster and is larger and far more impressive. The foliage is an equally stunning chartreuse shade of bright green with red or purple stems. The pink or red veins in the leaves add an eye-catching dimension not found in 'Lime Zinger'. A sport of 'Chicago Harlequin'. 4-6' tall. (6" pot)

'Heart of the Jungle'--A new improvement on 'Black Magic' with denser foliage and a better growth habit. The plant is also a bit larger and more impressive 4-5' tall. (6" pot)

'Pink China'--Possibly the most cold hardy of all colocasias, it's hardy to Zone 6 with adequate protection. Leaves are very large and deep green, highlighted by bright green stems. Grows to 4-6'. (6" pot)

'Red Stem/Black Stem'--Green, heart-shaped leaves are atop bright red stems. Up to 5' tall. (6" pot)

**CORDYLINE HYBRIDS:** A very close relative to the spike, this is a relatively new entry for the northern container garden. Also an easy-to-care-for houseplant, cordyline adds height and a tropical feel to mixed plantings, making it a superior accent plant. Most thrive in full sun. Can eventually grow quite large, from 4-12' depending on variety and most form a woody trunk as they grow.

'Dark Purple' (C. negra)--Has exceptionally dark broad leaves. For full sun to part shade. (4 1/2" pot)

'Midnight' (C. australis)--A stunning cordyline with deep red, almost black foliage. (4 1/2" pot)

'Pink Explosion' (C. australis)--Lovely bronze leaves edged with pink and white. Will form a trunk in time, but is slow to grow. (4 1/2" pot)

'Pink Passion' (C. australis)--Intense deep pink variegation on an upright habit. Will form a trunk in time, but is slow to grow. (4 1/2" pot)

'Red Sensation' (C. australis)--Long, dark purple sword-like leaves are the hallmark of this vigorous grower. Thrives on heat and humidity. Can grow to 4-6' in a single season. Adds height to mixed containers. (4 1/2 and/or 5" pot)

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'Renegade' (*C. australis*)--A lacquer black selection that clumps with age. Notable for its 2" wide leaves that droop slightly at the tips. Sometimes blooms with lightly fragrant pinkish flowers. (4 1/2" pot)

'Ruby' (*C. terminalis*)--Deep ruby leaves are 4" wide and up to a foot long. A quick grower for shade to part sun. Also makes an excellent houseplant. Grows to 2-3' in a single season. (4 1/2" pot)

'Torbay Dazzler' (*C. australis*)--A stunning cordyline of green, white and creamy yellow, flushed with soft pink and apricot. Will form a trunk as it ages. Has very upright and spiky foliage.

**COSMOS BIPINNATUS:** This airy stemmed, graceful plant is easy to grow in beds, backgrounds or cutflowers. Requires full sun, good soil and wind protection. Tall varieties may require staking. Do not fertilize. Deadhead regularly to prolong blooming. A classic for the cottage garden.

Sensation Mix--36-48" tall. Elegant, daisy-like blooms in pink, rose, crimson and white. Attractive fern-like foliage. An easy-to-grow favorite for the cottage garden. (4-pack)

Sonata Series--A Fleuroselect Medal Winner. Golden-eyed blooms flower freely on compact 20-24" plants. Excellent for the smaller urban garden. Available in carmine and a mix of crimson, white, pink and rose. (4-pack and jumbo 6-pack in summer)

**COSMOS SULPHUREUS:** These are the short, bedding cosmos in shades of yellow, orange and red. Unlike their tall cousins, these types are used at the front and middle areas of beds and are often times used as a substitute for those who don't like marigolds. As with all cosmos, full sun is required.

Cosmic Series--12" stocky, well-branched habit. Excellent garden performance. Available in orange and yellow. Orange was a 2000 AAS Winner. (4-pack)

**CROCOSMIA x CROCOSMIIFLORA:** Treated as an annual in Wisconsin. Robust, cormous plant bearing pleated, mid-green, iris-like leaves. Upward facing, yellow, orange or red flowers, to 2" long, are borne in bold, slightly arching, sparsely branched spikes in mid- summer. Grows 3-4' tall. Wonderful in beds or in containers. Zone 6 hardy. Available in bulb area.

'Lucifer'--The most popular red variety bears tons of funnel-shaped blooms on long and branched wiry stems. Can be reliably hardy in Madison in a well-drained site with some winter protection. Once established, crocosmia is very long-lived.

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CROSSANDRA INFUNDIBULIFORMIS (Firecracker Flower): Native to India and Sri Lanka. Flowers are fan-shaped, similar to scaevola. Blooms throughout the year if brought indoors. Grown outdoors, they prefer fertile, moist soil in full sun.

'Mona Walhead'--Grows upright to 12-18". Blooms are 1-2" across and are a rich salmon-pink. (4 1/2" pot)

CUPHEA IGNEA (Cigar or Firecracker Plant): This native of Central America is an old-fashioned garden annual that has been making a strong comeback in recent years as breeders have toyed with all cuphea species. Plants are coated with usually orange, pink or even white "cigars" all summer long. Plants remain bushy and compact. Works well in mixed containers because on their own, plants are not very showy. Great fun in children's gardens. Easy to winter over indoors. Prefers full sun. Most varieties grow to about 12".

'Orange'--A very upright and bushy variety that will grow 2-3' tall! Blooms freely the entire season with 1" tubular flowers. In the fall, the cooler nights cause the leaves to darken, but the blooms keep right on going until the plant freezes.

(4 1/2" pot)

CUPHEA PURPUREA, syn. Cuphea llavea var. miniata (Bat-face Cuphea): A compact, shrubby species that has been bred to accentuate the purple parts against a usually scarlet red background. The overall appearance is that of a mouse or bat face. Kids love it! Of garden origin.

'Firecracker'--Bright red and purple flowers create a spectacular display against solid green foliage. Great in baskets and containers or mass planted in beds. Plant in full sun 10-12" apart. Water regularly to keep the soil moist. Grows 12-14" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

Flamenco Series--Vigorous, well-branched, large-flowered, and continuously blooming new cuphea variety from Australia. Very heat tolerant. We offer 'Cha cha' (intense purple). Grows 12-18". (4 1/2" pot)

'Totally Tempted'--A breakthrough in cuphea breeding with compact growth habit and masses of brilliant, crimson colored, lavender throated flowers on well-branched plants. Bred for heat, humidity and drought tolerance. For containers, baskets or in the landscape. For full sun. Grows 6-12". (4 1/2" pot)

CUPHEA ROSEA (Mexican Heather): Very similar to and often confused with C. hyssopifolia. Small, well-branched annuals that bloom nonstop. Often times sold as a blooming plant in flower shops or supermarkets. Outdoors they love full sun. Flowers are usually light lilac or lavender. Native to Central America.

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'Lavender Lace'--A heat-loving, durable plant. In fact, from late spring to October, this plant will produce at least 1000 delicate, purple flowers among its shiny foliage. Use in hanging baskets, beds, borders and window boxes. Keep moist, never allowing to wilt. No need to prune. Plant in full sun. Grows 10-12" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

CYPRESS VINE, *Ipomoea quamoclit*: A vigorous, easy-care, fast-growing vine with fern-like, feathery, bright green foliage and 3/4" trumpet-shaped, red blooms from summer to fall. Easily grows to 6' and can reach 25'. Plant in full sun. (4" coir pot)

DAHLBERG DAISY, *Dyssodia tenuiloba*: A great little and underutilized annual that can grow in the toughest of conditions, thriving in hot, dry locations. Plants are native to dry slopes of the western U.S. and Central America. The foliage is very fine with a fresh, pungent scent. Flowers are small, yellow daisies. Use in beds, container edges and baskets. Readily self sows. For full sun.

'Golden Fleece'--8" tall. Masses of 1" yellow daisies with a crested yellow center on cascading, bright green and very fragrant, fern-like foliage. Likes sunny, dry locations. Flowers mid-summer to fall. Use in rock gardens, as edging or in hanging baskets. (4-pack)

DAHLIA HYBRIDS: Prefers well-drained, fertile, moist soil in full sun or light shade. Space 6-18". Not very heat tolerant and, in fact, will generally stop blooming during the peak of summer heat. Keep well watered and fertilize regularly. Try to keep the roots cool with a good mulch. After frost has killed the tops, cut down, dig tubers and store in a cool, dry spot if desired. Bedding dahlias are generally under 16" tall and are used in mass plantings or containers. Tall dahlia choices (dinnerplate, decorative, cactus-type, etc.) are sold as tubers in the bulb area. Dahlias are native to the mountainous areas of Central America.

Dalina Series--Continuous blooming arranged above the foliage. Compact, mounded plants are only 8" tall. Available in red tipped in clear red ('Grande Topia'), light orange ('Midi Barbados'), pink ('Midi Fiji') and yellow ('Midi Sumatra'). (4 1/2" or 5" pot based on size and vigor)

Figaro--14" tall. Standard semi-double mixture for bedding plant sales. Large 2 1/2" blooms on bushy, uniform plants with dark green leaves. Available in red, yellow and a mix. (4-pack)

Harlequin Mix--A very early and dwarf mixture with semi-double, bicolor, collarette-type flowers in contrasting combinations of rose, violet, yellow, orange, scarlet and white. Grows to 14-16". (4-pack)

Hello--Stunning semi-double, large blooms held close to neat, compact plants. Grows to 10-12". Available in 'Gorgeous Mix'. (4-pack and jumbo pack in summer))

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Mystic Series--This series has dark foliage and intense flower color. Easy to grow! A new series from New Zealand. Heights range from 16-24" by variety. Available in 'Illusion' (bright yellow petals set off by a nearly black center on compact plants) (6" pot) and 'Spirit' (soft apricot with blush pink overtones). (5" pot)

\*\*\*NOTE: 2009 PACKAGED VARIETIES INCLUDE: Barbarosa (rich red), 'Black Wizard' (deep red cactus-type), 'Christine' (bright pink), 'Gallery Art Deco' (orange), Kelvin Floodlight (yellow), Le Baron (rosy wine), 'Sights of Summer' (scarlet with yellow highlights), Thomas Edison (purple) and a dinnerplate-type mix and are located in our bulb area.

DATURA METELOIDES (Angel's Trumpet, Moonflower, Thornapple): These shrubby plants have stout stems clad in large, foul smelling leaves (when crushed). The huge, trumpet shaped flowers unravel from rolled-up, cigar-like buds in early evening, then exude a striking, intense perfume. Plants are large, growing up to 4' tall and wide. They make a wonderful specimen or interesting container plant. Related to the nightshades so all parts are poisonous. Many varieties self-sow.

Ballerina Series--Gorgeously scented, double, upright facing flowers on dwarf, bushy plants. Equally beautiful in pots or beds. An award winner! 18-30". Available in purple, white and yellow. (4" coir pot)

'Belle Blanche'--Large 6" white, upward facing flowers perfume the air with a delicious evening fragrance all summer long. (4" coir pot)

DIANTHUS BARBATUS, CHINENSIS & HYBRIDS (Garden Pinks)--An easy garden beauty to enhance rock gardens, containers, beds and cutflower arrangements. Plant in a sunny spot and space 10" in the garden. Dianthus generally enjoys cooler growing conditions and may stop blooming during the peak of summer. Water moderately. Most varieties have a spicy fragrance. Best treated as an annual, even though they will survive through most winters, given adequate protection and soil that doesn't remain too soggy.

Amazon Series--Dark green, glossy foliage sets off vibrant blooms. Excellent late-season performer. Available in Neon Cherry and Rose Magic (white, aging to pink, then deep rose). 18-24" tall plants. Excellent cutflower. (3-pack)

Corona 'Cherry Magic'--A unique mixture of solid cherry, lavender with cherry centers and "tie-dyed" lavender and cherry blooms. Early to flower and compact, the 8-10" plants offer the largest flowers of any dianthus variety to date at 3" across. A 2003 AAS Winner. (4-pack)

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Dynasty Series--Unique series boasts fully double blooms on well-branched, upright and strong-stemmed plants with great heat tolerance. "Knee-high", 16-20" plants are ideal for cutting gardens. Bright 1-1 1/2" blooms are lightly scented. Available in 'Rose Lace' (deep rose with fine white edges). (3-pack)

Ideal Select Series--Early flowering, compact habit with 1 1/4-1 1/2" flowers. Bright green leaves are the perfect background for brightly colored flowers produced in terminal clusters. Outstanding garden performance with great heat tolerance. Very hardy variety that may grace the garden for years to come. Grows just 8-10" tall for the front of the border or in containers. Available in red, salmon and violet. (4-pack)

Super Parfait Series--A 1991 Fleuroselect Medal Winner. An extremely early and compact, basal branching series with consistently eyed 2" blooms. Grows 6-10" tall. Available in Super Raspberry (crimson with a dark eye). (4-pack)

'Supra Purple'--An excellent, heat-tolerant landscape performer, this 2006 AAS Winner flowers early, showing off an abundance of very fringed, 1-1 1/2" blooms in a rich purple-pink color. Plants are upright and full, growing to 10". (2-pack)

DIASCIA HYBRIDS (Twinspur): This South African native is a rather small, delicate plant with creeping, leafy stems topped off with upright to arching flower stalks bearing a multitude of trumpet-shaped flowers. They bear two downward pointing spurs, hence the common name twinspur. Not extremely heat resistant, they bloom profusely in the spring, break during the summer, and bloom again with cooler weather in the fall. Keep out of the hottest sun and keep the soil evenly moist for better performance. Prune harshly between flushes of bloom. Excellent in containers, hanging baskets, edging or as a groundcover.

Darla Series--A very heat tolerant series that has been highly recognized at university trials. Loaded with tons of colorful blooms all season long. Available in light pink and red. (4 1/2" pot)

Flirtation Series--A compact habit and tons of flower power highlights this new addition. Delicate pink flowers have maroon throats. Available in pink. Grows 8-10" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

Flying Colors--Intense colors, and exceptionally large, very floriferous, early blooming flowers distinguish this series. Sturdy, compact habit. Excellent in hanging baskets and containers. 8-12" tall. Available in coral, red and trailing antique rose. (4 1/2" pot)

'Little Charmer'--Compact--only 7-10" tall in a rich pink. Performs in early spring and holds until fall. (4 1/2" pot)

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DICHONDRA ARGENTEA: Though a relative of morning glories, it's difficult to see the similarities. These natives of eastern Asia are used primarily as fillers for the edges of pots and baskets or as a groundcover.

'Silver Falls'--Very drought and heat tolerant silver-stemmed foliage plant with a true cascading habit. Covered with small, rounded silver leaves it branches well without pinching. Grows to 3-4' long in containers or as a 2-3" tall groundcover in well-drained soil. Does best in full sun. (4" coir pot)

DIPLADENIA, *Mandevilla sanderi*: Much smaller in structure than the standard Mandevilla-

villa, this tropical vine offers profuse blooms of intense cherry-red from spring to fall. Excellent in containers or hanging baskets. Keep evenly moist. Grow in at least 5 hours of full sun. Overwinter indoors in the sunniest window possible. Prune as needed to maintain size and shape. Feed regularly.

'Red Riding Hood'--The most common variety, offering bright red 2" blooms with a light yellow throat. Blooms all summer. (6 & 10" pots and hanging baskets)

'Sun Parasol', syn. 'Red Parasol'--Bright red blooms with bright yellow throats measure 3" across. This newer variety blooms nearly nonstop. The glossy deep green leaves are also very attractive. Excellent for hanging baskets or on a small trellis. (6" pot)

DOROTHEANTHUS BELLIDIFORMIS, Syn. *Mesembryanthemum criniflorum* (Ice Plant, Livingstone Daisy): Succulent annuals from South Africa. Leaves are light green, fleshy and spoon-shaped. Ground hugging, they do best in lean, dry soils. Flowers during the summer. Must be planted in full sun. A common roadside plant in southern California.

Mezoo Series--This variety features vigorously trailing succulent foliage accented by dime-sized deep red flowers. Unlike the species, this variety is more tolerant of wetter soils. A nice alternative to vinca vine in mixed containers. (4 1/2" pot and hanging baskets)

DRACAENA INDIVISA (Spike): A long-used foliage plant which adds height to container plantings. Grassy foliage. Grows to 3' in one season. Drought tolerant but does best in moist, rich soil. Full sun to light shade. Very easy to winter over as a houseplant for increased size. From the same group of plants as cordylines. (4 1/2" pot)

DRACAENA MARGINATA (Dragon Tree, Cordylina)--A very close relative to the spike, this is a relatively new entry for the container garden. Also an easy-to-care-for houseplant, cordylina adds height and a tropical feel to mixed plantings, making it a superior accent plant. Most thrive in full sun. Most grow 2' in a single season and will continue to grow indoors and for years to come.

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'Bloodstone'--Deep green flushed with rich burgundy and red highlights. (5" pot)

'Jade'--Bright green with bright red margins. (5" pot)

'Ruby'--Grayish-green leaves lined with thin stripes of cream, pink and deeper pink. (5" pot)

**DURANTA REPENS, D. erecta (Sky Flower, Golden Dewdrop):** Erect to spreading bushy shrub with toothed, rich green leaves. Bears pendant panicles of blue flowers during the summer, followed by yellow fruit. Grow in moist, well-drained soil in full sun. A tropical plant so overwinter indoors. Does well in containers if well-watered. Quite sprawling.

'Sapphire Showers'--A gorgeous, everblooming shrub with pure blue flowers and a touch of white. Flowers have a mild vanilla fragrance. (Available in 6, 8 and 10" pots)

**DUSTY MILLER:** Outstanding bedding plants whose striking silvery foliage provides texture and contrast in the sunny landscape. Heat and frost tolerant. A garden standard in mixed beds and containers.

'Cirrus' (*Senecio/centaurea cineraria*)--Similar to the old standard 'Silverdust' in habit, but featuring broad, silvery-green, oak-shaped leaves that spread up to 12" in the garden. (4-pack)

'Colchester White' (*Centaurea cineraria*, syn. *C. gymnocarpa*)--A stunning foliage plant used mostly in large mixed containers. Looks like a giant dusty miller, with slightly fuzzy silver-white, deeply lobed foliage. Prefers full sun for best color. Grows to 16-24". (5" pot)

'Silverdust' (*Senecio/centaurea cineraria*)--The standard, old-fashioned Dusty Miller. Finely divided foliage. Plants are 8-12" tall, uniform and compact. (4-pack and jumbo pack in summer)

'Silver Lace' (*Pyrethrum ptarmicaeflorum*)--A delicate, feathery appearance with silvery white leaves which are very finely cut. Plants are multi-branched, compact and upright with a height of 8-12". (4-pack)

**ENGLISH IVY:** See *Hedera*.

**ELEPHANT EARS:** See *Colocasia*, *Alocasia* or *Xanthosoma*.

**ENSETE VENTRICOSUM 'Maurelii' (Red Abyssinian Banana)**--A sun-lover and very fast grower, reaching 10' in a single summer. Trunk, stems and leaf undersides are a rich, dark red. As with all bananas, grow in full sun in an area protected from wind to prevent shredding. Over winter indoors if desired.

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See Musa for more banana selections and growing details. Excellent in large containers. (Available in 8 and 10" pots)

### EUCALYPTUS GUNNII (Cider Gum):

'Silver Drop'--Distinctively scented, silvery blue foliage highlight this unusual and vigorous accent plant. A tree in it's native Tasmania, it is best used in large combination plantings. Use in full sun. (4 1/2" pot)

**EUCOMIS COMOSA (Pineapple Lily):** A very easy-to-grow and curious South African native that works well as a specimen plant in any large container. Leaves are strap-like form a basal rosette from which a flower stalk arises in early summer. Called pineapple lily because of the flower appearance which resembles a pineapple from a distance. The top of the flower stalk is a dense cluster of starry flowers, topped by a green, leafy tuft. Allowed to go completely dry between bloom periods, flowers continue throughout the summer. At the end of summer, allow the pot to go completely dry before winter storage. Remove all foliage before bringing indoors. Store dormant in a cool and dry location. In mid-March, move to a warmer location and begin watering. New foliage will appear in just a few weeks. Plants will fill the container slowly as the years pass. Propagate by division. For sun to part shade.

'Sparkling Burgundy'--Foliage is a rich burgundy, topped by it's miniature purple pineapple in mid-summer. Very tolerant of abuse. Grows to 20" tall. (6" pot)

### EUPHORBIA COTINIFOLIA:

'Burgundy Wine'--Deep burgundy foliage takes center stage on this upright-to-spreading tropical tree. Dainty, butter yellow blooms appear in summer to create a bright contrast. Slow-growing but stunning, and a wonderful accent for large, mixed containers. For full sun to part shade. Grows to 2-5'. (4 1/2" pot)

### EUPHORBIA HYPERICIFOLIA:

'Diamond Frost'--England's 2005 Plant of the Year. Clouds of dainty white flowers match the full and airy habit of the most exciting plant to come around in years. Exceptionally heat tolerant and for full sun to part shade. Also drought tolerant. Use in baskets, containers or in the landscape. Blooms year round as a houseplant. 13-16" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

**EURYOPS PECTINATUS, E. chrysanthemoides (California Bush Daisy):** A vigorous shrub with upright shoots pinnate, gray-hairy leaves. Bears long-stalked, bright yellow flower heads, 2" across, singly or in small clusters, from early summer to mid-autumn ( or into winter if moved indoors). This South African

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native generally grows to 3' tall and often makes an excellent standard. Trim lightly to shape and restrict growth. Grow in full sun.

'Purpled'--A new selection known for its variegated foliage, compact habit and long flowering period. Grows just 12-14" tall and are quite bushy rather than upright. (4 1/2" pot)

'Viridis'--Deep green leaves contrast nicely with the bright yellow daisy-like flowers. (Available in 10" pots)

EUSTOMA: See Lisianthus

EVOLVULUS GLOMERATUS: Like their morning glory cousins, these miniature look-alikes also open only in the morning. Its trailing stems bear small, silver-gray leaves and numerous flowers.

'Blue Daze'--Blue flowers with a white eye. Very easy to care for. Grows in sun to part-shade. Plants are 12-14" tall. Blooms spring to fall. Use in hanging baskets and window boxes. Maintain on the dry side. Overwatering leads to root rot. (4 1/2" pot)

'Hawaii Blue Eyes'--Blue flowers with a white eye. Very easy to care for. Grows in sun to part-shade. Plants are 12-14" tall. Blooms spring to fall. Use in hanging baskets and window boxes. Maintain on the dry side. Overwatering leads to root rot. (4 1/2" pot)

FERN: See Sword Fern

FLOWERING CABBAGE, *Brassica oleracea*: A unique ornamental plant with deeply veined, fringed leaves. Plants color up beautifully with the onset of cooler weather in the fall. Resistant to frost and will usually hold its color well into December--creating a stunning display in the snow. Ideal as a bedding plant or in containers. Height is generally 10-18". Plant in full sun in average garden soil.

Dynasty/Osaka--Tight, compact heads of semi-waved leaves that grow to 12" tall. Available in red and white. (4-pack)

FLOWERING KALE, *Brassica oleracea*: Very similar to Flowering Cabbage in growth characteristics and care but has larger, more deeply ruffled outer leaves. Spectacular color comes with cooler weather in the fall. Frost resistant. Use for bedding or containers. Plant in average garden soil in full sun. Like all kales, it is edible but many have a rather bitter taste. Edible varieties that are especially lovely in the garden include: Dinosaur, Redbor and Red Russian.

Chidori--Dwarf plants with fringed, ruffled leaves color up in warmer temperatures than most kale varieties. Available in red and white. (4-pack)

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Crane Series--A unique cut flower series whose heads resemble large roses up to 6" in diameter. Stems are long and long lasting in fresh arrangements. 24-28" tall. Available in a bicolor of rose with a creamy white edge. (4-pack)

'Dinosaur' (Lacinato Kale)--Interesting puckered blue-green leaves on plants that grow 2-3 feet tall. An edible heirloom variety that is making a strong comeback as an ornamental and in the vegetable garden. (4-pack)

Emperor Series (Nagoya Series)--Heavily fringed, very uniform leaves. Available in red, rose and white. (4-pack)

Peacock Series--Deeply serrated, feathery foliage. Available in red. (4-pack)

'Redbor'--Very deep red-purple, frilly leaves. Color and curling is enhanced by cold weather. Beautiful ornamental variety is also one of the better edible varieties. Can grow to 36". (3-pack)

Russian Series--Dark green oak-leaf cut leaves. The red/purple hues intensify with frost. Has a tender and sweet taste when cooked and raw. Available in red. 16-20" tall. (4-pack)

FLOWERING TOBACCO: See Nicotiana

FUCHSIA HYBRIDS: One of only a few shade-tolerant annuals. Does best in a rather protected area away from strong winds. Does not like to dry out! (4 1/2" pot and/or hanging baskets. Not all varieties are available in all configurations)

Angel Earrings 'Cascade'--Large, robust flowers shoot off the stems and drip down in horizontal fountains of color. 10-12" tall. (4 1/2" pot and 10" hanging basket)

Angel Earrings 'Preciosa'--A delightful pink and purple variety with a mounding, upright. Especially nice on its own in a small container for the semi-shaded porch or deck or for under tree cover. (4 1/2" pot)

Angel Earrings 'Snowfire'--Candy cane-red and white flowers on semi-trailing, compact plants. 10-12" tall. (4 1/2" pot and 10" hanging basket)

'Autumnale'--A splendid trailing fuchsia distinguished by pure gold leaves, flushed with purple and orange. Nice in mixed planters. 6-18" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

'Blacky'--A trailing type with red sepals over a double, black corolla. Outstanding flower power for part shade. (4 1/2" pot and 10" hanging basket)

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'Dark Eyes'--Trailing type. Red sepals over double, purple corollas. Grows to 8-16" tall. (4 1/2" pot and 10" hanging basket)

'Gartenmeister Bonstedt'--An upright fuchsia with single, 3/4" wide, orange trumpet flowers and dark, attractive purplish foliage. Blooms nonstop all season and indoors all winter if brought inside, producing a tremendous number of flowers. Heat and sun tolerant. Grows to 3-4' tall. A must in attracting hummingbirds to the garden. (4 1/2" pot)

'Samba'--An upright selection from Germany with rich red sepals on bright pink corollas. Grows to just 12" tall. Far more tolerant of wind and sun than most fuchsias. (4 1/2" pot)

'Swingtime'--A trailing fuchsia with pink double flowers and a white center. 8-16" tall. (4 1/2" pot and 10" hanging basket)

**GAURA LINDHEIMERI:** A North American native adaptable to a variety of conditions. Grown as an annual in the north it can perennialize under certain conditions and many varieties self-sow readily. The light and airy look fits perfectly into the wildflower garden. Dwarf varieties do well in mixed containers, blooming all summer. Gaura is extremely drought tolerant and does best in dry conditions. A favorite in Olbrich Garden's perennial beds. Tall varieties may need to be staked. Zone 6 hardy.

**Ballerina Series**--Highlighted by an open, airy look, the upright 12-18" plants are more compact and better branched than the species. Orchid-like blooms that look like small butterflies top the dark foliage. At home in the perennial garden (Zone 5 hardy), it is well-suited as an annual in mixed containers. Available in blush. (4 1/2" pot)

'Corrie's Gold'--A uniquely variegated selection. New in 2008. Blooms are pink and white and continue throughout the summer. Plants are upright and bushy and work particularly well in the landscape. Grows to 24-36". (4 1/2" pot)

**Stratosphere Series**--All heat and reliably drought tolerant with a multitude of airy, long-blooming flowers, well into fall. Perfect for containers and beds. Grows 16-20". Available in pink picotee and white. (Proven Winner Perennial pot)

**GAZANIA SPLENDENS (Treasure Flower):** Like many full sun, drought tolerant, daisy-type bedding plants, gazanias are native to South Africa. Excellent for bedding, edging, groundcover and containers. 3-4" blooms are nonstop from mid-summer till frost. Colors generally range from the yellows, oranges, rusts and reds to white and sometimes shades of pink and purple, depending on variety. Blooms close at night and stay closed on cloudy days.

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Daybreak Series--The early and compact, 8" series produces flowers with dark-ringed centers. Blooms stay open longer than most varieties. Leaves are green and slightly fuzzy. Available in bright orange, yellow (bright yellow with a dark eye) and pink shades. (4-pack)

Kiss Series-Vigorous, uniformly mounded plants show off their flowers on short stems. The 'Frosty' selections from this series have silver foliage. Grows 8-10". Available in a mix, 'Frosty' white and a 'Frosty' mix. (4-pack and jumbo pack in summer)

Talent Series--A silver-leaved series only 5" in height for the very front of the border. Available in a mix. (4-pack)

### GERANIUM, HARDY HYBRID (Hardy Geranium Hybrid):

'Jolly Bee'--A Zone 5 perennial that, due to its flower power, has found its way into mixed annual containers. This is an outstanding nonstop bloomer that cloaks itself with deep blue flowers from spring well into fall. Each 5-petaled flower has a beautiful white eye. Its mounded, cascading habit is perfect for containers and hanging baskets. Use freely in the mixed perennial bed. Grows to 8-12". Use in full sun to part shade. (Proven Winner Perennial pot)

GERANIUM (Pelargonium): Geraniums (Pelargoniums) are evergreen, perennial plants of South African origin that are treated as annuals here in the Midwest. When introduced to Britain, they were given the common name Geranium because of their botanical similarity to the hardy, herbaceous genus Geranium (Cranesbills), which was commonly cultivated around Europe at that time. This common name is still most widely used in North America today, although almost all the plants usually referred to as geraniums belong to the genus Pelargonium.

The geraniums that we carry here at Klein's can be classified into 4 groups: zonal, regal (Martha Washingtons), ivy-leaved, and scented.

Zonal Geraniums have rounded leaves usually marked with a distinct, dark zone and single, semi-double or double flowers. Some newer cultivars, however, do not have a zone and others have golden, white-variegated or tri-colored leaves (such as our fancy-leaved geraniums). Zonals grow well in the open garden and are ideal for summer bedding since they bloom continuously from early summer till killing frosts.

Regal Geraniums (Martha Washingtons) are small shrubby plants rounded, deeply cut leaves, and wide trumpet-shaped flowers, often in exotic colors. Many times the stiff foliage has a fragrance. They may be planted in the garden, but in our climate are best grown as container plants or houseplants. They tend not to like our summer heat and humidity and the flowers are quickly spoiled by rain. They do best on the northwest and

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northeast coasts or if we have a rare cool summer. They also do best given a bit of shade from the afternoon sun. Indoors they can bloom year round on a bright windowsill. Over the years they have become somewhat of a traditional Mother's Day gift but have lost favor in recent years so are becoming increasingly difficult to find.

Ivy Geraniums tend to be trailing pelargoniums with rounded, lobed, ivy-like leaves and flowers similar to those of zonals, available in a rich assortment of colors. They are used mainly in hanging baskets and other containers. The foliage tends to be a brighter green, sometimes variegated and sometimes with zonal markings, and have a distinctive rigid, crunchy texture. When asked for our "trailing geraniums" the ivy geraniums are the ones we recommend!

Scented Geraniums have small, delicate, sometimes insignificant blooms with five petals and fragrant foliage, for which they are chiefly grown. For the most part, they have only one flush of blooming, usually early in the season and should, therefore, not be recommended to the customer seeking a long-blooming bedding plant. They make very nice houseplants year round. Bruised leaves added to a glass of ice water makes a refreshing and unique summer treat!

All of the geraniums we sell are taken from cuttings. The rooted cuttings are ready to plant into their final pot, whereas the unrooted cuttings we receive need to be stuck into a rooting medium and allowed to root out before final planting. Many of our competitors sell seed geraniums, which are actually grown from seed. But their flowers tend to shatter easier and sooner and the flower heads tend to be less impressive than the varieties we've chosen to sell here at Klein's. (Available in 4 1/2, 6x6 & 8x8" fiber pots and baskets, pouches & combos)

### ZONAL GERANIUMS:

Americana Series--These early bloomers are all-around excellent performers. Bred as a series for both the grower and the consumer, they have become the industry standard. The large, round florets come in bright unique, clean colors. Foliage is a medium, seldom zoned green. Blooms are semi-double. Available in dark red, deep rose, pink, purple, violet and white splash.

Avenida Series--Early single flowers above medium green foliage. Excellent heat tolerance. Growth habit tends to be on the vigorous side. Later to flower. Available in 'Mosaic Purple' (white heavily splashed with purple) and 'Mosaic Red' (white heavily splashed with red, giving a light salmon appearance).

'Blues 2001'--Bushy plants with huge, bright bluish-pink blooms on bright green foliage.

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Caliente Series--An interspecific series that blends the best characteristics of both zonal and ivy geraniums--a mounded, well-branched plant habit, deep green foliage, heat tolerance, odema resistance and large, bountiful blooms. Amazing in both containers and beds. Garden height is 12-18". Does better in full sun than ivies would. Available in hot coral, magenta, orange, pink and rose all from a sample package of new colors.

Calliope Series--A new trailing series of zonal geraniums bred from the Americana series. This is a revolutionary breakthrough in the production of zonal geraniums. Perfect for baskets, large pots and beds. Blooms are large and very full. Dark red is the first from the series (released in 2008 as 'Americana Trailing Dark Red'). Klein's has received a sampler of upcoming possibilities from the series: burgundy, magenta, pink, rose and scarlet fire.

Daredevil Series--A brand new collection of geraniums from our friends at Proven Winners. Uniform performance and excellent habit combine with extra large flower heads to create a spectacular and award-winning series. A very drought tolerant series. Available for the first time in 2009 in Claret (deep red), Fire (scarlet), Mulberry (purple), Orchid (lavender-pink), Rosita (pink with white eye), Salmon and Snow (white).

Eclipse Series--Rich, dark green foliage contrasts superbly with the colorful semi-d

Fantasia Series--Dark green leaves and vigorous plants ensures a sure winner in the landscape. Huge blooms hold up well in the heat. Uniform in growth habit and flowering time. Excellent in beds, planters and baskets. Rich colors. Available in Cardinal Red, Shocking Pink, Strawberry Sizzle (deep pink and rose bicolor) and Violet.

'Jazz'--Stunning salmon-blush to near coral color. Medium to vigorous zonal similar to the old Schoene Helene. Rather early flowering time. Very well branched. Has become a favorite at Klein's!

Rocky Mountain Series--Extremely large, vigorous plants with deep green foliage. Flowers are huge and very heat tolerant. Available in coral, light salmon, dark red and scarlet.

'Schoene Helena'--Large, salmon-rose, semi-double flowers with medium green, zoned foliage. Medium to high vigor with good branching. High temperature tolerance and good garden performance. Probably our most popular geranium by name.

Tango Series--Dark foliage and compact plants are the distinguishing features of this classic series. Flowers are semi-double. Leaves are nicely zoned and the growth habit leans toward compact. Available in neon purple.

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### IVY-LEAVED GERANIUMS:

'Black Magic'--Dark purple, semi-double blooms on moderately vigorous plants. Darker than Taj mahal.

Blizzard Series--Our own tests have shown this to be a phenomenal perform

Freestyle Series--A compact, free-flowering ivy geranium, with outstanding branching habit. Flowers are semi-double. 12-14" in height. Available in arctic red (a red and white bicolor), dark red, lavender, pink and salmon.

'Picasso'--One of the most beautiful of ivy geraniums. Bicolored rich burgundy blooms are highlighted by a white picotee. Plants are compact and well-branched with bright green foliage.

'Taj Mahal--This is a superior ivy geranium in many respects with a deep flower and well zoned. burgundy color on huge semi-double flower heads and beautiful large clusters. Branching is excellent and the foliage is deep green and well zoned.

### SCENTED GERANIUMS:

Used fresh as a natural deodorizer or to flavor drinks and desserts. Use dried in potpourri. Overwinters easily on a bright windowsill. Scents available may include: Apple, Citronella (Citrodorum), Lemon, Orange, Rose (Attar of Roses) Strawberry, among others. Selection changes seasonally and from year to year.

### OTHER GERANIUMS:

Stellar Geraniums--So called due to their star-shaped flowers and leaves (resembling Ginko leaves). One of the most overlooked novelty geraniums. Outstanding garden performance. Flowers are generally single on compact plants. Available in the Graffiti Series in double red, double salmon and white, the Happy Series in orange, salmon-rose and violet and 'Vancouver Centennial' (Chartreuse and bronze foliage with scarlet flowers).

Fancy Leaf Geraniums--Zonal geraniums with extraordinary markings and unusual leaf coloration combining green, gold, crimson, cream and often become tricolor. They do best in a lightly shaded location. Available in

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an assortment of leaf markings including white edge and heavily-zoned varieties. Available varieties include:

‘Contrast’--Golden yellow, green and red leaves with single, scarlet flowers.

‘Crystal Palace Gem’--From 1851. Yellow leaves, splashed with green and magenta flowers.

‘Happy Thoughts’--Deep green leaves with a greenish-yellow center. Flowers are single and a light crimson.

‘Mrs. Pollock’--Golden yellow leaves with brownish, purple, pink and green coloration. Flowers are single and pale pink.

‘Occold Shield’--Burgundy-centered, green leaves with fire red blooms.

‘Tri-color’--A lovely, old-fashioned variety with some of the most colorful leaves available, boldly patterned with green, burgundy and yellow. Flowers are a light pink.

‘Twist’--

‘Wilhelm Langguth’--Green and white leaves with semi-double red flowers

**GERBERA JAMESONII (Transvaal Daisy):** Gerber plants produce huge, brilliantly colored, daisy-like flower heads from 3-6” in diameter. Flowers are borne individually on sturdy stalks over a large, ground-hugging rosette of spreading, mid-green, deeply lobed leaves that are woolly underneath, looking vaguely like a giant dandelion. Likes full sun with some protection from the hottest afternoon sun. Soil must be very well-drained to prevent crown rot, but they need to be kept evenly moist at all times. They have a tendency to do very well some years and horribly other years. The newer hybrids are far more consistent and relatively pest-free. Very easy to overwinter, kept dry and cool. Grows 10-16” tall.

**Jaguar Series**--Very early and very uniform variety. Usually more blooms per plant at any given time. Short, thick flower stems and a more compact rosette of leaves. Blooms are 3-4” across and plants grow 12-18” tall. Available in a mix. (4 1/2” pot)

**Royal Series**--Early and uniform, mid-sized plants produce large flowers over green foliage. 8-12” in height with prostrate growth. Available in orange, red and yellow (all with dark eyes). (4 1/2” pot)

**GERMAN IVY (Senecio mikanioides):** A beautiful and old-fashioned foliage plant that

will quickly fill a trellis or arbor. Makes a beautiful, natural privacy screen. Plant in a part-shade to shady area. Too much hot afternoon sun will cause the plant to wilt but with little long-term damage. Best planted in containers in rich, moist soil. Leaves are a stunning bright green. Has small, bright yellow flower heads, but is grown exclusively for its foliage. Makes a lovely houseplant. Also see Senecio for a variegated form. (4 1/2” pot)

**GIBASIS:** See Tahitian Bridal Veil

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**GINGER:** See Alpina &/or Zingiber. Note that store bought ginger (Zingiber officinale) makes a lovely addition to mixed containers or on its own as a specimen. Simply plant the rhizome, or pieces thereof, just below the soil surface. Keep well-watered and warm. Plants can be overwintered warm and sunny as a houseplant or allowed to go dormant. Once placed in a warm and sunny spot, they are quick to start growing. Rhizomes can be harvested as they fill the pot. In the garden they prefer a spot shaded from the hot afternoon sun.

**GLADIOLA HYBRIDS:** Long-lasting cutflowers with a vase life of up to 1-2 weeks. 3-6' tall flowers spikes are available in a wide range of colors. Foliage is green and strap-like. Stagger plantings to extend the bloom season. Stake the flower stalks for best success because they are very susceptible to wind damage. Corms must be dug up in fall. Available in prepackaged bags in our bulb area in many colors.

**GLECHOMA HEDERACEAE (Creeping Charlie):** Yes, this is the exact same plant as the common lawn weed we all try so hard to get rid of. But these variegated varieties make an excellent trailing foliage plant in mixed containers. It's super-easy to grow and roots wherever the stems touch moist soil. Also, it's tolerant both of full sun and full shade. It makes a nice substitute for the all-too-common vinca vine. Like lawn creeping Charlie, it has lovely purple flowers in late spring and the foliage is super-fragrant. Grows to 4" high.

'Dappled Light'--The variegation in this variety is more delicately splashed, rather than starkly contrasting. Leaves are larger than the species and stems are a nicely contrasting pink. Zone 5 hardy. (4 1/2" pot)

'Variegata'--Small leafed and highly fragrant. Tight, mat-forming habit. Lovely in baskets and window boxes. (4 1/2" pot)

**GOMPHRENA GLOBOSA (Globe Amaranth):** Well-branched upright plants produce continuous bouquets of brightly colored, clover-like blooms all summer long. Harvesting promotes flower production. Grow in average soil with good drainage in full sun. Both heat and drought tolerant. A must for the dried-flower garden!

Gnome Series--The most compact gomphrena available, making an excellent front of the border bedding plant. Neat, mounded plants maintain a uniform 8-10" in height. Flowers are 3/4" across. Extremely heat tolerant. Available as 'Buddy Purple' and in a mix. (4-pack and jumbo pack in summer)

'Strawberry Fields'--The first and best true-red variety. A cutflower variety growing to 24-32" tall. Similar to 'Woodcreek' Red but a bit brighter. (4-pack)

**GRASSES:** Annual grasses, like all foliage plants, add texture and interest to the garden and container alike. Selection has increased dramatically over the

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past few years with a wide array of foliage structure and color and a huge variety of seed heads and the choices continue to grow. We consider grasses to be annual if their hardiness is Zone 6 or higher.

*Carex flagellifera* 'Toffee Twist' (Toffee Twist Sedge)--Mounded. Iridescent slender mahogany leaves arch upward 1 1/2-2' before spilling back to the ground. Distinctive accent plant or in masses, it grows well in rock gardens or along slopes. Gorgeous in containers. Full sun to part shade. Grows to 18-24". Zone 7. (4 1/2" deep pot @ \$4.99)

*Cyperus papyrus* 'Baby Tut' (Dwarf Papyrus)--Upright arching habit. A small, aquatic plant that resembles it's giant cousin, Egyptian papyrus. Has fine-textured, thread-like terminal bracts and glossy, green umbrels that grow 2-3" in diameter. A wonderful accent for small pools, ponds, pots or tubs, and a stunning choice for fresh or dried arrangements. Pest free. Grows 18-24" tall. Zone 9. (4 1/2" deep pot @ \$4.99)

*Cyperus papyrus* 'King Tut' (Umbrella Plant)--Arching. The umbrella plant has graced pool sides, ponds, pots and tubs for hundreds of years. The leaves are actually bracts that resemble the ribs of an umbrella. At the top are clusters of light green flowers that brown at maturity. Grows best in constantly moist, fertile soil. Grows to 2-4'. Zone 9. (4 1/2" deep pot @ \$4.99)

*Juncus effusus* 'Curly Wurly' (Spiral Rush)--Upright divergent. Cylindrical, twisted, coiling foliage radiate up to form a whimsical, sprawling clump. The glossy, dark green foliage has slow to moderate growth, with flowers borne in a cyme near the ends of the stems. Grows well in containers and thrives in moist locations. Pest and disease free. 18-24". Zone 7. (4 1/2" deep pot @ \$4.99)

*Juncus effusus* 'Spiralis' (Spiral Rush)--See Grasses in our Perennial Section

*Ophiopogon planiscapus* 'Nigra' (Black Mondo Grass)--Tufted. An intriguing, rhizomatous, collector's plant with glossy black foliage that keeps its looks from early spring though winter. Produces sprays of tiny, mauve bell flowers followed by shiny black berries. Slow spreading. 4-8". Listed as Zone 5, we have yet to see this hardy in the Madison area. (4 1/2" deep pot @ \$4.99)

*Pennisetum messiacum* 'Red Bunny Tails' (Fountain Grass)--Upright, arching. Excellent for large containers, the flowers look like a rabbit's foot. Glossy green foliage with burgundy highlights, and stockier, cattail-like flowers. Pest and disease free. 18-36". Zone 7. (4 1/2" deep pot @ \$ 4.99)

*Pennisetum purpureum* 'Prince'--Upright arching habit. Unlike other grasses that fade in summer heat, the purple foliage of 'Prince' grows brighter as the temperatures climb. A vigorous grower, 'Prince' will not usually flower in northern climates before fall freezes. An easy maintenance plant. Grows to 5-6'. Zone 8. (4 1/2" deep pot @ \$4.99)

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*Pennisetum setaceum* 'Red Riding Hood' (Dwarf Purple-leaved Fountain Grass)--Upright arching. A dwarf form of 'Rubrum', this rich burgundy-colored fountain grass does wonders for any container garden. Adds height without outgrowing its welcome. Wonderful in small borders. 18-30" tall. Zone 9. (4 1/2" deep pot @ \$4.99)

*Pennisetum setaceum* 'Rubrum' (Purple Fountain Grass)--Long red-purple flowers on cascading purple foliage. A quick bloomer, used as an annual or container specimen. 12-36" tall. Full sun. Zone 9. (4 1/2" deep pot @ \$4.99 and larger pots, priced as marked)

*Scirpus cernus* (a.k.a. *Isolepis cernus*) (Fiber Optic Grass)--Mounded. This bright green grass-like plant gets its name from the small flowers on the tip of each stem. Grows as a marginal plant or moist soils. Great in container gardens. 12" tall. Zone 9. (4 1/2" deep pot @ \$4.99)

*Stipa tenuissima* (a.k.a. *Nasella tenuissima*) (Mexican Feather Grass)--Mounded. Needle-like flexible leaves form dense, bright green clumps. The flowers are silky plumes that appear in June and change from bright green to gold as they mature. Spectacular when backlit at night, they are striking alone, or in large masses or drifts. A flower arranger's dream. Grows to 12-18". Zone 7.  
(4 1/2" deep pot @ \$4.99)

**GYPSOPHILA MURALIS** (Annual Baby's Breath): Also known as wall baby's breath, this is a very low growing, dome-shaped plant with extremely thin leaves and stems. Flowers are small and seem to float on air, producing a very charming effect. A much underrated plant that is seldom seen at garden centers. Wonderful in containers and hanging baskets. Full sun to part shade. Average, well-drained soil and tolerates poor, sandy soil.

Gypsy--The original pastel pink was a 1997 AAS Winner and we now offer the 2004 AAS Winning color. It has a compact spreading habit and produces semi- to fully double blooms. Excellent in containers or baskets. 8-10" tall. Available in deep rose. (3-pack and jumbo pack in summer)

**HAMELIA PATENS** (Texas Fire Bush): A tropical shrub native to the Gulf Coast of the U.S. The showy orange/red tubular flowers are numerous, especially in late summer, and are a hummingbird magnet. Long blooming, easy to care for and pest resistant. Flowers are followed by lovely purple berries. Grows best in full, hot sun and reaches 20-36" tall. Easily propagated by terminal cuttings. (10" pot)

**HEATHER, MEXICAN:** See *Cuphea*

**HEDERA HELIX** (English Ivy): A lovely, trailing accent for mixed containers and hanging baskets. Many varieties are actually hardy in the Wisconsin garden,

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but most are common houseplants during the winter. Excellent for lower light situations, but some are quite sun tolerant.

'Glacier'--Has medium, almost triangular, 3-5 lobed, mid-green leaves with silver-gray variegations and white margins. Excellent in mixed shade containers or as a houseplant. (4 1/2" pot)

'Golden Ingot'--Has medium, 5 lobed, curly or flat, bright yellow leaves, with irregular, mid-green margins and yellow-splashed centers. Excellent in mixed shade containers or as a houseplant. (4 1/2" pot)

'Yellow Ripple'--This more vigorous variety is actually Zone 5 hardy. Leaves are larger than most English ivies with a bold, creamy yellow margin. Can grow to 6" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

**HEDYCHIUM CORONARIUM** (White Ginger Lily, Butterfly Lily): A tropical rhizomatous plant grown for both its lovely foliage and exotic, fragrant, butterfly-like flowers in late summer into fall. A very long-lived container specimen when wintered indoors. A native of India. Grows to about 4' in containers. A very strong grower and easy to care for. Does best in full sun, though will tolerate a little bit of shade. (10" pot)

**HELENIUM AMARUM:**

'Dakota Gold'--Something completely new for this North American native...a dwarf mounding sneezeweed that looks like a combination of melampodium and a giant dahlberg daisy. Dense, mounded plants are covered with bright yellow flowers all summer long. Foliage is fine-textured. Use in beds or containers in full sun. Vigorous. Grows equally well in heat and humidity, dry conditions or cool conditions. 12-14" tall. (2-pack and jumbo 6-pack in summer)

**HELICHRYSUM PETIOLARE** (Licorice Plant): A very popular foliage plant. Color and growth habit varies greatly by variety. All are excellent container and bedding plants for full sun to part shade. Unbelievably, they are closely related to strawflowers.

'Lemon Licorice'--Chartreuse-yellow foliage and vigorous growth highlight this foliage plant. Velvety foliage. Great with warm color combos. Use in containers or beds. Keep moist, but not soggy and trim as needed. Grows 14-18" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

'Licorice Splash'--Foliage plant with variegated gray/green leaves. More compact than ordinary licorice plants. A great component plant. Use with warm colors. Grow in sun to part-shade. Grows 14-18" tall. Use in baskets, beds and window boxes. Keep moist but not consistently wet. Trim as desired. (4 1/2")

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'White Licorice'--Vigorous foliage plant with roundish silver leaves and fuzzy texture. A very popular component plant. Grows 14-18" tall and spreading. Plant in full sun. Keep moist. Use in baskets, beds and combination planters. (4 1/2" pot)

HELIOTROPIUM ARBORESCENS (Cherry Pie): A lovely, old-fashioned garden plant with a strong vanilla fragrance. Very attractive to bees and butterflies. Wonderful in the border or in containers. Blooms are large clusters of deep violet-blue. Foliage is rich green and deeply ribbed. Plant in full sun and keep moist. Loves summer heat.

'Atlantis'--The violet blue flowers smell of fresh vanilla. Quick to bloom with a very compact habit. Height: 10-12". (4 1/2" pot)

'Blue Wonder'--The earliest flowering heliotrope. Reaches only 12" in height. Maintains a compact habit. Very fragrant. Deep blue. (4-pack and jumbo pack in summer)

HIBISCUS ACETOSELLA (Coppertone Mallow): Unlike most hibiscus, which are grown for their large, almost gaudy flowers, this species is grown for its stunning foliage. The large plants, if left unpinched, resemble a Japanese maple and can be used in much the same way in the landscape or in containers. Flowers tend to be deep purple, but come sporadically and are insignificant. Like all hibiscus, it requires deep watering and does best in full sun.

'Haight Ashbury'--New in 2007, this amazing accent plant is bound to turn heads. The leaves are a kaleidoscope of color, from creamy white to pink to burgundy. Flowers are a deep burgundy, but rather insignificant. Color is best in full sun. Grows to 36". (5" pot)

'Maple Sugar'--At up to 36" in height, this plant offers great vertical appeal. This is an improved selection of the classic Red Shield Hibiscus. Very textural, midnight black, maple-shaped leaves have a red to purplish blush. A tropical beauty for containers or borders. Full sun to part shade. (5" pot)

HIBISCUS ROSA-SINENSIS (Chinese Hibiscus): Rounded, bushy shrubs or small trees with ovate to broadly lance-shaped leaves, up to 6" long, with toothed margins. Solitary, 5-petaled flowers, 4" across, with yellow-anthered stamens are produced from the leaf axils from summer to autumn. We carry a wide assortment of colors from red to rose to apricot to orange. Flowers are both single and double. A relatively easy to grow plant for containers on a sunny deck or patio. Flowers last only a day but put on quite a show with sheer size. Pots should remain moist, but not soggy. Do not allow to wilt. (Assorted sizes in 6, 8 AND 10" pots available year round)

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HYACINTH BEAN, *Dolichos lablab*: Annual vine. Ornamental and edible! A colorful,

quick-and-easy vine will cover a trellis or arbor quite quickly. Purple stems and cascades of lovely lilac flowers. Pods are ruby-purple, delicious when young, and a popular specialty for Oriental, Indian or Indonesian cuisine. All parts are edible. Grows best in a warm, sheltered, sunny spot. Height reaches 10-20'.

(4" coit pot).

HYPOESTES SANGUINOLENTA (Polka Dot Plant): Until recently used exclusively as a houseplant, it has found its way as a lovely foliage plant for the shady garden. Mixes well with impatiens and begonias to brighten a shady spot in the garden or in mixed containers. Plant in rich, moist soil.

Splash Select Series--Leaves of this dwarf, 8-10" series have large, uniform spots. Available in pink, red and white. (3 or 4-pack and jumbo pack in summer)

ICE PLANT: See *Dorotheanthus*

IMPATIENS, TRAILING HYBRIDS:

Butterfly Series--Vigorous, semi-trailing series that fills containers quickly. A one-of-a-kind interspecific hybrid covered with small, uniquely shaped blooms. Available in cherry, deep pink, orange, salmon with an eye and violet. (4 1/2" pot and hanging baskets)

Fanfare Series--The original trailing impatiens series. Large abundant bright flowers cover the full trailing foliage. Place in morning sun and afternoon shade. Keep the soil moist and water thoroughly as needed. Grows 16-20" in diameter. Available in bright coral, fuchsia, orange, orchid and pink sparkle. (4 1/2" pot and hanging baskets)

IMPATIENS AURICOMA (African Impatiens) : The famed yellow impatiens have *capensis* (Jewelweed). Work very well in containers in rather deep shade where very few yellow-blooming plants grow.

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Fusion Series: First available in 2005. Shell-shaped flowers in shades of yellow and orange held well above the foliage. Perfect for large containers. Well branched and mounding habit. Thrives in full shade. Available in 'Glow' (yellow with a touch of orange), 'Heat' (rich coral with yellow highlights) and 'Sunset' (apricot with a red eye). (4 1/2" pot)

'Jungle Gold'--Golden yellow, orchid-like blooms stand above glossy dark green foliage on 15-18" tall and wide plants. Very vigorous. Thrives in full shade. Recommended for containers, as the drier conditions result in better flowering than when grown in beds. (4 1/2" pot)

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**IMPATIENS HAWKERI (New Guinea Impatiens):** Far more sun-tolerant than their cousins, although some shade, especially during the heat of the afternoon, is required. Plant in an area protected from harsh winds. Flowers tend to be larger and the plants tend to be more upright with stiffer stems and larger leaves than the wallerinas. Like all impatiens, they prefer rich soil that is moisture-retentive. Plants require a lot of water once they are mature. Space 9-12" apart. Like all impatiens, fertilize minimally. Many varieties have dark or variegated foliage which set off their stunning flowers.

Infinity Series--Flowers are very large (2 1/2-3") on very uniform plants. Grows to 10-14". Available in blushing lilac, dark salmon glow, lilac, light purple, orange, orange frost, pink, pink frost, red, salmon and white. (4 1/2" pot)

Painted Paradise Series--Bold, variegated foliage in shades of yellow and deep green is the highlight of this medium-sized series. Brightly colored flowers are large and round. Available in lilac, mango and 'Sweet Purple'. (4 1/2" pot)

Sonic Series--Huge flowers on semi-compact to medium plants. Uniform growth and early to flower. Blooms are up to 3" across. Available in deep purple, deep red, hot rose on gold, 'Magic Pink' (pink and white bicolor) and 'Sweet Cherry' (magenta and white bicolor). (4 1/2" pot)

'Tango'--A past AAS Winner and the most popular New Guinea grown from seed. Bright, showy flowers and a tidy habit. 2 1/2" blooms are non-fading orange, and bloom all season long. Plants grow a uniform 2' tall and 18" wide, and have attractive deep green foliage with a purplish cast. Spectacular in the landscape and especially lovely in the tropical garden. Tolerates more sun than most New Guineas. (4 1/2" pot)

**IMPATIENS WALLERIANA (Busy Lizzy):** Impatiens are now America's #1 selling bedding plant. They have become the standard in the shade garden and are becoming available in an infinite number of colors. There are many varieties to choose from based on plant form, blossom size, flower patterns, foliage color, heat tolerance, sun tolerance, vigor, etc. and new ones enter the market each year, making the choices even more difficult. They do well both in the garden as well as in containers and hanging baskets. Plants should not be placed outdoors until nighttime temperatures are consistently 50 degrees or above. Soil should be rich and moist. They do best in shade to part shade, although more sun-tolerant varieties are becoming available. Impatiens also make a nice blooming plant during the winter on a bright windowsill. No pruning or deadheading is necessary.

\*\*\*NOTE: Because our impatiens are so popular and sell so quickly, not all varieties nor colors are available at all times. In addition, we plant multi-crops, meaning some may not be ready at any given time. The varieties listed below

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are those we carry at sometime during the season, but not necessarily at any given moment. Also note that varieties in baskets, pouches and cylinders may be different than those available in packs.

**Blitz 3000 Series**--When customers ask for the taller impatiens, this is the variety they're referring to at 12-14" tall. Very large 2 1/2" flowers on uniform, compact plants. More drought, sun, and heat tolerant. One of the most impressive choices for containers and hanging baskets. Available in deep orange, deep pink, red, red star, salmon, violet, white and a mix. (4-pack and jumbo pack in summer)

**Dazzler Series**--Compact and uniform habit with masses of 1 1/2" blooms on rich green foliage. All colors come into bloom at the same time and bloom freely 'til frost. Available in 'Merlot' mix (lilac splash, burgundy and bright eye) and violet star (purple with a white star). (4-pack)

**Spellbound Series**--This new trailing impatiens is sure to amaze. The unique lateral branching fills containers and then wraps down to cover pots and spread across beds. The result is a blanket of color. Available in blackberry star, bright purple, dark red, orange, royal purple, rose, salmon, strawberry star and white. (4 1/2" pots, baskets and other configurations throughout the season)

**Stardust Series**--A whole new look in flowers! Features brightly colored petal edges "dusting" into a solid, white, star-shaped center. Available in a mix of colors. (4-pack)

**Super Elfin Series**--The most popular series of impatiens on the market. 10-12" tall. Compact and free-flowering with excellent basal branching. One of the best choices for bedding. Excellent in containers and hanging baskets. Available in blush (palest pink), bright orange, lipstick, 'Paradise' mix (brilliant tropical colors of lavender, lipstick, violet and melon) and a 'Samba' mix (a mix of ruby, lipstick, violet, scarlet and salmon). (4-pack and jumbo 6-pack in summer)

**Super Elfin Xp Series**--Released in 2008 from Ball Seed, the Xp series is an improvement on the standard Super Elfin series with a more uniform habit, increased plant vigor, consistent early flowering and larger blooms. Available in coral, pink, red, salmon, violet, white and a mix. (4-pack)

**Swirl Series**--Unique picotee pattern highlights each of the 1 1/4-1 1/2" flowers on basal branching plants. A great novelty choice for gardens, baskets and pots. 8-12" tall. Available in a 'Monet Mix' of coral, pink and raspberry. (4-pack)

**IMPATIENS WALLERIANA, DOUBLE:** Culture is the same as above with a bit more wind protection.

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Fiesta Series--Fully double blooms in vivid and intense colors. Naturally self-branching, compact and free-flowering. Great in hanging baskets and containers. Plant in shade to part-sun. Keep moist. Available in lavender orchid, 'Pink Frost' (variegated foliage with pretty pink blossoms), purple, 'Salsa' red, 'Sparkler' hot pink (a magenta and white bicolor) and 'Stardust' salmon. (4 1/2" pot)

Summer Ice Series--Charming double flowers that resemble small roses with variegated leaves. A vigorous bloomer perfect for shady beds, pots and hanging baskets. Plant in moist, rich soil in shade to part-shade. 8-10" tall. Space 15-18" apart. Available in Blackberry, Orange, Pink and Raspberry Ice. (4 1/2" pot)

'Victorian Rose'--1998 AAS Winner and a Fleuroselect Winner. Almost 100% semi-double, dark rose-violet flowers carpet the plant and resemble miniature roses. Outstanding performer in the garden and in containers. Grows 10-12". (4-pack)

**IPOMOEA, FLOWERING (Morning Glory, Moonflower):** Annual vine. Fast growing climbers with large 4-6" trumpet-shaped blooms. Climbs by spiraling around a support such as twine, a trellis or a fence. Plant in average, well-drained soil after the soil has warmed thoroughly (late May). Grows heart-shaped foliage. Best in full morning sun with a little bit of shade during hot afternoons. Keep well watered. Grows 10-15'.

'Blue Star'--Beautiful 5" flowers showing a background of crystal white with sprays, stripes and splashes of sky blue. The perfect sister to 'Heavenly Blue'. A vigorous strain that can produce vines 15' or more! (4" coir pot)

'Flying Saucers'--Large sky-blue flowers that are uniquely striped. The blue shade from the Mt. Fiji mix. (4" coir pot)

Good Morning Series--A morning glory series perfect for hanging baskets and containers. The compact plants stay controlled. Displaying a unique picotee pattern, each bloom is 3-4" across, with a small white rim and white throat. Variegated creamy white and green leaves give added interest. Does well in hot, humid conditions. Available in blue, red and violet. (4" coir pot)

'Heavenly Blue'--Sky blue with a creamy white throat. A classic heirloom. (4" coir pot)

Moonflower--Big white flowers, 6-8" across, open in the evening and fill the air with perfume. Grows to 20'. Full sun to part-shade. (4" coir pot)

'Scarlet O'Hara'--A very old-fashioned variety with huge, wine-red flowers. 1939 AAS Winner. (4" coir pot)

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'Sunrise Serenade'--Big and beautiful double flowers highlight this outstanding Imperial Japanese morning glory. Each of the wavy-edged, 2 1/2-3" blooms shows off a rich cherry red color with a contrasting white base. Flowers remain open longer than standard morning glories. (4" coir pot)

**IPOMOEA BATATAS (Sweet Potato Vine):** Grown for their attractive foliage these trailing vines are great choices for trellises, hanging baskets or containers especially in combination with blooming plants. They actually form small, edible sweet potatoes. Keep constantly moist.

'Blackie'--Bold, deep mahogany-colored leaves on a fast growing, trailing vine. Extremely heat tolerant. Grows to 8' and spreading. Full sun to part-shade.  
(4 1/2" pot)

'Marguerite'--Bright yellow-green (chartreuse) leaves put on quite a show. Excellent with bright annuals. Grows to 12" tall and spreading. Full sun to part-shade. (4 1/2" pot)

Sweet Caroline Series--A heavily lobed, vigorous series--in bronze, light green, dark purple, red and Sweet Caroline 'Bewitched' (not so lobed with leaves resembling a purple maple leaf). (4 1/2" pot)

'Tricolor'--Multi-colored, 3-lobed foliage is heavily weighted in the pink shades (along with green and white). Not at all vigorous as other sweet potato vines. Mounded rather than vining. Also known as 'Pink Frost.' Full sun to part shade. (4 1/2" pot)

**IPOMOEA HERBSTII (Beefsteak Plant):** Once a star of the Victorian garden, this old-fashioned favorite has been passed from gardener to gardener primarily as a houseplant. Few plants are as colorful or easy to grow. Take cuttings and root in water to propagate. Plant in humus-rich, evenly moist soil.

'Blazin' Rose'--Striking multi-colored leaves of deep green, veined in shades of red on a plant that displays great vigor on mixed containers. Also performs well in baskets and beds. Does well in both shade and sun. 12-14" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

'Bloodleaf'--Dark red leaves with pale red veins provide eye-catching contrast. Perfectly suited for containers, landscapes and hanging baskets. Grow in fertile, moist but well-drained soil in full sun. Height is 36". (4 1/2" pot)

'Brillantissima'--Maroon to red foliage on compact, spreading plants. Ideal for hanging baskets and mixed containers. (4 1/2" pot)

**IVY:** See Hedera, German Ivy, Senecio, Vinca Vine or Glechoma

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**JAMESBRITTENIA GRANDIFLORA:** New to American gardeners, this group of plants from South Africa is very closely related to bacopa and actually falls into the *Sutera* genus. The first cultivars to appear in garden centers were actually called bacopa just a few years back. Plants are low growing and trailing. The foliage has a strong citrusy scent. Use plants as one would use bacopa; in hanging baskets, in mixed containers or as edging. Plants from the jamesbrittenia group of plants are referred to as wild phlox in their homelands.

**Britney Series:** The first widely available series of jamesbrittenia. Plants are compact and very well-branched. Early and continuous flowering with an abundance of large, vivid flowers. Thrives in full sun or part shade and are more heat tolerant than bacopa. Ideal for hanging baskets. Grows 6-12". Available in deep pink, grand red and purple. (4 1/2" pot)

**JASMINUM (Jasmine):** Whether vining or shrub-type, nearly all jasmine are an intoxicating addition to the garden. The fragrance can be overwhelming. All varieties can be pruned and be brought indoors for year round enjoyment, but check on the growing conditions. Some bloom better during winter with cool temps and short days, others bloom best in the heat and humidity of summer. Most varieties bear white, star-shaped blooms. Grow in fertile, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. The varieties we carry changes seasonally and are usually available special order. Priced as marked.

*Jasminium nitidum*, syn. *J. illicifilium* (Angel Wing Jasmine, Royal Jasmine)--Star-like, delicately scented blooms appear nearly year round on this delightful houseplant that is equally stunning on the sunny, protected deck or patio. Leaves are glossy and deep green. Plants are bushy and grow relatively slowly. Rarely grows to more than 2', but can be easily pruned as desired. (6 and/or 10" pot)

*Jasminium sambac* (Arabian Jasmine)--A twining climber or scrambler with angular stems and bushy growth. Leaves are lustrous and dark green. Bears cymes of 6-12 strongly scented white flowers, mainly in summer, but anytime during the year. From tropical Asia and the national flower of the Philippines. Grows to about 2-4' in containers. Easily controlled by pruning.

**JOHNNY JUMP-UP:** See Viola

**JUSTICIA CARNEA, Syn. Jacobinia carnea (Brazilian Plume):** Add stunning vibrant tones of pink to the potted container. This tropical shrub has mid-green foliage. Blooms appear from summer through fall and are dense, terminal spikes, 4-6" long, of overlapping green bracts, largely obscured by tubular, two-lipped pink flowers. Plants in containers grow 3-5' tall and must be brought indoors before first frost. For full sun to part shade. (10" pot)

**LAMIASTRUM GALEOBDOLON (Yellow Archangel):** Though a vigorous garden perennial, lamiastrum looks lovely when cascading over mixed containers.

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'Herman's Pride'--Small-leafed, silver-veined perennial that has gained acceptance as an accent plant in mixed containers. Mounding and cascading habit makes it an excellent filler for the edge of a pot. Has yellow flowers early in the season. Best then transferred to the garden at season's end where it is fully hardy to Zone 3. Best in part shade to part sun. 10-12" tall. (4 1/2" pot and available in both the annual and perennial areas)

LAMIUM MACULATUM (Spotted Deadnettle): This very common garden perennial is one of many that can be used in mixed annual containers. The striking foliage and vigorous demeanor works perfectly at the front of large mixed containers. Flowers early in the season. Therefore, use only as a foliar accent for the rest of the season.

'Pink Chablis'--Foliage plant with silver and green leaves with pink bloom whorls. Great for use in shade baskets with cool colors. Plant in sun to part-shade. 10-12" tall and spreading. Use in hanging baskets, beds and window boxes. Keep moist but not constantly wet. Hardy to Zone 4 so can be transferred to the garden at the end of the season if used in containers. (4 1/2" pot)

'White Nancy'--Foliage plant with silver and green leaves with snow white bloom whorls. Great for use in shade baskets with cool colors. Plant in sun to part-shade. 10-12" tall and spreading. Use in hanging baskets, beds and window boxes. Keep moist but not constantly wet. Hardy to Zone 4 so can be transferred to the garden at the end of the season if used in containers. (4 1/2" pot)

LANTANA CAMARA: An old-fashioned annual related to the mints--obvious by its fragrant foliage. It thrives in hot sun and high temperatures, but does not like to dry out. Flowers all summer and is a magnet for butterflies. Flowers are in clusters at the ends of woody stems. Ideal in containers or in hanging baskets. Some varieties are available as upright standards and priced as marked.

'Athens Rose'--Rich, rose-pink blooms on 18-24" plants. Very vigorous! (4 1/2" pot)

'Citrus Blend'--a vigorous grower with deep red and yellow, bicolor flowers. Blooms continuously. Grows to 24-30"! (4 1/2" pot)

Landmark Series--A vigorous series that works well in the landscape. Each grows 15-20" tall and spreads up to 2'. Excellent branching and uniform habit. Dark green foliage. Also works well in containers. Available in 'Citrus' (more yellow than orange), 'Flame' (bright red and gold), 'Peach Sunrise' (muted shades of melon and primrose), 'Pink Glow' (an improvement over 'Pink Dawn' that is more compact and a more intense pink/yellow combo), 'Rose

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Glow' (pink with apricot highlights) and 'Sunrise Rose' (pink with hints of yellow). (4 1/2" pot)

Lucky Series--Upright, mounding plants for the landscape or pots. Has very dense flower clusters. Available in 'Pot of Gold' (a deep golden yellow) and yellow. (4 1/2" pot)

Luscious Series--Known for vibrancy, flower power and exceptional garden performance in hot and dry conditions. Colors within the series range from 10-20" in height. Available in 'Lemonade' (light yellow) 'Tropical Fruit' (variegated foliage with flowers that open yellow and turn to a bicolor yellow-pink). (4 1/2" pot)

Patriot Series--One of the most popular lantana series ranging in habits from mounding to trailing, depending on the cultivar. Mounding types can grow to 36", trailing to 24". Wonderful in landscapes and containers. Available in 'Deen Day Smith' (rose-pink/apricot flowers), 'Classic Passion' (pink and yellow) and 'Sunbeam' (golden yellow). (4 1/2" pot)

'Red Spread'--A large, spreading landscape variety with deep orange-red blooms. An award winner. (4 1/2" pot)

'Samantha'--A classic variegated green and yellow variety with bright yellow flowers. Semi-trailing and not very vigorous. Grows to 12". (4 1/2" pot)

LAURENTIA AXILLARIS, Syn. *Isotoma axillaris* (Blue Stars): This terrific native of Australia is finally catching on in American gardens. Plants are well-branched with finely divided leaves. Plants require full sun. The small, star-shaped blooms are usually in shades of pastel blue, pink or white. Most varieties grow to about 1' tall. It may stop flowering during the hottest part of the summer.

'Beth's Blue'--Excellent branching habit results in a globe-shaped plant that will be filled with flowers the entire summer. Flowers are a blue purple. Grows to 12-14". For full sun. (4 1/2" pot)

'Starshine'--A new variety that flowers earlier and longer. Flowers are uniform and a beautiful shade of periwinkle over wispy foliage. Well-suited for containers, baskets or in the landscape. (4-pack)

LEUCANTHEMUM SUPERBUM HYBRID, 'Broadway Lights' (Shasta Daisy)-- Though a Zone 5 perennial, this shasta daisy blooms so prolifically all summer that it can be treated as an annual in mixed containers. Equally delightful in beds, where it will reappear yearly (though shastas have a tendency of being a short-lived perennial). Flowers open a bright yellow, lighten to a softer butter shade and then mature white. Constantly covered in blooms at all three stages. Sturdy, reliable and easy! Grows 18-24" tall. For full sun. (Proven Winner Perennial pot)

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LICORICE PLANT: See Helichrysum

LISIANTHUS, *Eustoma grandiflorum* (Texas Blue Bell, Prairie Gentian): A native of the American prairies and Midwest and a must in any cutflower garden. Elegant blooms borne on long stems resemble roses as they unfurl. All, and especially shorter varieties, make excellent container plants. Best when staked, especially the double-flowered varieties. Plant in full sun. Loves the heat and humidity of summer. Pinch the tip of the main stem immediately upon planting. A few weeks of bloom time will be lost, but it will pay off with many more flowering stems later. Susceptible to few pests or problems except overwatering. Can be planted quite close because there is little shade-making foliage. Unopened buds will open no further once cut, but will look beautiful in a vase for up to a week!

ABC Series--A consolidated series offers the best of the original Avila, Balboa and Catalina varieties. Outstanding double flower form with high petal count. A fantastic cutflower series. Some colors grow to 36" tall and will need staking. Available in blue blush, blue rim, deep rose, green, lavender and purple. (3-pack)

Echo--100% fully-double, 3 1/2" blooms, freely produced on uniform 22" plants. Excellent cutflowers! Available in blue, blue picotee, pink, pink picotee and yellow. (3-pack)

Florida--Single flowers on very compact plants. Only 12" tall--a little taller than most dwarf varieties like Lisa or Mermaid. Available in sky blue. (3-pack)

Forever--This compact, 8-10" series blooms all season. Plants are truly basal branching making for very sturdy plants. Some of the best bloomers for northern gardens because they are very tolerant of the late season shorter days. Flowers are single. Beautiful in pots. Available in blue, blue rim and white. A previous AAS Winner. (3-pack and large packs in summer)

Laguna Series--Consolidated series offers the best of the original Laguna and Malibu varieties. Single blooms on strong stems make excellent cutflowers. Grows to about 36" tall and will need staking. Available in 'Buttercream Blush' (creamy yellow base with light rose tips), deep blue, deep rose, peach & yellow. (3-pack)

Mariachi--Striking double flowers on strong stems. Use for cutting. Grows to 20-36". Available in blue, blue picotee, lilac picotee, lime green and misty pink. (3-pack)

LOBELIA ERINUS: Ideal for beds, edging, containers, baskets, rock gardens and terraces. Does best in part-shade, but will tolerate a full east sun or during cooler times of the year. Space 4-6" for good cover. Keep the soil moist. Tends to burn out during hot summers. To achieve the best flowering, reduce the watering after the first blooms appear. Most grow about 5" tall.

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'Crystal Palace'--Brilliant, deep blue, dainty blooms smother these dwarf, compact, yet upright plants. Bronze-green foliage (more bronze the more sun). A very old and popular variety. (4-pack)

Laguna Series--Far more heat-tolerant than seed varieties. 8-12" plants with huge blooms and a compact habit. Gorgeous in hanging baskets. Available in dark blue. (4 1/2" pot)

Laputalia Series--Exceptionally large flowers on trailing plants. Ideal for both landscapes and containers. Available in 'Bavarian' (a light blue with white eye). (4 1/2" pot)

Regatta Series--A very early blooming trailing series. Available in 'Sapphire' (blue flowers with white eyes and cascading bronze foliage). (4-pack)

Riviera Series--A unique early-flowering variety with a bushy habit. Good landscape performance. An upright lobelia. Available in sky blue. (4-pack)

Techno Heat Series--Exceptional heat tolerance for a lobelia! Will flower throughout the summer. Very well branched. Available in dark blue, electric blue, light blue and white. (4 1/2" pot)

LOTUS BERTHELOTII (Parrot's Beak): A spreading, trailing component plant with soft, silvery foliage. Flowers resemble tiny Birds-of-Paradise. Excellent in baskets, window boxes and mixed containers. Foliage is evergreen-like. Plant in full sun.

'Amazon Sunset'--A revolutionary new lotus with vibrant red flowers like its predecessor 'Parrot's Beak.' While most lotus need 40 degree nights to induce bloom, 'Amazon Sunset' flowers with night temps as high as 55°. Well suited alone in baskets or in combinations. Keep moist, do not allow to wilt. Grows 6-8" tall and trailing. (4 1/2" pot)

LYSIMACHIA NUMMULARIA (Creeping Jenny): This fantastic, creeping perennial for the shady to semi-shady garden is equally versatile in containers, window boxes and mixed hanging baskets. Though it blooms (small yellow flowers) only in the spring, the foliage adds interest all season long. At season's end, container plants can be added to the front edge of the wooded perennial garden. Plants grow nearly flat to the ground at only 4" tall, but mixed among other plants, stems will grow up and through it's neighbors then cascade. Stems root wherever they touch the soil. Never allow to completely dry out or expose it to hot afternoon sun.

'Goldilocks'--Until recently used exclusively as a hardy perennial groundcover. Now often used as a cascading component plant for both semi-sunny and shady areas. Has shiny, round chartreuse leaves with yellow flowers in the

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late spring. Creeping, growing only 4" tall. Looks particularly nice when mixed with oranges, reds, blues and bronze. (4 1/2" pot)

**MALABAR SPINACH**, *Basella rubra*: A fun, fast growing and gorgeous annual vine. Because it grows so quickly, it's a great choice to cover a trellis or an arbor. Interesting lavender flowers appear in late summer. Malabar spinach is not only beautiful, but completely edible. The large, glossy leaves can be used fresh in salads or added to mixed green sautees and soups. The tender stems and flowers are also edible. Will easily grow to 12-20' in a single summer. Unlike real spinach, malabar thrives on heat and humidity. For full sun. (4" coir pot)

**MANDEVILLA** (assorted species): A stunning tropical vine that will coat an entire trellis in one summer. It is frost tender so needs to be overwintered indoors near a bright south or west window. It is easy to care for and does not like to dry out completely. Fertilize regularly. Lovely in large hanging baskets, but will need additional support over which to grow. Does best planted in a large container next to a trellis or arbor. Available in pink (Alice du Pont), red, white and yellow. Available in assorted pot sizes and baskets, all priced as marked. Also see *Dipladenia* for *Mandevilla sanderi* 'Red Riding Hood' and 'Sun Parasol'.

**MANETTIA BICOLOR** (Candy Corn or Firecracker Vine): A member of the same flower family that includes pentas and coffee. A fast-growing, twining climber. It has broad, shiny, ovate leaves and tubular flowers that are bright red at the base and yellow at the tip. Does best in part shade. Excellent as a trailing container component and does well in hanging baskets. Can grow to 6'. (4 1/2" pot)

**MARIGOLD**, *Tagetes erecta* (African), *patula* (French), *tenuifolia* (signet) and *anisata* (sweet mace): Marigolds are among the most popular annuals and among the easiest to grow. There are two types of marigolds: African (or American) and French. French marigolds are free-flowering, trouble free plants excellent for bedding, edging or containers. They are shorter and bushier. Flowers can be double or single and are available in all the marigold colors including red. African marigolds are taller and best used in backgrounds and borders. They take longer to bloom and do not have red in their color range. Flowers can be up to 4" across. There are now also triploids, which are a combination of the two. Marigolds thrive in full sun in average garden soil. Deadheading is necessary to keep a neat appearance. Almost all marigolds have a distinctive, pungent fragrance. Tall varieties make great cutflowers.

Bonanza 'Bolero'--1999 AAS Winner. French. 2" blooms top 10-12" plants. Early and large flowered. Great weather resistance and a good bedding plant. (4-pack)

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Disco Series--French. Early and free-flowering, 10-12" marigolds produce 2-2 1/2", single blooms. Has an extended bloom season. Available in 'Marietta' (golden yellow with mahogany fleck at the base of the petal) and other colors to be determined. (4-pack)

Gem Series--Signata type. Many small, single flowers on 10-12" plants. Unique fragrant, lacy foliage. Wonderful in salads. Available in a mix ('Starfire'). (4-pack)

Harlequin--African type heirloom. Finally the seed has become available to growers on a larger scale. This old garden variety grows up to 3' tall and is loaded with loads of single 2" yellow and mahogany striped flowers on bushy and uniform plants. Especially lovely in fall bouquets. In beds, it looks particularly nice in the wildflower and cutting garden or in mixed beds amongst taller annuals and perennials. (4-pack)

Inca Series--African. Remains covered with huge 4-5" flowers all summer long. Flowers are fully-double, solidly packed, appear early and keep going until the first hard frost. Plants are very appealing at 14-18" tall with handsome, rich green foliage. Very heat resistant. Probably our most-requested marigold. Available in orange and yellow. (4-pack)

Janie Series--French. Crested blossoms are 1 1/2-1 3/4" in diameter. Very uniform in habit and remains short at 6-10". Very early and well-adapted to warm weather. Available in bright yellow, deep orange, 'Spry' (maroon collar with a gold center) and a mix. (4-pack)

'Lulu'--Signata type. The first real yellow in this type. A very compact, dome-shaped, free-flowering plant, growing about 7" tall with dainty, lacy foliage. Small, single 5-petaled lemon yellow flowers. (4-pack)

Marvel Series--African. Large, 3-4" flowers top 18" plants. Available in orange and yellow. (4-pack)

Promise Series--African. The improved replacement for the 'Jubilee Series'. Promise provides similar height, sturdy stems for cutting and the added bonus of being odorless for those who don't appreciate the smell of marigolds. Grows to 27-30". Available in orange and yellow. (4-pack)

Safari Series--French. Extra-large blooms enhance this 10-12" series. Available in tangerine, yellow 'Fire' (yellow with red at the base of each petal) and a mix. (4-pack)

'Starfire Mix'--See 'Gem Mix'.

'Ursula Improved'--(T. anisata) Sweet Mace. Aniseed scented foliage and dainty orange-yellow flowers appear cleverly above the old ones. Leaves can

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be eaten and used sparingly like tarragon. Ideal in beds and containers. Very heat tolerant with great garden performance. 8-10". Replaces 'Lucida'. (4-pack)

'Vanilla'--Unique, fully double, creamy white flower heads have tighter centers than most whites to shed water better and avoid turning brown longer. Foliage is a nice dark green on 16-18" plants. (4-pack)

Zenith Extra Series--French. Excellent landscape selection produces a profusion of large, frilly 3" blooms on 14-16" plants. Available in red and yellow. (4-pack and jumbo pack in summer)

### MECARDONIA HYBRIDS:

'Goldflake'--A fantastic new plant with the growth habit of Bacopa and sunshine yellow flowers. A completely new genus. A vigorous low-grower that's naturally well-branching and has a strong trailing habit. Use as a groundcover, in window boxes, hanging baskets or containers. Grows just 2-3" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

MELAMPODIUM PALUDOSUM (African Zinnia, Medallion Daisy): Trouble-free, nonstop color. Sturdy, bushy plants are literally covered with 1 3/4" golden-yellow, star-shaped flowers all summer until frost. Very easy; both heat and drought tolerant. And best of all, they're self-cleaning. The new blossoms simply hide the faded as the plant grows. Excellent in the border or in containers. Loves full sun. Grow in rich, well-drained soil.

'Million Gold'--A very heat and humidity tolerant variety. Dwarf, 8-10" plants continuously bear golden yellow, single flowers. (4-pack and jumbo pack in summer)

'Showstar'--Grows 16-18" or more in the garden. Excellent substitute for tall marigolds if yellow is desired. Very bushy. (4-pack)

MEXICAN HEATHER: See Cuphea

MEXICAN SUNFLOWER: See Tithonia

MILKWEED (Annual): See Asclepias

MILLET, ORNAMENTAL: See Pennisetum.

MILLION BELLS: See Calibrachoa.

MINA LOBATA, syn. Ipomoea lobata, (Spanish Flag, Firecracker Vine): A close relative to morning glories, though they look nothing like each other. Flowers are produced on thin, red-stemmed, arching sprays.

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'Jungle Queen'--A robust annual vine that grows up to 12 ft. or more in a single season, producing blooms in shades of crimson orange to yellow. For full sun. (4" coir pot)

MOONFLOWER: See Ipomoea (vine) or Datura (bushy and super fragrant)

MORNING GLORY: See Ipomoea

MOSQUITO PLANT, CITRONELLA, Pelargonium Citrosum Van Leenii: A type of scented geranium which apparently repels mosquitoes when the leaves are bruised or the juice from the crushed leaves is rubbed over the skin. Like all geraniums, the mosquito plant requires full to partial sunlight. Ideal if transplanted to an 8" pot or larger. The soil surface must be allowed to dry out between waterings. Fertilize regularly. Easy to keep over winter indoors in a sunny window. Grows to 24" Ideal for containers. Has insignificant flowers during early summer. (4 1/2" pot)

MOSS ROSE: See Portulaca

MUSA (Banana Tree): Easy to grow tropical that does equally well as a houseplant, in the border or in containers. Due to our hot, humid summers, they actually grow quite quickly, but need to be brought indoors before killing frost. Some varieties can grow up to 12' in a single summer. Protection from strong winds is essential so foliage doesn't shred. Prefers humus-rich moist soil in full sun. To store, simply cut off the foliage in the fall--before frost--leaving the growing spike intact. If planted in the garden, dig up and store the uprooted plant in moist peat moss in a warm basement. Keep dryish through the winter, increasing watering by mid-February. Replant into the garden in late May or after the soil has thoroughly warmed. Container specimens simply need to be brought in and stored, or allowed to grow as a houseplant in a bright, warm location. Bananas are heavy feeders so fertilize often. Will not produce bananas if grown outdoors in the northern states! Also see Ensete.

'Basjoo', Musa japonica (Hardy Banana, Japanese Banana)--The hardiest of all musa varieties! Some claim it's actually Zone 4 hardy if grown in the right place with adequate winter protection--we're Zone 5. Clump-forming. Will grow to 12-14' in a single season. Beautiful bright green leaves with a reddish main vein. Per Logee's Greenhouse catalogue simply cut back to 12" after the first hard frost and immediately mulch with 3 feet of marsh hay. In spring, remove the hay after nighttime temps are consistently above 40 degrees. Note that after being cut back, the original stems will essentially turn to mush. That's OK! They will separate themselves from the protected crown from where the new growth starts come spring. (6" pot)

'Little Prince', Musa hybrid--This is the perfect banana for small gardens and containers at only 2' tall. The green leaves are flecked with red in full sun. Foliage is dense and very sturdy, therefore better suited for windier spots. (6" pot)

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'Zebrina', syn. 'Rojo', *Musa sumatrana* (Sumatran or Bloodleaf Banana)-- Large leaves are striped or stained with burgundy. Plants can grow 6-8' tall, but more commonly 4' in containers. (6" pot)

NASTURTIUM, *Tropaeolum majus*: All parts are edible--the leaves giving a peppery flavor to salads. The flowers less so, but adding a lot of color. Very easy to grow and excellent for children. Plants do best while the weather is cool and thrive in poor, sandy, dry soil for best flowering. Do not fertilize. Blooms are trumpet-shaped, 2" across and come in warm shades of orange, yellow, apricot, red and rose. Plant in full sun to part-shade. Plants tend to tumble rather than growing upright. Ideal for beds, hanging baskets and containers.

Alaska Mix--Unique green and white variegated foliage with brilliant colored, single 2" flowers in yellow, crimson, orange, salmon and cherry on 10-15" plants. Compact plants. (4" coir pot)

'Banana Split'--Yellow flowers, splashed with scarlet on dark-foliaged, mounding plants. Height is 10-12". (4 1/2" pot)

'Empress of India'--Brilliant vermilion-orange flowers accented by bronze foliage. Plants are compact and rounded. 12" tall. (4" coir pot)

'Red Wonder'--Scarlet-red flowers with dark purple-green foliage. More compact than most nasturtiums. Height: 10-12". (4 1/2" pot)

Whirlybird Mix--Large, spurless semi-double blooms in seven brilliant colors--yellow, gold, rose, mahogany, orange, scarlet and tangerine. Dwarf, compact and non-trailing with slightly upward facing blossoms held well above the foliage. Grows to 12". (4" coir pot)

NEMESIA FRUTICANS: An intriguing annual that looks a bit like an edging lobelia but with larger flowers and a wider range of flower colors. It forms a low, mounding plant of narrow green leaves that are usually hidden by masses of somewhat orchid-like flowers. They have a curious, tubular shape, with a hidden spur at the back and two lips of often contrasting color. The effect of nemesia in bloom is spectacular, as long as cooler temperatures can be provided. Cool nights are especially vital for this South Africa native to do well. Avoid hot afternoon sun to prolong bloom time. Prune back by 1/3 after initial flush of bloom. Excellent in containers and especially beautiful in the woodland garden.

'Blue Bird'--Dainty, intense-blue flowers with a yellow-white center. Very good bushy, upright habit. Flowering begins early and lasts the whole summer. Grows 10-16". (4 1/2" pot)

Innocence Series--The most fragrant series of nemesia with an aroma similar to lilacs which intensifies in summer heat. The series is heat and cold

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tolerant. Excellent mixed in containers or in the landscape. Grows 8-12" tall. For morning full sun to part shade. Available in 'Compact Innocence' in white and 'Opal Innocence'--Flower color appears to change from iridescent pink to light purple depending on how the light hits it. (4 1/2" pot)

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Angelart Series--A semi-trailing variety and very free-flowering. Blossoms are large and fragrant. Available in orange and pear (yellow with orange eyes). (4 1/2" pot)

**NEW GUINEA IMPATIENS:** See Impatiens Hawkeri

**NEW ZEALAND FLAX:** See Phormium

**NICOTIANA (Flowering Tobacco):** A very old-fashioned and fragrant garden favorite.

Fragrance is especially strong in the evening although modern hybrids devote more energy in flower size, color and the fact that they stay open all day, rather than the fragrance. Blossoms are star-shaped and perform all summer long. Performs best in fertile, well-drained, moist soil and tolerant of a bit of shade. Fertilize regularly and deadhead spent blooms. A native of South America and a close relative of petunias, nicotianas are hummingbird magnets.

'Only the Lonely' (*Nicotiana sylvestris*)--Makes an impressive statement in the garden! Towers above all other plants in the border. Large rosettes of bright green leaves 2' long and up to a foot across develop tall bloom stalks that bear clusters of fragrant, white, drooping, tubular flowers 3 1/2" long and 1 1/2" across at the mouth. Blooms open in the early evening and bear a rich jasmine-like perfume. Blooms late summer till frost. Height 48-60". Partial shade. (4-pack)

Perfume Series--New in '06. Produces an abundance of 2" blooms held upright above the 16-20" plants--the flowers are highly scented at night. Beautiful in the landscape or in containers. Available in deep purple (a 2006 AAS Winner) and a mix. (4-pack and jumbo 6-pack in summer)

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'Tinkerbelle' (*Nicotiana x sanderae*)--Ideal for adding height and interest to the garden, flowering over a very long period. At 36" tall, this flowering tobacco has clusters of flowers with dusky rose petals, lime green backs and unusual azure pollen in the center of each flower. For a sunny spot with well-drained soil.

**NIEREMBERGIA CAERULEA** (Cupflower): An elegant plant for beds, beds, pots, hanging baskets and window boxes. A wonderful substitute for alyssum, which tends to burn out during the heat of summer. Low growing and tough, this South American native thrives where most plants peter out--full, hot sun. Very drought tolerant. Flowers are small cups, up to 1" in diameter.

'Blue Mountain'--An exciting 2006 introduction. This is the much anticipated soft blue counterpart to Mont Blanc. Compact plants at 6" with a spreading habit.

(4-pack)

'Mont Blanc'-- A 1993 AAS and Fleuroselect Gold Medal Winner. Star shaped white flowers with yellow eyes are brilliant in full sun or part-shade. Flowers freely all summer. Spreading habit reaches 12" across and 5" tall. (4-pack)

'Purple Robe'--Deep purple, cup flowers on 8" tall spreading plants. The original nierembergia available in America. (4-pack)

**OENOTHERA HYBRID** (Evening Primrose):

'Lemon Drop'--A new primrose that produces pretty, yellow flowers all summer. Easy-to-grow and very heat tolerant. Semi-prostrate, cascading habit. 8-12" tall. A Zone 5 perennial if planted in beds and extremely useful in mixed annual combinations. (Proven Winner Perennial pot)

**OLEANDER**, *Nerium oleander*--A very long-lived and easy-to-grow subtropical shrub native from the Mediterranean to China. Lance-shaped leaves are long, narrow and leathery. Plants are commonly grown in the landscape throughout the southern United States. In the north, they make an excellent container specimen, but must be moved indoors at season's end to a very bright and cool location. Leaf drop may occur, similar to a ficus tree. Flowers can be single or double and range from white to pink, lavender, purple, red and apricot. Flowers can be lightly fragrant and are usually about 2" across. Plants can grow to 4-6' in containers. Best grow in full and hot sun for best blooming. Water sparingly during the winter months. All parts are highly toxic if ingested and the sap is a skin irritant so care should be taken around children and pets. (10" pot)

**OPLISMENSUS AFRICANUS** (Basket Grass): Though in appearance this foliage plant seems related to wandering jew, it is actually a spreading grass native to the tropical and subtropical parts of the world. Only 'Variegatus' is of any ornamental value. Stems are rooting and lie prostrate and spreading making

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it an excellent candidate for hanging baskets, edging or cascading at the fronts of mixed containers. Leaves are green and white striped, flushed with pink. Flowers are insignificant. Makes a fine houseplant. Grow in moist, well-drained soil in sun to part shade.

'Dragonfly'--Grows 6-10" tall and trailing. Looks especially lovely at the edge of a pond or draping into a fountain or birdbath. For sun to shade. (4 1/2" pot)

ORIGANUM ROTUNDIFOLIUM (Ornamental Oregano): Rhizomatous, woody-based subshrub with blue-green leaves. Throughout summer, produces nodding, hop-like whorls of tubular pink flowers among pale green bracts. Native to the Eastern Mediterranean. Requires very well-drained soil in a warm and sunny location. The species grows to 4-10" tall.

'Kent Beauty'--The most widely available variety. Striking coral-pink and green, hop-like blooms cascade from this mounding and very short beauty. Looks great at the edge of a container or tumbling over a stone wall. Zone 6 hardy. Extremely well-drained soil is a must for survival! (4 1/2" pot)

ORNAMENTAL CABBAGE AND KALE: See Flowering Cabbage & Flowering Kale

ORNAMENTAL OREGANO: See Origanum

ORNAMENTAL MILLET: See Pennisetum

OSTEOSPERMUM HYBRIDS (African Daisy): Grown for their beautiful, daisy-like flowers. Foliage is a medium green and toothed. Blooms best during cool summers and again during the fall. Plant in borders or in pots in full sun. They are very drought tolerant, but require moister soil when grown in containers. Deadhead regularly to promote flowering.

Flower Power Series--Low growing with an easy to control habit. Excellent branching and brilliant colors. Flowers better than most in warm conditions. For larger containers and beds. Grows 12-14" tall. Available in purple-blue and yellow (4 1/2" pot)

Margarita Series--Compact varieties with short flower stems. Great performance in full heat conditions. Nice in pots, containers or beds. Grows to 12-14". Available in yellow improved. (4 1/2" pot)

Ostica Series--Bred and selected under extreme conditions; these have proven reliable in the heat. They are also easy to grow and easy to flower. The entire series has concise habit and form. Available in pink improved. (4 1/2" pot)

Soprano Series--A very compact series--early and free-flowering. Rather heat tolerant. Available in lilac and vanilla spoon and purple and white. 6-10" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

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Symphony Series--A beautiful mix of colors on compact plants that thrive in full sun and the hottest days of summer. Blooms are borne from spring till winter in a unique color spectrum, all highlighted by deep blue centers. Mounding plants reach 8-12" tall. Available in orange and lemon yellow. (4 1/2" pot)

Tradewinds Series--Bred to induce flowering at higher temperatures so it blooms more and longer during the summer. Excellent branching and compact growth habit. Available in deep purple and terra cotta. Grows to about 12-16". (4 1/2" pot)

Zion Series--10" tall. Available in Terra cotta. (4 1/2" pot)

**OXALIS TETRAPHYLLA (Shamrock, Lucky Clover):** Clump-forming plant with four strapped, triangular straight edged or notched leaves. Produces funnel-shaped, reddish-purple flowers in mid-summer with yellow or greenish throats, about a dozen per flower stalk. The small bulbs must be dug in the fall or potted plants brought indoors. Keep on the dry side while bulbs are dormant. Plants grow to about 6" tall and wide. Native to Mexico. Best grown in a shady to semi-shady location.

'Iron Cross'--Each of the leaflets has a V-shaped, dark purple band at the base, combining to form a distinctive cross over the four leaflets. (Available in the bulb area)

**OXALIS TRIANGULARIS (Shamrock Plant):** The same species of shamrock sold each year around St. Patrick's Day also makes a great garden or container plant. The plant is actually a mass of tiny bulblets that, if desired, can be allowed to go dormant at the end of the season. Allow to stay moderately dry for a few months, then pick up on the watering and in a few weeks growth begins for the new season. In the garden, plants like to stay moderately moist. Dark leafed varieties are tolerant of more sun, but all are tolerant of fairly deep shade. Flowers range from white to pink to lavender, depending on the cultivar and continue nonstop all summer. Excellent alone in a pot or in combinations. Most varieties stay under 10".

Charmed Series--A new variety with large leaves and a mass of dainty flowers.

This series does best in part to full shade. 10-14" tall. Available in 'Jade' (green foliage with white flowers), 'Velvet' (nearly black foliage with light lavender blooms) and 'Wine' (violet colored foliage and a less vigorous habit than the species). (4 1/2" pot)

**OXALIS VULCANICOLA (Hybrid Wood Sorrel):**

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'Molten Lava'--In low light the foliage is chartreuse, in sunnier locations it's golden yellow--either way, highlighted by a touch of red. Sterile yellow flowers all summer. Grows 8-10". (4 1/2" pot)

'Zinfandel'--A new and exotic beauty with extra dark purple, clover-like leaves. Yellow flowers appear all summer and are a bold contrast to the dark foliage. 8-10" tall. Full sun to part shade (4 1/2" pot)

OZOTHAMNUS DIOMIFOLIUS (Australian Rice Flower): A very close relative of Helichrysum. Leaves are heath-like and aromatic on shrubby plants. In their native Australia and New Zealand, they tend to grow in rocky, non fertile locations. All species must be grown in full sun. A great structural plant even when it's not in bloom--which is rarely the case. Umbels of very lovely, paper-like flowers last for months and fade beautifully as they age. A first-rate garden cut flower. 24-36" tall. Available in rose. (4 1/2" pot)

PANSY x WITTROCKIANA: Long a standard in most spring gardens, pansies are now appearing in the fall garden, blooming long after the first frosts have killed most garden annuals. Excellent in containers and mass plantings. Traditionally pansies burned out with the onset of summer heat, but new hybrids have become extremely heat-tolerant and will bloom summer-long during rare cool, damp summers. Blossoms are edible and taste faintly of wintergreen. Grow in moist soil, rich in humus in part-shade. Plants grow only 4-6" tall. Space about 8". Available again in August for fall sales including winter hardy varieties.

'Blueberry Thrill'--These compact, 6" plants show off beautiful, 2.5" flowers in a rich combination of blue, white and yellow with a blotch. (4-pack)

'Chianti Mix'--Interesting dark striations over blotched flowers in a range of colors, mostly in pastels. (4-pack)

Colossus Series--Giant 3 1/2-4" blooms over dense, small foliated plants. A very early variety for such large flowers. Very short internodes and a high bud count mean even more color from this workhorse, which reaches just 4-6" tall. Blooms are upright facing. Available in deep blue with blotch, neon violet, purple with blotch, red blotch, white blotch, yellow blotch and a mix with blotch. (4-pack)

Delta Series--A very early spring flowering series. Large flowering, compact and spreading. Holds its flowers upright on sturdy, short stems. Heat and stress tolerant. Available in 'Beaconsfield' (purple lower petals and very light, almost white, upper petals), pure golden yellow, pure light blue, pure orange, pure red, pure rose, pure violet, pure yellow, true blue, a 'Cool Water' mix (a mix of blues and whites) and a 'Monet Mix' (. (4-pack)

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'Fizzy Lemonberry'--Breathtaking mix of frilly yellow blooms highlighted with dark purple picotee edges alongside almost almost solid purple and yellow flowers. Stronger ruffling occurs in cooler conditions. Height is 6-8". (4-pack)

Joker Series--Unique color combinations highlight 2-3" blooms. Available in 'Jolly Joker' (deep purple with orange faces. (4-pack)

Matrix Series--A new very well-branched and compact variety that is very uniform among the colors. Large flowers are held beautifully strong on short stems. Available in 'Sunrise' (peach, yellow and rose shades with blotch) and a mix. (4-pack)

'Padparadja'--Clear orange, 1 1/2-2" blooms resist fading in hot weather. An excellent garden performer. (4-pack)

Ultima Radiance Series--Splashes of color highlight each 2-2.5", faced flowers each showing rich color shades. Available in red which has a highly variable red and yellow color pattern. (4-pack)

Ultima Series--Dwarf plants with small leaves and good basal branching, growing just 6" tall. Upward-facing 2-2 1/2" flowers show good cold and heat resistance. Available in 'Morpho' (bicolor blooms showing mid-blue upper petals, bright yellow lower petals and "whiskers"--a 2002 AAS Winner). (4-pack)

Whiskers Series--Each one of these mid-size blooms features "whiskers" forming a unique cat-face pattern. Available in orange with black whiskers and yellow with black whiskers. (4-pack)

**PASSIFLORA HYBRIDS:** A huge family of vining plants native to the tropics and subtropics. Plants cling to structures with tendrils, not by twining. Flowers are usually huge and quite intricate and oftentimes very fragrant. Many produce edible fruits. Older varieties tend to flower with the cooler, shorter days at the end of summer, but newer cultivars can bloom nearly year round, given enough light and proper temperatures. An easy-to-grow plant both indoors and outside. *Passiflora caerulea* is actually hardy in the Madison area if sited properly and with some protection, especially near the foundation of a house. Choices are endless. A good mail order source is Logee's Greenhouses, located in Danielson, CT.

*Passiflora caerulea* (Blue Passionflower)--A fast growing climber. The most common of the passion vines available on the market. Very easy to winter over as a houseplant. Flowers best late summer into autumn as the days shorten and nights cool. Flowers are nearly white with pink shading highlighted by purple, blue and white-zoned coronas. Bears rather flavorless fruit now and again. Plants can grow to 12 or more feet in a single summer. (10" pot)

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'Blue Bahama'--A rather new Danish variety with gorgeous blue and green-white flowers. A tried and true variety sure to please. (5" pot)

'Incense Purple'--A sweetly perfumed cultivar that's a feast for the eyes. A moderately hardy (zone 6) variety of Maypop with large 5" royal purple blooms whose lacy-edged corolla overlays the petals. (5" pot)

'Lady Margaret'--A hybrid between *P. coccinea* and *P. incarnata*, its sepals and petals are a rich raspberry-red with a bright white center and white sprinkled throughout the corona. An amazing bloomer! Grows to 5'. (10" pot)

PASSION FLOWER, PASSION VINE: See *Passiflora*

PENNISETUM GLAUCUM (Ornamental Millet):

A rather new addition to the flower garden with the addition of AAS Winner 'Purple Majesty' a few years ago. Millet provides strong structure to beds and containers. Cattail-like seed heads provides interest from late summer well into winter and are a great addition to both fresh and dried arrangements as well as a magnet for hungry birds in the garden. Corn-like foliage is bold and colorful. Must be grown in full sun for best color. Young plants tend to be green, turning color as the season progresses.

'Jester'--A new 3 1/2' variety with colorful green to rose to burgundy foliage that is more compact than previous millets. Plants have wide leaves with exceptional basal branching. (4 1/2" deep pot)

'Purple Baron'--An ideal choice for mixed containers. This compact yet robust variety grows to only 3'--about 2/3 the height of 'Purple Majesty', but with the same gorgeous dark purple foliage and large, thick flower spikes. (4 1/2" deep pot)

PENSTEMON BARBATUS (Beardlip Penstemon): Recent additions to the "annual" flower garden, most of the beardlips are actually short-lived Zone 5 or 6 perennials. They are native to the United States and Central America, occurring primarily from the Great Plains through the Rocky Mountains. Plants tend to be upright and bushy with many lance-shaped leaves. Flowers are tubular, with lips on the top and on the bottom. New cultivars bloom far longer than the species and the flowers have been bred to be larger and very colorful. They have also been bred to branch well, giving more blooms and extending the season. Grow in full sun and be careful of overwatering. If used in containers, plant into the garden at the end of the season and mulch during the winter.

Phoenix Series--Also known as "summer snapdragon", this series adds height to landscapes and large containers. The colorful, upright flower spikes are very heat tolerant and bloom from mid-summer through the fall. Grows 18-22" tall. Available in violet. (4 1/2 pot)

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**PENTAS LANCEOLATA (Egyptian Star Flower):** Relatively new for northern gardeners, long a staple in the South. Bright star-shaped flowers love the heat and humidity. Foliage is a rich deep green that always looks great. Flowers are in large, rounded clusters and are butterfly magnets. Great container plants. Full sun. Size and spread depends on variety. Keep soil evenly moist. A great substitute for the customer who doesn't like geraniums because plants have a similar appearance and are available in the same shades of red, pink, violet and white. Native to eastern Africa, Arabia and Madagascar.

**Butterfly--**This hybrid series can be easily grown in northern gardens and in patio containers. Vigorous and well-branched. Grows 12-22", depending on color. Available in deep pink and red. (4 1/2" pot)

**'Cranberry Punch'--**A 2-3' upright with bright magenta flowers. (4 1/2" pot)

**Graffiti--**Compact and bushy series blooms early and very uniformly, producing brightly colored mounds of flower heads. Taller than 'New Look' producing larger florets and flower heads. Secondary flower heads retain the larger size. Very free-flowering, 10-12" tall plants make long-lasting displays in baskets, planters and landscapes. Very well-branched. Available in bright red, lipstick (bright cherry red), pink, red lace (intense red with white stigmas), violet and white. (2-pack and jumbo pack in summer)

**'Northern Lights Lavender'--**Versatile newcomer is great in northern gardens because it's far more cool tolerant and tolerates lower pH levels, though it still loves summer heat. Soft lavender blooms over darker green leaves than other pentas. This is a seed grown variety. Grows to 16". (4 1/2" pot)

**'Orchid Illusion'--**Stunning bright pink-purple blooms atop 2-2 1/2' plants. (4 1/2" pot)

**'Pink Profusion'--**True, pastel and large blooms on vigorous 2' plants. (4 1/2" pot)

**'Ruby Glow'--**Large clusters of rosy red flowers atop bright green foliage. A taller variety at 18-24". (4 1/2" pot)

**Star Series--**Upright plants grow 2-3' tall, making them good for the back of garden beds or in the cutflower garden. Large, star-shaped blooms on 3" flower heads. Available in white. (4 1/2" pot)

**'Starburst'--**Similar to 'Kaleidoscope Appleblossom' but with brighter deep pink and white bicolor blooms. Stunning!! 2' tall. (4 1/2" pot)

**PEPPERS, ORNAMENTAL, Capsicum annuum:** One of the rare annuals with truly attractive fruits, ornamental pepper is a startlingly beautiful plant, yet all too often relegated to the vegetable garden. They are shrubby plants with simple,

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mid-green leaves (deep purple or variegated on some cultivars) and small, pendant, star-shaped flowers that are usually white, but sometimes purple. The flowers are followed by fruits, which usually start out green and pass through several colors before maturing to their final shade of orange, red, yellow, purple or chocolate brown. Heights can range from 8-36", depending on variety, and some are sprawling--wider than they are tall. Excellent in containers. Need full sun. Fruits are always edible with varying degrees of heat, but most tend to be quite hot.

'Black Pearl'--A 2006 AAS Winner! A unique ornamental pepper with pure black leaves and fruit when grown in full sun. Vigorous, upright plants grow to 18". Gorgeous in containers with other mixed annuals. Peppers are fiery hot! (4 1/2")

'Calico'--Strongly variegated tricolor foliage. Compact, rounded plants are uniform in size and habit. Great for combos and landscapes. Extremely hot fruit. Just 10-12" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

'Chilly Chili'--A 2002 AAS Winner. Non-pungent, child-safe fruit that matures from greenish yellow to dark red. Fruit and habit are similar, but larger than 'Medusa'. Grows 6-10" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

'Explosive 'Embers'--Conical fruit matures from dark purple to brilliant red and measures about 1 1/4" long. It offers a unique habit and unique purple foliage with purple flowers. Strongly branched. Very hot. 10-12" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

'Medusa'--Colorful 2-2 1/2" fruits have a twisted cone shape that starts out ivory, turns yellow, then orange and finally bright red. Each plant will produce 40-50 brightly colored fruits held on compact plants with dark green leaves. Only 8" tall and is perfect for containers and beds alike. (4 1/2" pot)

'Peppa Blanca'--Small, compact, well-branched plants. Non-pungent fruit matures from white to pale salmon. (4 1/2" pot)

'Purple Flash'--New in 2009. Striking coloration, almost black with bright purple flashes. Compact, mounded plants have a layered scaffolding growth habit. Extremely drought tolerant. Great for pots, combos and landscapes. The fruit is extremely hot. 13-15" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

'Thai Hot'--70 days. Fruits are slim and dark green, no more than 3/4" long and they mature to a deep red. Fruits are borne upright and completely cover the plant. Be extremely careful when handling and eating. (3" coir pot)

'Treasures Red'--Early-fruiting, compact plants (8" high) produce masses of 2" conical fruits that mature from white to red. Foliage is deep green, with fruits held upright. (4 1/2" pot)

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**PERILLA FRUTESCENS** (Shiso, Beefsteak Plant): Also called Chinese basil, perilla is a fantastic ornamental edible. Leaves have a mild mint/basil aroma. Use young leaves in salads and large leaves as sushi wraps and plate garnishes. There are many varieties available and all are lovely in the border or mixed annual containers. Grow in full sun to fairly deep shade.

'Magellanica'--A close relative to coleus, this stunning foliage plant offers striking contrast to flowering annuals in beds or containers. Growing in sun or shade, the leaves are a striking combination of burgundy, magenta and green with hints of cream. Grows to 24" (4 1/2" pot)

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**PERIWINKLE:** See Vinca (Catharanthus), Vinca major and Vinca minor in Perennials

**PETRAEOVITEX BAMUSATOREM** (Nong Noch Vine): An extremely easy-to-grow climber that blooms all summer and even into winter if brought indoors at summer's end. Golden yellow bracts and creamy white flowers form at the tips of its stems and cascade to sometimes 2' in length! A truly awesome sight. Allow to grow on a trellis or scramble up any support. For full sun to part shade. Achieves a container height of up to 4'. (Available only in 12" hanging baskets)

**PETUNIA HYBRIDS:** This most popular annual is famous for its dependability and variety of color. Plant in the garden when the soil is warm, usually late May. Prefers a well-drained, light sandy soil. Space about 12" in full sun; shade discourages flowering. Pinching of the blossoms is necessary for most varieties. Pinch 1/3 of the growing tips each week for continuous blooms all summer and well into fall. Many are very fragrant, especially in the evening and especially the blue shades. Water moderately and fertilize often. Use an acid fertilizer periodically for best results.

Petunias are divided into categories:

Millifloras--A newer class of early, miniature flowered petunias, best represented by the 'Fantasy' and 'Picobella' series. They are covered in blooms all season.

Multiflora/Floribundas--Generally better garden performers than the more popular grandifloras. Flower size is smaller, but what they lack in size, they make up for in vigor and profusion of blooms. They also tend to recover better in rainy weather. Best represented by the 'Madness' series--our most popular bedding petunias.

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Grandifloras-- Blossoms are up to 4" across. Blooms early. Plants tend to be less compact, therefore requiring more pinching. Losing popularity as new types are being developed. Blooms do not hold up well in wet or humid weather. Examples include the 'Daddy' and 'Ultra' series.

Hedgifloras--A newer type that can grow up to 3' tall with support or if the plants are spaced close together. Spaced further apart, they sprawl--more like the spreading types. Best represented by the 'Tidal Wave' and 'Supertunia Vista' series.

Spreading--Quickly becoming the most popular petunias nationwide and certainly one of our most popular types. Because a single plant can spread up to 3' they make glorious hanging baskets and are unbeatable and economical in the landscape. Plants remain short, often growing only 6-8" tall. This type is best represented by the 'Wave' and 'Supertunia' series among many, many others.

Double Petunias--May be either multi-, grandiflora or spreading. Blossoms are more fragile in inclement weather.

### PETUNIAS, SINGLE-FLOWERED:

Ball Mixer Series--Multiflora. A series of petunia mixes exclusive to Ball Seed Co. each blended to contribute to a certain mood in the garden. All range in height from 10-15". Available in a 'Jellybean Mix' (a delightful pastel mix). (4-pack)

Blanket Series--Spreading. A small flowered, vigorous series well-suited for beds, containers and hanging baskets. The flower power is quite unbelievable!  
Available in purple, white and zinfandel. (4 1/2" pot and hanging baskets)

Carpet Series--Multiflora. Compact, basal-branching petunias produce 2 1/2" blooms. Excellent rain and heat tolerance. 10-12" tall. Available in blue, bright red and white. (Jumbo pack in summer)

Daddy Series--Grandiflora. All veined-rich pastel or clear, ruffled colors with contrasting darker veins of a similar color. Flowers are extra large, averaging 4 1/4" across. Early and compact. Suitable for beds, baskets and window boxes. Available in orchid. (4-pack)

Dolce Series--Grandiflora. Big, ruffled, bright 3" blooms on this floriferous new variety from Italy. Incredible color combinations in every bloom. Excellent in baskets, pots or beds. Available in 'Flambé' (a 2005 award winner--creamy white, pale yellow and soft rosy tones), 'Limoncello' (2005 award winner--rich two-toned yellow) and a mix. (4-pack)

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Easy Wave Series--Compact spreading. More mounded with more controlled spreading than the regular 'Wave' series makes this series better suited for mixed containers and some beds. High impact plants with minimal maintenance. Grows 6-12" with a spread of only 2 1/2-3'. Available in 'Rosy Dawn' (a 2006 AAS Winner of deep rose with a white eye). (Available in giant 6-packs)

Madness Series--Multiflora. This series features big flowers-up to 3" across-along with a compact habit. These floriferous plants put on an outstanding show in the garden. The flowers bounce back very quickly after a rain and continue to flower all summer long. Our most popular bedding series. Available in burgundy, lavender glow, midnight (blue), pink, red, sheer (pink with dark veins), white, yellow, 'Total Madness' (a mix of 13 Madness colors) and 'Waterfall Madness' (A beautiful blue-toned mix of lilac, magenta, deep purple and white). (4-pack)

Picobella Series--This new mini-flowered series produces nicely mounded, uniform and naturally dwarf plants that are well-suited to gardens, small containers and baskets. Good outdoor performance and weather tolerance. Small in stature, but WOW in color. Grows 8-10" tall. Available in blue, carmine, light lavender and white. Replaces the 'Fantasy' series. (4-pack)

Plush Series--Spreading. A new series from seed in 2008. Very early to bloom on well-branched, symmetrical plants. Plants spread to over 2'. Grows to 8-12" tall. Available in blue, deep pink, deep red, purple, salmon and white. (Available in giant 6-packs)

'Prism Sunshine'--Grandiflora. 1998 AAS and Fleuroselect Gold Medal Winner. Early, compact, yellow-centered that edges to a creamy yellow. Best performing yellow grandiflora available. 3" blooms. (4-pack)

Sanguna Series-- A prostrate multiflora. Free-flowering and vigorous. Early to flower and well-branched. Use in beds or baskets. Available in atomic blue (blue with splashes of silver), electric burgundy, lipstick, midnight blue, pink blossom and pastel yellow. (4 1/2" pot and hanging baskets)

Storm Series--Grandiflora. Large 4" flowers that are extremely weather tolerant and quick to recover after inclement weather. Outstanding garden performance. Available in blue, lavender (AAS Winner), pink, red, salmon, white and a 'Stormy Weather' mix (a mix of pastel colors). (4-pack)

Supercascade Series-- Grandiflora. An early flowering improved Cascade. Very large flowers and more compact than earlier Cascades. Blooms are 4" across. Great in hanging baskets. Colors to be determined. (4-pack)

Supertunia Series--Spreading. A vigorous, everblooming, trailing petunia from Australia. Can grow up to an inch a day. Better suited for baskets, window boxes and containers than regular cascading petunias. They bloom

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profusely. Plant in full sun. One plant will spread to 3' across. Keep on the drier side. Conditions that are too wet will cause the foliage to yellow. Fertilize regularly with a high nitrogen fertilizer, supplemented with iron. Trim as desired, but deadheading is not necessary. Colors available include: 'Bermuda Beach' (salmon), 'Bordeaux' (soft lavender with deep plum veins), 'Raspberry Blast' (strong pink with a cerise edge), red, royal magenta and royal velvet (deep purple). (4 1/2" pot and hanging baskets)

Supertunia 'Mini' Series--Spreading. Diminutive beauties that pack all the punch of the original Supertunia series in a compact, dense habit. Flowers are petite and abundant. Plants are weather resistant and vigorous. 5-7" tall. Available in blue, bright pink, purple, silver and strawberry pink. (4 1/2" pot and hanging baskets)

Supertunia 'Vista' Series'--Hedgiflora. A landscape series with a taller habit than 'Supertunias'. Not suitable for hanging baskets, but excellent in large containers. Early to flower and self-cleaning. 16-20" tall. Available in 'Bubblegum' (large pink flowers), fuchsia (smaller purplish-pink flowers) and 'Silverberry' (silver with rosy veining). (4 1/2" pot)

Surfinia--Spreading. Everblooming, heat-loving and extremely vigorous. Perfect for tubs, baskets, beds or window boxes. Plant in full sun areas. Avoid wet, soggy, shady areas. In containers, keep slightly moist. Water sparingly if planted in the ground. Use a high nitrogen fertilizer with iron regularly. Prune as desired, but not necessary. Available in sky blue. Origin: Japan. (4 1/2" pot and hanging baskets)

Ultra Series--Grandiflora. Compact, early and well-branched. Low spreading form and weather tolerant. Blooms are 3-4" across and ruffled. Available in blue sky. (4-pack)

Wave Series--Spreading. Ground hugging plants spread to 4'. Excellent garden performance. Height varies by color-4-6" tall. Ideal for baskets, large pots or as a groundcover. Unlike standard petunias, the 2-3" flowers continue to bloom freely all season without being trimmed back. Available in blue (2003 AAS Winner), lavender (2002 AAS Winner), pink and purple (1995 AAS Winner). (Available in giant 6-packs)

### PETUNIAS, DOUBLE-FLOWERED:

Double Cascade Series--Excellent habit and good branching. Available in blue (the only blue double grandiflora). (4-pack)

Double Madness Series--Multiflora. Compact, floriferous plants deliver generous masses of big, 3" flowers all summer. Like their single counterparts they bounce back within hours of a rainstorm. Available in blue, rose and a mix. (4-pack)

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Double Supertunia Series--Spreading. See 'Supertunia' section above. Available in dark blue and 'Priscilla' (lavender with darker purple veins). (4 1/2" pot and hanging baskets)

'Purple Pirouette'--Grandiflora. Large, violet-blue ruffled flowers with broad white edging. A past AAS Winner. The first picotee double petunia. Blooms are 2-2 1/2" across. Very early for a double petunia. (4-pack)

'Sonata'--Grandiflora. Huge, deeply fringed, pure white flowers on very sturdy plants. The finest double white petunia. Should be pinched to induce branching. (4-pack)

PHLOX DRUMMONDII (Annual phlox): A native of eastern Texas, annual phlox tends to be a cool season annual, withering in the hot summer sun. Newer hybrids tend to be more heat tolerant. Most varieties are dwarf and spreading, although the species is tall and upright. Flowers tend to be multi-colored shades of pink, purple, red, lavender and white. Full morning sun is best with a break from the hot afternoon sun. Most varieties are between 6-18" tall. Cut back severely when plants begin to look ragged.

Intensia Series--From Germany comes this new series of vigorous, free-flowering phlox with 1/2-1" flowers. Their cascading habit makes them perfect for any container. Resistant to powdery mildew. 8-12" tall. Available in cabernet (rose-pink with darker eye) lavender glow (pink with white eye) and 'Star Brite' (white, painted with intense purple and pink). (4 1/2" pot)

PHORMIUM TENAX (New Zealand Flax): A clump-forming member of the agave family used as a focal foliage plant in mixed containers. Loves sun in moist, but well-drained soil. It will tolerate some light shade at the expense of intense coloration. Overwinter indoors as a houseplant. Very long-lived and will eventually fill a good-sized pot and reaching heights of 3-6' depending on variety. Very cold and drought tolerant. A fantastic alternative for the focal point of any container arrangement.

'Black Rage'--An outstanding flax with striking bluish-black foliage. Makes a striking contrast with bright green and silver foliaged plants. Grows to 3' tall. (5" pot)

'Bronze Warrior'-- A standard hybrid of P. tenax, with rich bronze foliage. A slow but vigorous grower. Grows to about 3-4' in containers. (5 and 6" pots)

Lancer Series 'Margaret Jones'--a lovely, brightly colored choice in shades of green, cream, rose, pink and apricot. (5" pot)

PLECTRANTHUS COLEOIDES VARIEGATA (Iboza): An immensely popular foliage plant for mixed containers or as a houseplant. A prostrate plant with stems that hang straight down, reaching as much as 30" or longer. Leaves are

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smallish and rich green with a white margin. Foliage is intensely fragrant when crushed and lies somewhere between oregano and thyme. It rarely blooms. For full sun to part shade. (4 1/2" pot)

**PLECTRANTHUS HYBRIDS:** A huge family of plants, most which are used for their foliage. The origins of many members of this mint relative is becoming increasingly blurred as breeders continue to hybridize. The foliage is usually quite fragrant and tends to have a lot of texture and substance. In fact, many species are used as a culinary herb in Central America and Southeast Asia. All members make lovely and easy-to-care-for houseplants. Propagation by cuttings is equally easy. Though usually bred for their foliage, many varieties have gorgeous lavender or white tubular blooms borne on spikes. Common Swedish Ivy, Cuban oregano and Iboza are all familiar members of the plectranthus family. Most are very quick growing in the home or in the garden. Grow in full to part sun. Native to Africa, Asia, Australia and the Pacific Islands.

'Frosted Jade'--This species selection with white and green variegated foliage is closely related to Cuban oregano. Use as an accent plant in mixed containers. Very well-behaved at 14-18" tall. Has burgundy stems. (4 1/2" pot)

'Troy's Gold'--A trailing, variegated Swedish Ivy splashed in shades of green and gold with dark veining. Leaves are oval and serrated. For mixed plantings. 10-12" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

**PLUMBAGO AURICULATA (Leadwort):**

Imperial Series--A perennial raised as an annual in Wisconsin. A mounding shrub which can grow up to 4' tall with clusters of 1" blue blossoms. Beautiful in large containers. Blooms from spring to fall. Plant in full sun to part-shade. Likes to be kept moderately moist but with good drainage. Attracts butterflies. Available in blue. (5 and 10" pots)

**POLKA DOT PLANT:** See Hypoestes

**PORPHYROCOMA:** See Brazilian Fireworks

**PORTULACA GRANDIFLORA (Moss Rose)--also see Purslane:** This annual thrives in situations where most would not. Plant forms trailing stems with tiny succulent-like leaves and brilliantly colored silk-like blooms. Requires little care and will withstand drought. Full sun. Flowers do not open until late morning and will remain closed on cloudy days. Grows 6" tall and works best at the front of the border, in hanging baskets or in mixed plantings.

Margarita Series--Early, very free-flowering series produces large, semi-double blooms. Compact, well-branched and mounded plants. Colors to be determined. (4-pack)

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Sundial--A dramatic improvement over older moss rose varieties. Flowers are larger and stay open longer than all other moss rose varieties. Colors are bright and vivid and offered separately. . Flowers are 1 1/2-2" in diameter. Available in orange, peppermint (rose pink with red flecks), pink, scarlet, yellow, a mix and other colors throughout the season. (4-pack)

Tequila Series--An outstanding landscape series, these low-growing, vigorous, spreading plants take off quickly, tolerating cool weather and wet conditions better than other series. Less daylight sensitive than most. Groundhugging at only 2" tall, but spreads to 14-18". Available in a mix. (4-pack)

PSEUDERANTHEMUM ATROPURPUREUM (Snow Bush): An erect, open shrub, primarily used as a foliage accent plant in mixed annual containers. Leaves are usually a solid, rich, deep purple, though variegated forms are available. Tubular white flowers appear late in the season. They prefer moist, well-drained soil in full sun with some midday shade, or in partial shade. From Polynesia.

'Black Varnish'--Glossy, dark foliage that can actually be grown in nearly full to part shade--a rarity among dark-leaved plants. Flowers in late summer, but grown for its foliage. Ideal in mixed containers. Upright and 15-18" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

PTILOTUS EXULTATUS (Pink Mulla Mulla): An annual native to the open scrub of Australia. Mulla mulla is new to North American gardeners, but has been long used in it's homeland. They are grown for their dense, round, conical spikes of tiny white, pink, yellow, purple or green flowers, often enhanced by long white hairs. The leaves are alternate in a rosette, are thick and wavy margined and quite attractive, sometimes tinged in red. Must be grown in full sun in extremely well-drained soil for best results. Soil kept too wet will kill it almost immediately. Mulla mulla is virtually pest-free.

'Joey'--Named for the kangaroo babies of its native Australia. This is a breeding breakthrough. Flowers are far showier than the species with exceptional heat and drought tolerance. The 3-5" bottlebrush flower spikes are glistening silver with a neon pink color nearer the tips. Exceptional in containers as well as in hot, sunny beds. Grows to 14-16". Light intensity affects the ultimate height. (4" coir pot)

PURSLANE (*Portulaca umbraticola*, *P. oleracea*): Like moss roses, this cousin with wider leaves flourishes in heat, drought and sun. And like moss roses, flowers close late in the day. Like purslane-the garden weed-the foliage is edible, adding a refreshing flavor to salads. Plants seldom grow taller than 4-6", but may spread up to 2', making for lovely hanging baskets able to endure neglect.

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Fairytale Series--A double series with similar care and presentation as all portulaca. Available in 'Cinderella' (yellow with a magenta center) and 'Sleeping Beauty' (pure yellow). (4 1/2" pot)

Rio Series--Very well-branched, free-flowering and vigorous. Low spreading plants thrive on summer heat. Well-suited to baskets and containers. Just 2-4" tall. Available in apricot, rose and scarlet. (4 1/2" pot)

Toucan Series--The first economical seed grown purslane ever! An easy care, heat-loving, drought tolerant series with an excellent trailing habit. Just 3-4" tall. Available in scarlet, yellow and a hot mix of yellow, scarlet and fuchsia. (Available in jumbo packs in summer)

Yubi Series--Large flowers and ideal for hot dry conditions. Trailing habit. Available in apricot and red. (4 1/2" pot)

**RUDBECKIA HIRTA (Gloriosa Daisy, Black-eyed Susan):** A Zone 5 perennial best raised as an annual in Wisconsin. Though they make it through mild winters, plant vigor and flower size tend to deteriorate over time, seldom making it through two seasons. Excellent for mass bloom in the garden and for cutting, from early summer till frost. Very heat tolerant and easy to grow. Plant in full sun. Will not need staking. All varieties self-sow if allowed to go to seed.

'Cherokee Sunset'--2002 AAS Winner. A blend of sunset colors--golden yellow, orange, bronze and mahogany shades on double to semi-double 4" flowers. Outstanding branching habit and garden performance. Ideal cut flower. (2-pack)

'Cherry Brandy'--A stunning, unique combination of red shades. Masses of single 3" flowers from bright sanguine red to bicolors with deep red centers. Very heat tolerant. Beautiful in borders and beds. Flowers late June to the first frost. Grows to 20". (2-pack)

'Denver Daisy'--This big-bloomed newcomer creates awesome landscapes and containers alike. Eye-catching, bicolor 6-8" blooms adorn the well-branched plants. Selected by the City of Denver to commemorate their 150th anniversary in 2008. 22-26" tall. (2-pack)

'Indian Summer'--1995 AAS Winner. Enormous, golden-yellow, single black-eyed Susans, 6-9" across! The ultimate cutflower for the late summer garden. Upright, dense and sturdy, 3-3 1/2' tall. No staking required. Will self-sow easily. (2-pack and other larger sizes as the season progresses)

'Prairie Sun'--WOW! This 2003 AAS Winner is eye-catching in any border, cottage or cutflower garden. Beautiful 5" blooms sport a stable and unique pattern. Light green central cones (like 'Irish Eyes') are ringed by yellow petals with lighter primrose yellow tips. Dependable and floriferous 3' plants

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are ideal for naturalizing. (2-pack and other larger sizes as the season progresses)

'Tiger Eye Gold'--The world's first F1 rudbeckia hybrid. Much more resistant to powdery mildew than 'Indian Summer'. This brightly colored standout produces full, well-branched plants with a dense canopy and long-lasting single, golden yellow blooms. Plants are much shorter than 'Indian Summer' at 16-24". (2-pack)

RUNNER BEAN: See Scarlet Runner Bean

RUSSELIA HYBRIDS (Firecracker Plant): Known for its brilliant tubular flowers, russelia tolerates heat and humidity with minimal care. This attractive Mexican native with needle-like foliage and a trailing habit adds interest to containers and the landscape alike. Flowers seem to hover above the dense, shrubby foliage. Attracts hummingbirds to the garden. Grow in full sun for best results.

Night Lights Series--Grows just 1-2' tall, whereas the species grows up to 3' tall. Available in 'Lemon'. (4 1/2" pot)

SALVIA ARGENTEA (Silver Sage): A relatively hardy sage grown for its wide rosettes of spectacularly woolly foliage. Plants are a biennial or short lived perennial, grown usually as an annual. White blooms come in the second season if they survive our Zone 5 winters.

'Hobbit's Foot'--Platter-sized flat rosettes of soft, silky white, felted foliage emerge in a dramatic basal clump. New leaves are crinkled, but flatten as they grow. Flower stems to 30" tall with white blooms tinged yellow. Grow in containers or in the landscape in full sun to part shade. Height to 8". (5" pot)

SALVIA COCCINEA (Texas Sage): The open, lacy effect of long flower spikes on bushy plants is effective for an extremely long bloom season from early summer till frost. In spite of its delicate appearance, this is one of the easiest and toughest annuals., very tolerant of heat, drought and a wide variety of soil conditions. A magnet for hummingbirds.

'Forest Fire'--Stunning combination of fiery red flowers against black calyces. Heat and drought tolerant plants are earlier, slightly shorter and more free-branching than 'Lady in Red'. (4-pack)

'Lady in Red'--1992 AAS Winner. Brilliant scarlet, trumpet-shaped flowers are produced in loose spikes of flowers concentrated in whorls around the main spike. Earlier and shorter than other strains, the neat plants reach 20-24" in the garden. Adapts well to containers. Plant in full sun to part-sun. (jumbo pack in summer)

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Nymph Series--A very long-blooming cultivar that responds well to constant deadheading. Long flower sprays on bushy plants. Low maintenance and thrives in all climates. Lovely in wildflower gardens or in large containers. Grows to 24-26". Available in 'Coral Nymph' (brilliant salmon/white bicolor) and 'Snow Nymph' (pure white). (4-pack)

'Spanish Dancer'--In addition to scarlet blossoms and near-black calyces, this salvia has a miniature leaf-like white bract underneath each cluster of blooms that contrasts starkly with the rest of the flower. Very eye-catching. Blooms nonstop until frost. Use in containers or in the landscape. For full sun. Grows to 30" tall. (5" pot)

SALVIA ELEGANS (Pineapple Sage): Soft, smooth, pineapple scented leaves often used in cold drinks and fruit salad. Shrubby growth habit. Blooms usually during the fall and is a hummingbird magnet--probably the best you can buy! Loose spikes are bright scarlet. Plant in full sun to part shade in average to rich, well-drained soil. A must for the wildflower and herb garden.

'Golden Delicious'--Fuzzy, bright yellow foliage provides a backdrop for fire engine red, tubular flowers that appear in spring (a rarity for pineapple sages) and again in the fall. Strong pineapple scent. Best in full sun. Short for pineapple sage at only 12-24" tall. (3 1/2" herb and 5" pot)

SALVIA FARINACEA (Mealycup Sage): A native American tender perennial. Easy to grow, it has beautiful spikes of steely gray-blue or steely white. It grows wild in Texas and New Mexico from early summer to fall. With its persistent long bloom, it is valued as a cutflower and is easily dried for winter arrangements. Very disease resistant. Plant in full sun to light shade. Roots can be dug and stored in the fall like geraniums for planting the following season.

'Evolution'--A 2006 AAS award winning salvia with deep violet, rather than blue, flower spikes over deep green foliage. Grows 16-24" tall. (4-pack and jumbo pack in summer)

'Fairy Queen'--18" plants hold dense spires of sapphire-blue flowers, each dusted with a small white spot. Well-branched, long-blooming plants have deep green leaves. A Fleuroselect Gold Medal Winner. (4-pack)

'Sallyfun Blue Emotion'--An early blooming, compact and upright selection with deep blue flowers and a white eye. Listed on-line as growing up to 5-6' at maturity. Probably very similar to 'Mystic' and 'Indigo Spires'. (5" pot)

Victoria Series--A Fleuroselect Winner. Attractive gray-green foliage. Plants are a compact 18". Available in blue. (4-pack)

SALVIA GREGGII (Autumn Sage): A short, shrubby species with leathery, crinkled leaves on branching, nearly woody stems. Spikes bear pairs of 3/4" flowers,

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each with an extended lip. Blooms from late summer till frost. Needs perfect drainage in average to poor soil. Full sun to part shade. Prune back occasionally for more compact growth. Grows 1-2'. Like all salvia--a bee and butterfly magnet.

'Desert Blaze'--Upright mounding habit with interesting green, variegated white foliage and fire red blooms. 24" tall. (5" pot)

'SallyG Pink'--14" tall with rich pink blooms. (5" pot)

**SALVIA GUARANITICA** (Blue anise sage, Brazilian blue sage): Shrub-like plant with wrinkled, fuzzy, medium green leaves. Blooms late summer to fall. Striking 2" long flowers in blue, purple or white, usually with darker purple calyces. Prefers a light shade instead of full, hot sun and evenly moist soil. Produces tuberous roots that are stored overwinter like a dahlia. Most grow 4-6'.

'Black 'n Blue'--Beautiful in mixed containers or as a feature in the landscape. Intense blue flowers with black-purple calyces. Harvest and store roots in the fall. (5" pot)

'Purple Majesty'--A 1980 introduction. Blooms summer to fall on very tall plants. Foliage is crinkled and very fragrant. Purple hooded flowers appear along wand-like stems. Grow in well-drained soils. A hummingbird magnet until migration in late fall. Grows to 6' tall. (5" pot)

**SALVIA LONGISPICATA** x **S. FARINACEA** 'Mystic Spires': An outstanding 2006 introduction. Large true blue flower spikes wave above the dark green foliage. Often 1' long, the spikes are slightly fuzzy. Naturally compact and well-branched, this is a dwarf version of the popular, but large, 'Indigo Spires.' Overall, the plant looks like a giant 'Victoria' blue salvia. Unlike many salvias, it comes into bloom very quickly and flowers continuously until a hard freeze. Requires well-drained soil in full sun. Grows to 2-3'. Like all salvia, it's a bee, butterfly and hummingbird magnet. Excellent cut and dried. Roots can be easily stored overwinter. (5" pot)

**SALVIA MICROPHYLLA**, Syn. *S. grahamii* (Mexican Sage): A native to Mexico and the southwestern United States. Flowers, fragrance and plant structure are similar to *Salvia greggii*, but the species grows quite a bit taller. Like many salvias, it blooms best toward the end of summer and into fall. For full sun.

'Hot Lips'--A stunning bicolor red and white. Color is strongest in cooler temperatures. Broad, soft, aromatic leaves. Forms a wide, fast-growing mound up to 6' across! For full sun. Up to 30" tall. (5" pot)

**SALVIA PATENS** (Gentian Sage): Compact plant with long, hairy, medium green leaves. Open 16" flowers spikes of deep blue flowers held in pairs. Blooms from mid-summer thru fall. Good drainage is critical. Blooms best in a warm,

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protected spot. Tubers can be overwintered indoors. Full sun to part shade in average to rich, well-drained soil.

'Blue Angel'--Up to 20 ultramarine colored. 2" tubular flowers top 24-28" tall, graceful plants. Delivers summer-long color to beds, pots and planters. (3-pack)

'Oceana Blue'--With its vigorous and bushy habit, this sage is an excellent performer in containers and in the landscape. Has large, deep gentian-blue flowers that last and last. Enjoy long-season waves of color. (5" pot)

**SALVIA SPLENDENS (Scarlet Sage):** Erect spikes of brilliantly colored blooms.

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red varieties are especially attractive to hummingbirds. Very old-fashioned and versatile whether in beds or containers. Prefers a well-drained, moist soil in full sun or light shade. Spacing depends upon the size of the variety.

'Blue Ribbon'--Spikes of unique, deep blue flowers with a white "ribbon" top dark green foliage. Reaches a height of 13-18". (4-pack)

'Lighthouse Red'--Our tallest scarlet sage, and much improved over the 'Bonfire' series. Plants are robust and well-branched. An award winner for the landscape and large containers alike. 20-28" tall. (4-pack)

'Bonfire Elite'. Dark green foliage and strong basal branching supports plentiful, closely spaced, intense red flowers. A strong garden performer. Grows to 26". (4-pack)

'Red Hot Sally'--Deep red blooms form good, stock spikes in colorful, summer-long displays. An excellent performer in the landscape. Reaches a height of 10-12" with compact, very uniform foliage. (4-pack)

Vista Series--12" tall. An improved carabinieri type that is earlier and more compact. Beautiful bright red flower spikes contrast nicely with the dark foliage. Available in red. (jumbo pack in summer))

**SCAEVOLA AEMULA (Australian Fan Flower):** Of nearly 100 species of scaevola found in the South Pacific and Australia, only one (*S. aemula*) has found its way into gardens and in recent years has become very popular. This handsome plant, with stiff, succulent stems, forms a dense carpet of small, lightly-toothed, spoon-shaped leaves. The innumerable 3/4-1", tubular flowers each open into a broad, 5-lobed fan. Colors are in shades of blue, purple and white and deadheading is unnecessary. Plants grow only 4-8" tall and are wonderful in baskets or as edging. Grow in full sun in evenly moist soil.

Bombay Series--Excellent branching with a consistent semi-trailing habit. Very heat tolerant with great garden performance. Ideal in hanging baskets and containers. 6-10" tall. Available in blue, pink and white. (4 1/2" pot)

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Stellar Series--Loves both hot and cool weather. An especially early bloomer. Excellent branching provides even flowering all summer long. Available in true blue and white. (4 1/2" pot)

Whirlwind Series--This large-flowered scaevola is much earlier to flower than other scaevola and is much more branching and free-flowering. Available in blue and white. 8-14" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

SCARLET RUNNER BEAN, *Phaseolus coccineus*: A hummingbird favorite! Scarlet flowers contrast with green, heart-shaped foliage. Vigorous climbers for a trellis or twine. Edible beans are delicious when young. Keep beans picked for continuous bloom. Grow in full sun. Grows to 72-96". (4" coir pot)

SCENTED GERANIUM: See 'Geranium' Section. (4 1/2" pot)

SENECIO MIKANIOIDES: See German Ivy.

SETCREASEA PURPUREA, Syn. *Tradescantia pallida* 'Purpurea'--This native of eastern Mexico is a close relative of Wisconsin's own spiderwort and the houseplant, wandering jew. Leaves are long and pointed on this trailing plant and are a rich violet-purple. Flowers are pinkish lavender and can appear nearly year round. Leaf color is most intense in good sunlight and crowded conditions. Easy to winter over as a houseplant or propagate by cuttings. Prefers damp soil. Specific selections include 'Purple Queen' and 'Purple Heart' and, new in 2009, a variegated version. Grows to about 8" tall and trailing. Use alone or in mixed containers. A fantastic and easy-to-grow houseplant. (4 1/2" pot)

SNAPDRAGON: The lavish color of modern hybrid snaps is provided over a long bloom time and in many sizes, from dwarfs ideal for bedding, to giants that are among the finest of all cutflowers. Flower colors tend to be bright and clear and are sometimes fragrant. Snaps prefer full sun and average garden soil. They bloom all summer long, but less profusely during hot weather.

'Frosted Dawn'--New for us in 2009 comes this variegated variety with pink flowers. Grows to 12" tall. (4-pack)

Liberty Series--Tall and sturdy, these compact snaps are perfect for cutting, yet never need staking. Bright blooms on majestic 18-22" spikes. Uniform bloom time and size. Available in lavender, light pink, scarlet, white, yellow and a mix. (4-pack)

Luminaire--The most vigorous trailing snap on the market. Mounded plants with big, bountiful flowers. Improved heat tolerance and branching. Very cold tolerant. Available in deep purple, harvest red and yellow. (Available in 4 1/2" pots and hanging baskets)

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'Madame Butterfly'--Double, azalea-flowering snaps. Base-branching, 24-30" plants in a wide range of colors. A past AAS Winner. A great cutflower. (4-pack)

Montego Series--The earliest flowering dwarf snapdragon. Great garden performance that will not burn out during summer heat. Flowers are held on strong stems close to the top of the foliage. Grows 8-10". Available in a mix. (4-pack and jumbo pack in summer)

Rocket Series--Long flower spikes with well-spaced florets on vigorous, heat resistant plants. Superior for backgrounds or cutflowers. Will bloom again once cut. Plants grow 30-36" tall. Available in golden, pink, red and a mix. (4-pack)

### SOLANUM JASMINOIDES (Potato Vine):

Variegata/Aurea--Colorful scrambler for patio trellises or in hanging baskets. Great a component plant in mixed containers. Related to plants as varied as eggplant and nightshade. 4' trailing vine is splashed with gold. Flowers are white & fragrant. Cut back hard to encourage new growth. Easy to overwinter. (4 1/2" pot)

SOLANUM RANTONNETII (Blue Potato Bush, Paraguay Nightshade): A beautiful, many branched shrub that is often times trained as a standard. Deep blue, fragrant blooms with a bright yellow eye strongly resemble our native nightshade blossom and is, of course, from the same family (along with potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, petunias and flowering tobacco). Can be wintered over as a houseplant or propagated by soft wood cuttings in late summer. Can grow to 6 or more feet and for full sun. (6 and/or 8" pot)

SPIKE: See Dracaena

STATICE, ANNUAL, *Limonium sinuatum*: Unmistakable plants form a ground-hugging rosette of dark green, wavy, deeply lobed leaves. Flower stems are stiff and leafless, rising straight upward, then branch at the tips into an intricate candelabra of one-sided flower clusters. Flowers are colorful and long-lasting and are a staple both fresh and dried. Pick flower stalks when they are about 2/3 open. Statice requires a sunny spot with well-drained, even sandy soil and is very drought tolerant.

Fortress--Beautiful, well-formed spikes on very strong stems. Grows to 24". Highly recommended for fresh cut production. Available in dark blue and a mix. (4-pack)

QIS Series--Very uniform in color, flower size and stem quality. The best strain for cut flower production. Grows to a nice tall 28". Available in lavender. (4-pack)

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STOCK, *Matthiola incana*: Hard to find just a few years ago, stock is again back in style as people are discovering heirloom annuals. Stalks are upright with an intense, clove-like scent. Easy annuals adapted to cooler conditions.

Goldcut Series--Bright colors, nice fragrance and excellent stem and flower quality make this strain outstanding. Flowers are both single and double. Grows to 30" and is available in dark blue, ruby and a mix. (3-pack)

Miracle Series--A columnar stock great for cutting at 30-36". Flowers are double. Available in a mix. (3-pack)

'Vintage Mix'--Compact, dwarf, 15-20" plants. Strongly branched with up to 60% double blooms. (3-pack)

STRAWBERRY, *Fragaria x ananassa*:

'Berri Basket'/'Berries Galore'--Everbearing, compact, bushy plants create lush hanging baskets. Creamy white flowers appear above the deep green, shiny leaves. Very attractive. Produces large, deep red, full-flavored berries until frost. Garden hardy to Zone 5. (Available in 3-packs and hanging baskets)

STRAWFLOWER, *Bracteantha bracteata*: A must-have in the cut- or dried-flower garden. Harvest blooms before they fully open because they will continue to open once harvested. Plant in full-sun in rich, well-drained soil. Virtually pest-free and very easy to grow. Harvesting and deadheading stimulates more blooming. All are natives to Australia.

'Dreamtime'--A controlled, mounded series. Flowers do not break open in the center. Free-flowering and sun-loving. Perfect for containers and hanging baskets. Available in yellow. (4 1/2" pot)

King Size Mix--Extremely large flowers atop long, stiff stems for use in the cut- and dried-flower garden. Extremely heat tolerant. Mix includes all the most popular colors including orange, yellow, pink, white and bronze. 36" tall. (3-pack)

STRELITZIA: See Bird of Paradise.

STREPTOCARPELLA: This excellent container, as well as houseplant, has succulent, arching stems and fleshy, rounded, somewhat fuzzy leaves. Slender, branching pedicels bear tubular flowers with flaring, fan-shaped lobes. Grow in full sun to part shade and water regularly, though it can tolerate some drought. Bring indoors in fall or take cuttings. Height is 8-12"

'Concord Blue'--Delicate, sapphire-blue flowers. Soft green foliage with a semi-trailing habit. (4 1/2" pot and hanging baskets)

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**STREPTOCARPUS HYBRIDS (Cape Primrose):** These close relatives of African violets were, until recently, sold exclusively as indoor blooming plants, usually available only in the spring. But cape primrose is actually a lovely garden annual for shade containers, either alone or in mixed plantings. Vigorous plants bloom profusely, but especially once the days begin cooling in late summer. Large flowers are borne on stalks. Leaves are textured and brittle, but unlike their fuzzy cousins, they are at home outside. Keep on the drier side to avoid root rot. Propagation is very easy, either by division or by doing leaf cuttings--exactly like their African violet cousins. Indoors, they tend to bloom best in late winter and early spring. A nice windowsill plant. Gorgeous hybrids have become available in recent years.

'Black Panther'--Has the deepest purple flowers imaginable! 6-10" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

**STROBILANTHES DYERIANUS (Persian Shield):** An old-fashioned houseplant that has made its way into the garden in recent years. The upright, branching stems bear elliptic, dark green leaves, up to 6" long, that are flushed purple with a silvery overlay. This plant thrives in hot, humid summers. Can grow up to 4' tall and spread 3'. (5" pot)

**SUTERA:** See Bacopa.

**SUNFLOWER, Helianthus annuus (Annual Sunflower):** Fun, easy-to grow and perfect for backgrounds and beds. Tolerant of heat and drought. Plant in full sun. For maximum height, fertilize weekly with a liquid fertilizer. Excellent to attract birds and great for a kids' garden. Flowers may be up to 12" across and can be single or double. Seeds of all varieties are, of course, edible. Many varieties make an excellent cut flower. Can grow up to 10' or more or as small as 18" depending on variety.

'Ballad'--This bright newcomer adds a ray of sunshine whether it's used indoors as a potted plant, or placed outside in the garden or in containers. Very mildew-tolerant, shiny green leaves present a true sunflower look--bright golden-yellow flowers surround a deep bronze center. Plants flower more quickly and at a shorter height (about 12") under short days; under long days in summer, 'Ballad' grows taller--to 24-30". (4" coir pot )

'Chianti'--Big, 5-6", dark red blooms--each with a dark, pollen-free disc--on 4-5' plants. Well-branched sunflower produces cut stems from 24-36" long. (4" coir pot)

'Double Dandy'--A unique, dwarf, double red sunflower. Excellent basal branching. Nice in beds and pots. A great cutflower. (4" coir pot)

'Mammoth'--Plants are 7' feet tall with large 12" yellow heads. Excellent for background plantings or for screening purposes. Each plant produces one

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flower. Seeds are gray and white striped. Usually requires staking. (4" coir pot)

'Ring of Fire'--2001 AAS Winner. The first gold and red bicolor blazes with bright color and plentiful blooms. The 5" blooms arise on long, sturdy stems on well-branched 4 1/2' tall plants, each flower boasting a uniform chocolate disc, bright red ring and golden tips. Foliage is heart-shaped. (4" coir pot)

SWAN RIVER DAISY: See *Brachyscome*

SWEET POTATO VINE: See *Ipomoea* or *Solanum*.

SWISS CHARD, *Beta vulgaris*: Chard makes a lovely addition to the mixed flower bed or containers. The stems of many varieties are brightly colored and the leaves offer delightful texture to the landscape and pots. This cool season edible green is a very close relative of the beet (whose foliage and stems are also delicious). Though more heat tolerant than most greens, chard is at its peak in early summer and again in the fall when the weather turns cooler. Though usually sown directly into the garden in early spring, chard transplants rather easily. Both the stems and leaves of chard are used in salads and sautees. When sautees, the chopped stems should be added a few minutes before the leaves to ensure tenderness. The leaves can be used like and make a great substitute for spinach. Harvest as needed.

'Bright Lights'--Probably the most beautiful of the chards with stems in shades of gold, pink, orange, purple and white and hints of every color in between. The flavor is milder than many chards. Grows to 20" tall. A 1998 AAS Award Winner. (4-pack)

SWORD FERN, *Nephrolepis exaltata*: Along with fuchsias, impatiens and begonias, ferns make a lovely addition to the shaded garden and add a bit of the tropics. They look especially lovely on an open covered porch, swaying in the wind or in an old wicker plant stand. Ferns contribute to the atmosphere of days gone by when potted ferns were used extensively on the summer porch. Ferns require thorough and frequent watering to look their best and the occasional drenching from natural rainfall helps them greatly. Expect significant leaf drop when brought indoors for the winter. Given a harsh haircut, they will quickly rejuvenate themselves with fresh foliage. Potted ferns are usually available year round and are always available special order.

'Kimberly Queen'--This is the best of the best for both outdoors and in. Fronds are long and elegant and leaves won't drop as much as many other ferns. Far more tolerant of dry and windy conditions, but still requires often and thorough waterings. Kimberly Queen is the ultimate fern for the covered porch. Available in 6" pots and hanging baskets.

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TABERNAEMONTANA DIVARICATA (Crape jasmine, crepe jasmine, pinwheel jasmine): Fragrant, tropical shrubs from Southeast Asia. Leaves are thin, wavy and a nice dark green. Flowers are pure white, are waxy and are most fragrant at dusk or just after dark. Plants should be grown in containers in moist, rich soil and in full sun. They must be brought indoors before first frost. Sometimes blooms year round. Contained plants rarely grow taller than 4' here in the north. (6 and/ or 10" pot)

TAHITIAN BRIDAL VEIL, *Gibasis geniculata*: Not only a classic houseplant, but a nonstop bloomer for the shade garden. It's cascading habit is lovely flowing over the edge of mixed containers or on it's own in hanging baskets. Flowers nonstop--even in the dead of winter. White flowers are dainty and persistent. Closely related to wandering jew. The small glossy, green leaves have purple undersides. Very easy to propagate from cuttings. (4 1/2" pot)

TALINUM PANICULATUM (Jewels of Opar): A very old-fashioned heirloom annual that is making a major comeback in recent years. It was all but forgotten just a few years ago. Through new breeding, individual cultivars are now hitting the market as interest in heirlooms increases. Jewels of Opar is a native to the southern U.S. and Central America. It is a tuberous rooted plant that in summer produces an abundance of small red flowers on long stems held high over the foliage. Prefers rather poor soil in full sun. Soil must be well-drained.

'Limon'--New in 2008. A must have for its brilliant display of mounded, bright lime-green leaves. Limon features airy inflorescences covered in tiny rose-pink flowers. Easy to grow and vigorous. The foliage color is even more vivid when the plant is stressed. An excellent cut flower--fresh or dried. Beautiful in both containers and beds. Grows to 28-30" with a spread of up to 4'! (4 1/2" pot)

TECOMA STANS (Esperanza, Trumpet Bush, Yellow Bells, Yellow Elder): Native to the southern U.S., Central and South America. A woody shrub or vine with bright green, toothed leaves and long panicles of funnel-shaped, bright yellow flowers. Blooms nonstop all summer. Quite large and vigorous so best in large containers. Overwinter in a cool spot indoors. Attracts bees and butterflies. Easy to train up a trellis or over an arch. Very eye-catching!! The species grows to 4-8' in a summer.

'Mayan Gold'--The very first tecoma available from seed and, therefore, the first tecoma that is affordable for the landscape in northern gardens. The bright yellow flowers and glossy green foliage bring a tropical flair to the garden. Mature landscape height is just 24-30"! (5" pot)

THUNBERGIA ALATA (Black-eyed Susan Vine): A Cheerful addition to hanging basket: but will pick up intensely with the onset of cooler weather in the fall. The newer vegetative varieties tend to bloom better in summer heat, are more vigorous and have bigger flowers. Will grow to 6-10'.

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Alata Mix--A special balanced blend of the most popular colors, with and without the black eye. (4" coir pot)

Susie--A good series for hanging baskets. Blooms early. Available in orange with a dark eye. (4" coir pot)

Sunny--This vigorous new series grows 5-8' tall and show larger, bright colored flowers all summer long. Loves the sun. Excellent in large containers. Available in Lemon Yellow and Orange Wonder. (4 1/2" pot and hanging baskets and tubs priced as marked)

THUNBERGIA GRANDIFLORA (Blue Trumpet Vine, Sky Vine): Vigorous, woody, twining climber. Leaves are dark green and softly hairy. Bears trumpet-shaped, lavender-blue to violet-blue flowers with yellow throats in summer. Grows quite large. Excellent container plant. Needs to grow on a trellis or support of some kind. Like all thunbergia, shade from hot afternoon sun is a must, otherwise prefers full sun. Prefers moist, well-drained soil. Do not allow to dry out too much. Grows to 10' tall in a container. (10" pot)

TIBOUCHINA URVILLEANA (Glory Bush, Princess Flower): Large, bushy plants of South American origin. Leaves are beautiful alone in that they are fuzzy and give the plant an interesting sheen. But it's the gorgeous violet-blue flowers that are the real attention grabber. Begins flowering in late summer. Must be moved indoors before frost where it can be overwintered near a bright, cool window. (10" pot)

TITHONIA ROTUNDIFOLIA (Mexican Sunflower): A fast growing, easy-to-care-for annual that provides spectacular bloom over a long season. Tall and abundantly branched with dark green leaves and loads of orange and yellow zinnia-like flowers. Very heat tolerant. Attracts butterflies. Older varieties can grow up to 7'.

'Fiesta del Sol'--2000 AAS Winner. The first truly dwarf Tithonia. Single, 2-3" daisy flowers on lush, green foliage, excellent for cutflowers and attracting butterflies. Pest-free. Thrives in summer heat and humidity. Plant in full sun.(2-pk)

'Torch'--A quick-growing, gorgeous, tall variety that thrives on summer heat. Super-easy to grow and great for the back-of-the-border. Brilliant orange-scarlet flowers are great for cutting. 48-60" tall. (2-pack)

TOBACCO, FLOWERING: See Nicotiana

TORENIA FOURNIERI (Wishbone Flower): A delicate looking annual for a morning sun location. Plants are generally compact with bright green glossy foliage. Newer varieties have been bred to spread (and root as they go). Flowers are snapdragon-like and always multicolored. Dislikes extreme heat and

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humidity. They prefer evenly moist, well-drained soil in at least part shade and are actually very shade tolerant.

Catalina Series--Compact and well branching. A great addition to the shade garden. Excellent on its own in a small pot. 10-12" tall and semi-trailing. For shade to part sun. Available in 'Gilded Grape' (yellow with a vibrant purple throat). (4 1/2" pot)

Summer Wave Series--Large, snapdragon-like florets. Bred for hot, humid conditions, unlike regular torenia. Works well in containers or beds. Grows best in half day sun. Trailing. Extremely resistant to pests and diseases. Keep moist and water daily during hot weather. Trim as necessary. Available in amethyst and blue. Origin: Japan. Grows 8-12" tall. (4 1/2" pot)

TRACHELIUM CAERULEUM (Throatwort): The flower heads of this unusual annual are huge! They are made up of hundreds of tiny, trumpet-shaped, purple, pink or white, lightly perfumed flowers that create an airy mass up to a foot in diameter. Plants are shrub-like, with sharply toothed, dark green leaves and reddish branching stems. Excellent cutflower. Attracts butterflies. Plant in full sun.

Devotion Series--Works well indoors or out. Indoors it stays at about 12". Outdoors in the garden, it grows to 2 1/2-3'. Lightly scented. Available in blue. (4 1/2" pot)

TRACHELOSPERMUM JASMINOIDES (Star Jasmine, Confederate Jasmine): Woody, evergreen, twining climber with oval, glossy, dark green leaves. During the summer, fragrant, pure white, 1" flowers appear. Grow in containers in full sun to part shade. Will stay manageable in size here in the North. Prune hard and overwinter indoors. Native to Japan, China and Korea. (6 and/or 10" pot)

TRADESCANTIA: See Setcreasea

VERBENA HYBRIDS: Clusters of primrose-like flowers provide a striking colorful display for window boxes, containers and those hot, dry spots in the garden. Prefers full sun with good air circulation. Verbena is not a shade tolerant plant and will die of mildew if left in damp air. Newer varieties are extremely mildew-resistant. Among the finest low growing bedding plants.

Aztec Series--Bright and colorful, these mounding and trailing verbenas thrive in heat and sun with attractive foliage that stays lush and healthy all summer. Plant in full sun 12-16" apart. Keep soil moderately moist. Grows 16-18" in diameter. Available in pink, red velvet, violet and white. (4 1/2" pot)

Escapade Series--Extremely vigorous plants with a nice trailing habit. Superior landscape performance with heat tolerance and powdery mildew

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resistance. Also perfect for large hanging baskets and containers. Available in 'Bright Eye' pink with a bright magenta and purple center). (4 1/2" pot)

Lanai Series--Compact and extremely mildew resistant. Grow in full sun in beds and containers. Flowers are larger than many varieties. Sprawling habit and high mildew tolerance. Grows 8-12" tall. Available in deep purple, peach and upright purple mosaic (white, heavily splashed with purple). (4 1/2" pot)

'Peaches and Cream'--Topped with salmon and apricot blooms, the plants reach 8" tall and spread 10-12". (4-pack)

Quartz Series--A spreading type. Mounding plants are 10-12" high and are extremely mildew-resistant. Flowers earlier than most varieties. Florets are very large at 2" in diameter. Grows 10-12" tall. Available in blue and 'Waterfall' mix (lavender blue, white and purple). (4-pack)

Quartz Xp Series--Flowers earlier with better branching than the original quartz series. The flowers are also a bit larger. These excellent garden performers have dark green leaves on spreading, mounded plants. Well suited for landscapes and containers alike. Does well in both hot and cool conditions. 8-10" tall. Available in burgundy with eye, purple and scarlet. (4-pack)

Superbena Series--This variety is super-large flowered, vigorous and extremely mildew-resistant. Plants are both upright, at up to 12" tall, and cascading. Flowers are humongous. Our most popular verbena for hanging baskets and beds alike. Available in burgundy, coral red, dark blue, large lilac blue, pink shades and purple. (4 1/2" pot)

Tukana Series--Early blooming and features large flowers, broad leaves and a dense, mounding habit. Intense colors and lush habit transform baskets and containers into works of art. Available in white. (4 1/2" pot)

Tuscany Series--Naturally compact, well-branched and bushy plants. A strong garden performer. These heat and drought tolerant plants grow 8-10" tall. Available in peach and violet with a white eye. (jumbo pack in summer)

Wildfire Series--A very vigorous series with a trailing habit that fills baskets, pots and landscapes fast. Extremely heat-tolerant series is blanketed with colorful blooms and stays lush and healthy all summer. 8-12" tall. Available in violet. (4 1/2" pot)

**VERBENA BONARIENSIS (Brazilian Vervain):** A free-flowering novelty cutflower and an excellent garden plant. Uniform 3-4' plants are covered with vibrant lavender flowers atop strong, wiry stems. Easy to grow and heat tolerant. Don't let the height scare you in that plants are so airy they are virtually see-thru and, therefore, usable near the front of the border. Surely a conversation piece. (2-pack)

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VERBENA CANADENSIS (Rose Verbena): A creeping plant with deeply lobed leaves and domed clusters of often scented flowers. Once established, it is very drought tolerant. One of the hardiest annual verbenas it is hardy to Zone 6. Grows to 6-18" tall and spreads to 3'. Full sun in fertile, well-drained soil. (4-pk.)

VERBENA RIGIDA, Syn. *V. venosa* (Vervain): The same rigid flower stalks, long, toothed leaves, and well-spaced clusters of tiny flowers as *V. bonariensis* but on a much smaller plant. Generally clump-forming and delightfully scented. Deadhead to ensure constant bloom. Full sun to part-shade in average, well-drained soil.

'Santos Purple'--Lilac-blue blooms highlight this very compact, early 12" variety. Flowers continuously till frost. Well-suited for beds and containers. (2-pack)

VERBENA TENUISECTA, Syn. *V. speciosa* (Moss Verbena): A naturally spreading or even trailing plant, ideal for containers. It gets its name from its deeply cut, almost feathery foliage. Requires full sun to part shade in average, well-drained soil.

'Imagination'--A species verbenas and a former AAS and Fleuroselect Winner. Finely cut leaves with open blooms that are a brilliant violet-blue/magenta color. Has a strong spreading habit, reaching up to 2' across. Thrives in full sun. Excellent as a bedding plant or in hanging baskets or containers. Grow 10-12" tall. (4-pack)

VINCA, CATHARANTHUS (Periwinkle): A splendid everblooming plant for beds and pots. Showy, durable flowers are abundantly produced, even in the hottest, driest conditions. Blooms are 1 1/2" across and single. Leaves are a dark green and glossy. Extremely pest-resistant. Highly recommended for low maintenance landscaping. Must be planted in full sun.

Cooler Series--Huge flowers (actually measuring 2 1/4" across) have overlapping petals which give them a rounded, very formal appearance. Thrives in summer heat. Grows up to 14" tall. Deep green foliage. Wonderful in masses in beds. Colors to be determined based on availability. (4-pack)

Pacifica Series--Many early and large, 2" flowers. Excellent basal-branching resists stretching in high heat. A good variety for landscapes and containers. 12-14' tall. Available in cherry and magenta halo. (4-pack and/or jumbo pack in summer)

Sunstorm Series--One of the earliest blooming vincas ever. Compact, well-branched and very heat tolerant. Large, 2" blooms on 10" plants. Available in

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bright red, pink, violet with an eye and white with an eye. (jumbo 6-pack in summer)

Titan Series--All new very early flowering and vigorous series is very disease tolerant. Produces a very large, well-branched plant that is covered with huge, brightly colored flowers. 14-16" tall. Available in 'Polka Dot' (rose-pink with a dark rose eye) and rose. (4-pack)

VINCA MAJOR: A very traditional foliage plant usually used in mixed annual plantings

in containers. Oval leaves 1 1/2-3" long; long trailing habit. Fast spreader. Lilac-blue flowers in early spring. Thrives from sun to full shade.

Maculata/paniculata--Green-gold splashed on medium-green leaves. Tends to be a bit more vigorous, yet softer looking than the white variegated. (4" coir pot)

Variegata--White/green variegated leaves. The more well known and widely used of our two species. Available in 'Standard' and 'Wojo's Gem' --more compact than the traditional with reverse variegation. In lower light, leaves are quite evenly cream-colored. In higher light, more green contrasting occurs. (4" coir pot)

VIOLA HYBRIDS (Johnny Jump-up): The small-flowered pansy. Violas can actually be considered hardy perennials in mild winters and self-sow readily in either case. Flowers are longer lasting than pansies and are edible. Space plants 6" apart in full sun to light shade in loose, fertile loam soil. Water frequently. Violas tend to do best during cool weather. Use as edging or in containers. Fall blooming varieties are becoming increasingly available (available late summer).

'Angel Tiger Eye'--Each small, yellow bloom has black veins radiating from the center, just like a tiger's eye. Very uniform and overwinters rather well. 4-6" tall. (4-pack)

Sorbet--Unique miniature hybrids combine the charm of violas with the explosive colors of pansies. The compact and mound-shaped plants, 6" high spreading to 12" wide, are very heat and cold tolerant, blooming freely for a long period of time. Available in Black Duet (Bicolor purple with black wing), Blue Heaven (violet-blue), Lemon Chiffon (lemon and yellow bicolor), Peach Frost (open peach with orange center and mature to shades of cream and orange with a purple cap), Plum Velvet (deep purple), Sunny Royale (yellow face with whiskers and a red-purple cap), Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow (white turning to blue with age) and Duet Mix (a mix of black, coconut, orange and purple Duets). (4-pack)

WANDERING JEW, Tradescantia zebrina, Zebrina pendula: Yet another tropical that has found it's way from the home to the garden. Striped greenish, silver

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and purple leaves with stunning purple undersides make a great addition to the mixed container and hanging basket. Blooms sporadically with small lavender blooms. Easily propagated by cuttings in either water or directly into a soilless mix. A stunning and old-fashioned houseplant year round. Outdoors it prefers a part shade to shady location, and although forgiving, it prefers ample moisture. Grows to about 6" tall and spreads indefinitely. (4 1/2" pot)

**XANTHOSOMA (Tannia, Cocoyam):** A tropical food crop similar to elephant's ears (taro) in growth habit and growing conditions. Varieties range in size from very small (1') to the very large at up to 8'. Like their relatives, alocasias and colocasias, there is a wide assortment of structure, leaf form and color. They produce a stout central rhizome surrounded by flask-shaped tubers. All are tolerant of full shade, but most grow best in part sun. Soil must remain on the moist side, but well-drained. Winter over the plants indoors.

**X. atrovirens 'Dwarf Green'**--A fast, full filler type with an attractive bluish tint. For part sun. Grows to 1-2' tall. (6" pot)

**X. aurea 'Lime Zinger'**--A highly demanded variety with large, bright chartreuse leaves. Plants top out at 5'. Tends to be very slow growing. (6" pot)

**X. jeoquinii lineatum**--Known for it's very bizarre, highly textured leaves. Grows to 4-7'. (8" pot)

**X. violaceum**--Excellent marginal aquatic with eye-catching dark purple stems. Grows to 4-6'. 4-6' tall. (6" pot)

**ZINNIA ELEGANS:** A striking addition to any flower bed, border or even container. Fresh cut bouquets of large, daisy-like flowers will enhance any home decor. Pick arrangements early in the morning to enhance their beauty. Very easy to grow. Requires full sun, heat and good air circulation. They will not tolerate cool, damp or stagnant air. Water early in the day and avoid getting the foliage wet, as mildew could be a problem. Water and fertilize regularly. Pinching young plants will provide denser foliage and more blooms. Deadhead regularly. Height and spacing vary by variety. Attractive to butterflies.

**Burpeeana Giants Mix**--Quilled, ruffled 6" flowers on 24" plants. (4-pack)

**Magellan Series**--A giant-flowered, fully double bedding series. Considered the best dwarf series in the world. Height within the series is very consistent at 12-14". Flowers measure up to 5" across! Ideal in both beds and containers. Available in coral (2005 AAS Winner), pink, scarlet and yellow. (4-pack and jumbo packs in summer)

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Profusion Double Series (*Z. angustifolia* x *elegans*)--Dense and bushy plants are covered with unique, 2", daisy-like double blooms. Like its single-flowered companions, the doubles are resistant to mildew and hold up to heat, humidity and drought. They grow about 12" tall. Available in Double Fire (orange-red) and Double Cherry (deep pink). (4-pack)

Profusion Series (*Z. angustifolia* x *elegans*)--Something totally new in zinnias and one of the most celebrated of garden annuals to come along in years. They produce single, daisy-like flowers 2" wide. Free-flowering all season; no deadheading is needed! Plant in full sun. Adapts well to containers. The most mildew-resistant zinnia available. Height 12-18". Available in deep apricot, cherry (1999 AAS Winner). (4-pack and jumbo packs in summer)

State Fair Mix--Large, husky plants with tremendous 6" dahlia-like blooms. The best cutflower zinnia we offer. Excellent color range of lavender, orange, pink, purple, rose and scarlet. Very tolerant to mildew and alternaria. (4-pack)

'Up roar Rose'--Well-branched plants are covered with large, fully double, deep rose blooms. A perfect cutflower! 24-32" tall. (4-pack)

'Zowie Yellow Flame'--A 2006 AAS Winner. These bright, bicolor blooms will give you all the drama of a desert sunset. Each 3-4" semi-double bloom contains a scarlet-rose center with yellow petal edges. Plants have a strong bushy habit and make excellent cutflowers. 22-28" tall. (4-pack and jumbo 6-pack in summer)

ZINNIA ANGUSTIFOLIA (Creeping Zinnia): Only 8-12" tall, these strong, spreading plants are equally good for hanging baskets or the border with a myriad of flowers completely covering the plant. Thrives in full sun; tolerates heat, humidity and drought. Very disease resistant; stays clean all summer.

Crystal Series--Early 8-10" plants provide exceptional flowering with white, daisy-like blooms. Weather and disease tolerant. Very early and compact. Available in white (a 1997 AAS Winner). (4-pack and jumbo pack in summer)

### ZINNIA MARITIMA:

'Solcito'--A nice alternative to both bidens and sanvitalia. Vigorous and fast growing, this little zinnia looks great all summer with an abundance of small, golden yellow blooms over lush, green foliage. Heat and drought loving. The mounded and spreading, 10-12" plants fill mixed containers quickly, and also make a great spreading groundcover, growing up to 20" across. For full sun. (4-pack)

### ZINNIA MARYLANDICA:

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Zahara Series--All-new disease-tolerant and heat-loving series with larger flowers and stronger colors than the market leaders. These zinnias are very drought tolerant with very low watering needs. Grows to 12-18". Available in scarlet, white and yellow. (4-pack and jumbo packs in summer)

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