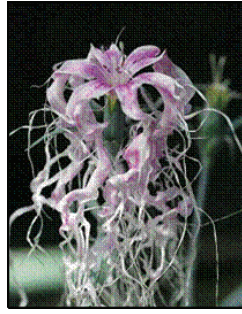


BEARDED DIANTHUS - WEIRD, NEW, AND EXOTIC

Are you looking to add the 'WOW' factor to your plant offerings this spring? We have the ticket right here in our brand new offering of Bearded Dianthus! The flowers on these exotic new beauties have to be seen to be believed.

A selection of the tender *Dianthus chinensis*, these are cool weather bloomers that can be ready for Easter, Mother's Day and beyond. They'll bloom beautifully all spring and early summer, and will continue to flower in summer with cool nights. The finish time from 50 cell packs into 6" pots at 3



plants per pot is wicked fast, as early as 3 weeks.

These will be traffic-stoppers in the garden centers this spring! They'll make beautiful 6" pots with 3 plants per pot, and will mix well in medium to large sized mixed containers. This year only mixed colors are available.

Growth habit is very upright and will reach up to 18" tall. Be sure to pinch once during production. This will give them a tidier, compact appearance and larger flower clusters during the early sales periods of spring.

Quantities will be limited this year, and are offered exclusively from Eckert's Greenhouse in 50 cell packs at \$.64 per cell. The earliest available ship date is the week of February 15, 2010. Click [here](#) for more information and more pictures of the new Bearded Dianthus.



Trade Show Time

Please Visit Us at These Shows:

The Western	Overland Park, KS	Booth #406C	January 4-7
Indiana Green Expo	Indianapolis, IN	Booth #419	January 7-8
Mid-States Hort Expo	Louisville, KY	Booth #605	January 12-13
CENTS	Columbus, OH	Booth #1705	January 25-27
Wintergreen	Duluth, GA	Booth #317	January 27-29
NE Texas Nursery Growers	Mesquite, TX	Booth #112	February 5-6
ProGreen	Denver, CO	Booth #1331	February 9-12

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A NEW CHOICE FOR EVERGREEN TREES

We are pleased to be representing C&G Nursery located in Newland, North Carolina. C&G is comprised of several different farm locations each growing different types of plant material such as evergreen trees, deciduous and flowering trees, or deciduous shrubs.

C&G grows most of their well cared for evergreen trees near Mountain City, Tennessee. Their wide selection of sheared evergreens includes Norway spruce, Colorado spruce, white spruce, Serbian spruce, white pine (sheared and semi-sheared), Canadian Hemlock, Fraser fir, Concolor fir, and several varieties of arborvitae. Of special note, their Canadian hemlocks are free of 'woolly adelgid', and can be shipped into all states except Michigan.



spring are another specialty of C & G's, with more than a dozen different varieties offered. They also have a good selection of top grade hollies and many of the new and improved forms of American elms. Click [here](#) to download a copy of their catalog.

C&G will ship a mixed load of plant material on their trucks for customers. They ship full truck loads with a maximum of two drops per load. EHR can give you an estimated freight rate to your area upon request.

C&G Nursery has one of the best selections of evergreen trees we at EHR have seen in a number of years. Please click [here](#) for pictures and pricing of some of their most popular offerings. For more information or to place your order contact your EHR Sales Rep or the EHR office at 800-214-2221.

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CREEK HILL NURSERY - NEW DIRECTIONS

Creek Hill Nurseries is pleased to announce a major expansion of their shade perennial program for the 2010 shipping season. With 48 different kinds of Astilbes, 6 different Epimediums, and 4 cultivars of Cimicifuga there is a wide range of plants available for shade and semi-shade applications.

Versatility, variety and ease of growth for wholesalers and homeowners make Astilbe a solid seller. Year in and year out this familiar genus makes geniuses of professionals and amateurs alike. Although known primarily as shade-loving perennials, Astilbes can handle a surprising amount of sun if they get enough water. They require consistent moisture and fertile soil in the ground or in containers, whether

grown in sun or shade. Creek Hill's Astilbe offering spans the range of colors and runs the gamut of available sizes. There is the petite, eight inch 'William Buchanan' and the six foot giant 'Moerheim's Glory', with every size in between represented in multiple hues.



Cimicifuga 'Pink Spike'

There are four different dark leaved selections of Cimicifuga available for 2010. Check out the variety 'Pink Spike', growing 4-5' tall with near-black foliage and long spikes of soft pink bottlebrush flowers in late summer. This is a beauty in or out of bloom!

As an added bonus, butterflies love it and deer don't.

Creek Hill Nurseries catalog for 2010 is hot off the press and ready to mail. Click [here](#) to request a copy.



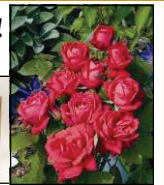
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**2011 FLEUROSELECT GOLD
MEDAL WINNERS**

FleuroSelect, the International organization for the ornamental plants industry, have recently announced their Gold Medal winners for 2011. The Gold Medal is awarded to novel varieties that have been tested by expert and independent judges and proven to be clearly superior in terms of breeding innovation and beauty.

Lathyrus odoratus 'Villa Roma Scarlet' is the first sweet pea awarded the coveted Gold Medal. This is a non-vining, shrubby form with striking scarlet blooms from July to September.



The compact forms of sweet pea are becoming more popular with the increase in container gardening, and 'Villa Roma Scarlet' will help the industry by being earlier to flower than existing varieties. Growing 10" tall by 10" wide, they are excellent for hanging baskets, mixed containers or planted directly into the

garden.

Zinnia 'Double Zahara Fire' is the other 2011 Gold Medal winner, and is the first disease-tolerant zinnia with truly double flowers. 'Double Zahara Fire' provides almost perfect performance in the garden with uniform and compact

habit and blazing flower display from late spring to first frosts. Plus the unique color and double flowers will demand attention from customers at the retail garden center.

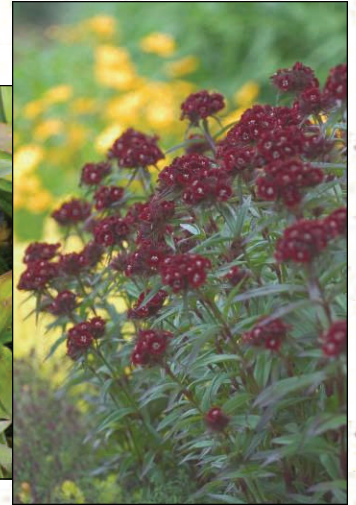


For more information about these exciting new plants, FleuroSelect, or previous years' Gold Medal winners, click [here](#) to visit the FleuroSelect website. Both varieties will be available later this winter from a number of plug producers.

JANUARY

PLANT OF THE MONTH

Dianthus 'Heart Attack'



An interesting new form of sweet william that comes to us from Plant Delights Nursery in North Carolina. Unlike most biennial sweet williams, the original clump of 'Heart Attack' is now over 15 years old and still going strong! Beautiful, carnation-like flowers of brilliant red-black start in early spring and continue for months above glossy, dark-green strap-like foliage.

Easy to grow, performing best in full sun to light shade. D. 'Heart Attack' will grow beautifully in mixed borders, making an excellent focal point in May and June. The attractive foliage and tidy habit will accent summer and fall bloomers too.

D. 'Heart Attack' will also do very well in large mixed containers, with its well behaved habit and unusual flower color that will look great with a broad range of other colors.

Name: *Dianthus barbatus* 'Heart Attack'

Hardiness: Perennial zones 3-9

Mature Ht & Wt: 12" tall x 24" wide

Use: Excellent in a mixed border, alone or in masses, in full sun to partial shade.

Flower color is unique and will accent almost all other flowers. An interesting addition for large mixed planters.

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