2017 HOT NEW PERENNIALS
There are 2 new introductions in the Swan series of anemones from the Elizabeth MacGregor Nursery in Scotland, both featuring the clumping habit of the original 'White Swan', but having semi-double, white, blue backed blossoms. 'Dreaming Swan' is more compact, growing 20-24" tall, and flowering from June into October. 'Ruffled Swan' is big and bold, up to 32" tall, blooming June into October. Hardy zones 4-8, and thriving in partial shade. Offered by Creek Hill, Walters Gardens, Opel Growers and Spaargaren.

‘Gaudi Violet’ is being praised for its free flowering, compact habit with masses of elegant soft violet drooping bell shaped flowers. The upright stems hold the flowers well above the foliage. First year flowering and vernalization free. Blooms from June - September but needs deadheaded to re-bloom. Hardy zones 4-9. Offered by PP & L.

Like the snake hair from the Medusa legend, this ornamental onion forms a low mound of grey-green snaky, twisty leaves. The nodding buds look like snakes at the tips of the stems, before they straighten to form 1.75-2" rounded clusters of light amethyst purple flowers. 'Medusa' spreads to 24 inches, reaching 20-24 inches in height. Attractive to butterflies and bees; deer and bunny resistant. Hardy zones 4-8. Offered by Walters Gardens.

Proven Winner selection from Walters Gardens that performs well for both Northern and Southern growers. In spring the new stems emerge near-black with leaves that are very dark green with silver veins. Star shaped, light periwinkle blue flowers envelop the foliage in late spring. 'Storm Cloud' maintains a wonderful landscape presence through out the summer and fall. Offered by Proven Winners Growers.
**ANDROPOGON GERARDII**  
‘Blackhawks’  
Big and bold selection of the native big blue stem grass from Intrinsic Perennials, growing 5’ tall with a very upright habit. Deep green foliage with a deep purple background deepening to dark purple and near black. Hardy zones 4-9. Offered by Emerald Coast Growers.

**ASTILBE**  
‘Purple Rain’  
Blooms a really nice dark pink/purple (astilbe purple). Its intriguing feature is that it produces many flowers and holds them dense and upright, grouping them all together making them look very full. It can be hard to see through them to the foliage. Hardy zones 4-9. Offered by Creek Hill, Spaargaren, and DeVroomen.

**ASTILBE**  
‘Visions Inferno’  
New addition to the Vision series out of FuturePlants. Blooms a pretty white pink blush color, but its interesting feature is that the flowers turn green instead of brown after blooming. This can make your garden appear neater without having to deadhead the blooms. It also makes an interesting cut flower for the rest of the summer. Hardy zones 4-9. Offered by Creek Hill, Spaargaren, and DeVroomen.

**ATHYRIUM NIPONICUM**  
‘Pearly White’  
A new selection of Japanese painted fern that features near white fronds edged in soft green. As easy to grow as other Jap painted ferns, growing 15-18” tall and wide. Perfect for brightening up a dark, shady garden, and an ideal companion for hostas or groundcovers. Hardy zones 4-9. Offered by Casa Flora.

**BAPTISIA**  
‘Brownie Points’  
Developed by Hans Hansen at Walters Gardens, Inc., this new variety of baptisia has 10” long spikes of caramel brown flowers with yellow keels, borne on a bushy, rounded clump in early summer. The intense brown color does not fade to yellow. Its 3’-3 1/2’ height could be used as a shrub in landscape settings, with minimal care. Zone 4-9 Full sun to part shade. A Walters Gardens exclusive.
**COREOPSIS ‘Sizzle & Spice’ Series**

Heat up your garden with SIZZLE & SPICE™ Coreopsis, a new line of threadleaf coreopsis from the breeding team at Walters Gardens. Members of this collection have compact, rounded habits that are covered with flowers from early to late summer. ‘Crazy Cayenne’ has large fiery orange flowers with more intense red-orange near the centers. ‘Curry Up’ features golden yellow blooms with clear, dark red eyes. ‘Hot Paprika’ is a rich, deep red. ‘Zesty Zinger’ flowers are a light ivory with dark magenta centers that blend out towards the tips. All grow 15-18” tall and prefer full sun. Hardy zones 5-9. A Walters Gardens exclusive.

**BAPTISIA PRAIRIEBLUES™ ‘Lunar Eclipse’**

Unique for its flowers, oversized on long inflorescences, ‘Lunar Eclipse’ produces a three-toned color effect. The flowers start with a lemon cream, aging then to a cream, and then to a light violet and ultimately medium violet. The stout stems angle out at the base creating a somewhat open habit. A Chicagoland Grows introduction. Hardy zones 4-7. Offered by Creek Hill.

**Buddleia Humdinger™ ‘Little Nugget’**

One of five new varieties in the exciting ‘Humdinger’ series from Walters Gardens. Each one blooming several weeks earlier than the ‘Monarch’ series. The ‘Humdinger’ series is noted to have a compact plant habit and shorter stature. ‘Little Nugget’ is impressive with brilliant gold new foliage and contrasting 5”-6” magenta purple flowers. Attracts butterflies and hummingbirds. Hardy to zones 5-10. A Walters Gardens exclusive.

**CARYOPTERIS ‘Blue Empire’**

All of the best attributes of traditional caryopteris but so much more grand in flowering, saturation in bloom color and superior upright habit. Its powdery grey-green foliage is the perfect skirting to present the long wands of stacked deep blue flowers. Makes a wonderful addition to the landscape or featured as the “thriller” in a mixed container. 36” tall and wide, and hardy zones 5-8. Offered by North Creek.
**COREOPSIS TRIPTERIS**

‘Gold Standard’

‘Gold Standard’ features excellent hardiness, deer resistance, and a sturdy habit that doesn’t lean even after a heavy rain. Blooms late July – September with bright yellow flowers. Flowers are followed by dark cones that present themselves late summer when other perennial color is winding down. Big, bold and beautiful, growing up to 5½’ tall in full sun. Hardy zones 4-9. Offered by North Creek.

**COREOPSIS**

‘Gilded Lace’

A selection from the 2015 Mt. Cuba Coreopsis Trials. This winner is represented by Plants Nouveau. It spread nicely over 2’ during the three year trial with the entire plant covered in blooms from end to end during the entire season. It has signature lacey, fern-like foliage that proved both mildew resistant and vigorous in fairly poor soil. Hardy zones 4-9. Offered by North Creek.

**COREOPSIS GRANDIFLORA**

‘SunKiss’

A new C. grandiflora from Kieft Seed which boasts the brightest yellow with large blotch flowers available. Easy to grow and will perform well in all types of soil conditions. ‘SunKiss’ is well branched, floriferous and grows 12”-16” tall. Perfect for growing in quarts and gallons, and blooms during the busiest time of year for garden centers. Hardy in zones 4-9. Offered by Aris/Green Leaf, Emerald Coast, Gulley GH and PP & L.

**COREOPSIS ‘UpTick’ Series**

A four color series bred by Ball/Darwin featuring large single bloom flowers, long blooming time, and outstanding plant habit. First year blooming, and doesn’t require vernalization. Ideal for offering as an entire series, with all varieties growing the same size and blooming at the same time. Colors are ‘Gold & Bronze’, ‘Cream’, ‘Cream & Red’, and ‘Yellow & Red’. They perform best in full sun, growing 14” tall and wide. Hardy zones 5-9. Offered by Aris/Green Leaf, Gulley GH and PP & L.
Dianthus ‘Kahori’ Series

Dianthus ‘Kahori’ has quickly become the standard for long blooming perennial dianthus, with blossoms continuing to show through most of the summer and a strong re-bloom in the fall. Now new from the same breeder are ‘Kahori Scarlet’ and ‘Kahori Pink’, all with the same great attributes. They are day-length neutral and require no vernalizing for 1st year flowering. They require full sun for best performance, and are flat-mat growing with the flowers reaching to about 6” in height. Hardy zones 4-8. Offered by PP & L.

Dianthus ‘Pinball Wizard’
A unique repeat flowering variety with fancy pink and white striped flowers, from the team at PlantHaven. These double spicy fragrant flowers are held on strong stems above beautifully colored blue silver foliage. ‘Pinball Wizard’ benefits from vernalization and is very attractive to butterflies and bees. Needs full sun, and is hardy zones 5-9. Offered by Aris/ Green Leaf, Gulley GH, Northwest Hort and PP & L.

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**Echinacea Butterfly™**

‘Postman’

Newest selection in the Butterfly series of coneflowers from AB Cultivars, ‘Postman is’ named for the lovely little postman butterfly. Like the other members of the Butterfly series, ‘Postman’ is a compact grower with strong, sturdy stems, reaching 18-24” tall and wide. It’s sterile with bright red flowers, and will bloom off and on all summer long. Hardy zones 4-9. Offered by Emerald Coast, PP & L & Spaargaren.

**Echinacea DoubleScoop™**

‘Mandarin’

The Double Scoop series produces full double flowers, compact and excellent hardiness, and this addition is no exception. It boasts a brilliant, non-fading mandarin color, attractive to butterflies. Upright in habit, the Double Scoop ‘Mandarin’ reaches 22 - 24” in height. Perfect for borders and growing in mixed containers. Hardy zones 5-9. Offered by Walters Gardens and Gulley GH.

**Echinacea Sombrero™**

‘Adobe Orange’

The Sombrero series is noted for well branched, sturdy and compact plants, featuring a high bud count. All are winter hardy and well matched in flowering throughout the series. ‘Adobe Orange’ produces very large, single flowers with overlapping orange petals surrounding a large rust-brown cone. Blooms late spring, summer, and late summer. Hardy in zones 4-9. Offered by Walters Gardens and Gulley GH.

**Echinacea**

‘Delicious Candy’

According to the Dutch hybridizer Marco van Noort, ‘Delicious Candy’ is his best echinacea in 5 years! The color on this double coneflower is practically fluorescent, with glowing fuchsia pink flowers. The single ray petals are held horizontally underneath the large pom-pom blooms. ‘Delicious Candy’ is one of the first echinacea to flower and stays fresh looking long into the season. In addition to its beautiful flowers, this coneflower also has attractive dark green leaves and dark stems on compact plants. Hardy zones 4-9. Offered by Walters Gardens & Spaargaren.

**Epimedium**

‘Pink Champagne’

One of the very best epimediums to come out of Darrel Probst’s breeding. Two foot tall plants with foot long flower spikes and large pink and white flowers. The foliage comes out a dramatic orange flecked with purple that eventually fades to the purple flecks on green and eventually just green. Epimedium are not all that common in retail garden centers, but one of the very best ground covers for shaded locations. Hardy zones 4-8. Offered by Creek Hill.
This is a new series from Dummen/Bartels featuring very large flowered varieties that will bloom the first year. They feature flowers that open perfectly flat. 3 colors so far, ‘Orange Halo, ‘Red’ and ‘Yellow Touch’, all with the same habit and bloom time, making them ideal for displays or even to plant together in a large container. Hardy zones 5-9. Offered by Dummen/Bartels and PP & L.

**GAILLARDIA ‘SpinTop’ Series**

- **‘Orange Halo’**
- **‘Red’**
- **‘Yellow Touch’**

**EPIMEDIUM**

- **‘Alabaster’**
  
  This pure white flowered form of epimedium is quicker to propagate and easier to finish than most epimediums. It makes an excellent groundcover for shade, growing 9-12" tall and up to 3' wide in just a couple of years. Flowers are in masses in spring. Hardy zones 4-8. Offered by Creek Hill and Spaargaren.

- **‘Dark Beauty’**
  
  An older variety that’s been floating around for a while. Its main feature is its dark purple/black leaves when it first emerges in spring. It holds this color as it begins to bloom purple and white flowers. Makes a really nice dark effect for early spring. Leaves then fade to olive and finally green as the season progresses. Hardy zones 4-8. Offered by Creek Hill.

**GAILLARDIA SUNSET™**

- **‘Snappy’**
  
  This new blanket flower from PlantHaven is the best of a new three variety series that feature single rows of flat petals, purple-pink in color with cream/yellow tips. A compact mounding plant habit that do well in full sun and well drained soil. Gives a real WOW factor in containers while in bloom. Grows best in full sun, and hardy zones 5-8. Offered by Dummen/Bartels, Emerald Coast, Gulley GH, PP & L, NW Hort, and Knox.
Proven Winners is introducing a new line of heucheras, the Primo™ series, featuring bigger and bolder varieties with better landscape performance. 'Black Pearl' has 4-4 1/2" jet black, scalloped leaves with ruffled edges and rosy-purple undersides. 'Pretty Pistachio' has huge chartreuse leaves that mellow to lime green in summer. 'Black Pearl' will tolerate sun or shade, but plant 'Pretty Pistachio' in partial shade to avoid leaf scorch. Hardy zones 4-9. Offered by Proven Winner Growers.

One of the longest blooming perennials on the market, gauras feature long stems of flowers held well above the foliage from early summer through the first frosts of fall. This beautiful new selection features white flowers edged in paintbrush like strokes of rose pink. Rounded bushes grow to 2’ tall. Grow in full sun for best blooming, hardy zones 6-9. Offered by Jaldety and Knox.

A striking new selection of seed grown heuchera from the new perennial program at Syngenta, 'Marvelous Marble Silver' has foliage that is nearly purple in spring, with silver expanding through the leaves with the heat of summer. An easy to grow, inexpensive alternative compared to TC grown clones. Deer resistant and hardy zones 4-9.

Proving its name, this summer bloomer is very floriferous with improved disease resistance. Sitting atop strong stems are large blooms with fancy fringed central petals. The flower colors from cream to lemon with contrasting deep gold centers atop strong stems, with a clumping habit 22” x 18”. Perfect for a sunny border with well drained soil. Hardy zone 5-9. Offered by Creek Hill, Gro 'N Sell, PP & L and Terra Nova.

Heuchera Primo™ Series

‘Black Pearl’

‘Pretty Pistachio’
Selecting our native butterfly weed as the 2017 Perennial Plant of the Year seems like a perfect choice with all of the interest in saving the Monarch butterfly populations. Easy to grow and long-lived, Asclepias tuberosa gives up to 3 months of tangerine-orange blooms on perfect little upright shrubs. The flowers, which are heavy laden with pollen and nectar, are also loved by hummingbirds, bees, beneficial insects, and other butterflies. They grow best in full sun, and make upright shrubs 24” tall and wide. They are deer resistant, and tolerant of wet or dry soils. Hardy zones 3-9, and native throughout almost all of the Eastern states.

**Heuchera**

*Mega Caramel*
Magnificent golden caramel colored foliage with pink-purple undersides. The leaves are nearly twice the size of traditional heuchera. Bred by Thierry Delabroye, ‘Mega Caramel’ thrives in summer heat and humidity and is drought tolerant once established. Deer resistant and hardy in zones 4-9. Offered by Creek Hill and Aris/Green Leaf.

**Heuchera Happy Hour™**

*Lime*
Heucherella HAPPY HOUR™ ‘Lime’ has clean, clear lime green foliage with no marbling. This great mixer has a wonderful vigor and forms a dense clump quickly. Easy maintenance with spring only bloom with short stems of white flowers. Loves partial shade to deep shade, but will burn in sun. Hardy zones 4-9. Offered by Terra Nova.

**Heuchera Dolce™**

*Appletini*
Like a green apple, ‘Appletini’ has bright lime green foliage with dark red stems showing ruby red flowers. The medium size leaves have a silver overlay making the plant more attractive as the front of the border or in a mixed container. The Dolce™ heucherella varieties are compact and tidy, great for small gardens and mixed containers. Hardy zones 4-9. Offered by Proven Winner Growers.
**HEUCHERELLA**

*Plum Cascade*

The first purple heucherella, and it’s trailing! ‘Plum Cascade’ has lobed, purple silver leaves. Small, light pink flowers appear all summer on short stems. Will make an excellent groundcover in shady locations, or can be used in mixed containers. Hardy zones 4 - 9. Offered by Terra Nova.

**HEUCHERA DOLCE™**

*Silver Gumdrop*

A showstopper with its silver, iridescent, semi-glossy leaves showing vibrant pink flowers, not the typical white or cream colored flowers. ‘Silver Gumdrop’ is a smaller scaled Heuchera that will make a great container plant! Later in the season the leaves will show a rosy blush overtone. Hardy zones 4-9. Offered by Proven Winner Growers.

**HEUCHERELLA FUN & GAMES™**

*Hopscotch*

The search was on for a great performing orange heucherella, and we’ve found it with ‘Hopscotch’. Leaves emerge red with dark red centers early in spring, before lightening to bronze red. Each leaf is lobed, giving it a unique lacy texture in the garden. In the heat of summer, the leaves mellow to deep green. In late spring, cream, bottlebrush shaped flowers appear. Hardy zones 4-9. Offered by Proven Winner Growers.

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**2017 HOSTA OF THE YEAR**

**HOSTA ‘BROTHER STEFAN’**

A truly stunning hosta with heavily corrugated golden foliage edged with a wide blue-green border. Big and bold, with foliage reaching up to 22" tall and 3’ wide, and topped by flower scapes in late spring that reach up to 2’ above the foliage. The flowers are large and white and prized by hummingbirds. Introduced by Olga Petryszyn, one of the world’s top hosta breeders, and named as a birthday present for her brother. A spectacular hosta, very deserving of being named Hosta of the Year. Hardy zones 3-9.

*Photo courtesy of Olga Petryszyn*
From the outstanding breeders of Realflor Nursery in southern England come these 2 new introductions in the Real collection of Shasta Daisies. They are a collection rather than a series since they don’t all grow the same size or finish at the same time. But they are all selected for their unique blooms, robust habit, disease-resistance, and ability to last long as a cutflower. ‘Real Charmer’ lives up to its name with large cream to lemon frilly double daisies on strong sturdy stems, growing 22” tall. ‘Real Sunbeam’ may be the best yellow flowered Shasta yet, with deep yellow petals surrounding darker yellow centers. Upright growing with sturdy stems, reaching 36” tall. Hardy zones 5-9. Offered by Danziger, Aris/Green Leaf, and PP & L.

**LEUCANTHEMUM ‘Real’ Series**

**‘Real Sunbeam’**

**‘Real Charmer’**

**HIBISCUS**

**‘Starry Starry Night’**

‘Starry Starry Night’ steals the spotlight with Walters Gardens’ darkest foliage hibiscus to date! Incredibly dark, near-black, broad, maple-like leaves form an upright clump in the landscape. It provides an incredibly floriferous show in late summer with 7-8” flowers that are pale pink with darker pink speckling and veining. Deer resistant and hardy zones 4-9. A Walters Garden exclusive.

**HIBISCUS SUMMERIFIC™**

**‘Ballet Slippers’**

A huge "Bravo" for ‘Ballet Slipper’ with a list of new and improved attributes. Huge 7” wide flowers, high bud count, good axillary branching for longer season of color, flowers that are produced from top to bottom rather than just at the top. ‘Ballet Slippers’ 7” wide flowers are ruffled with white and a deep red eye. The edges of the petals are edged with blush pink. Deer resistant and hardy in zones 4-9. Offered by Proven Winner Growers.

**HOSTA**

**‘Hans’**

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‘Wrinkle In Time’

‘Wrinkle in Time’ shows its ‘wrinkles’ in the showy, wavy margins of the leaves that begin one third of the way from the leaf base. In Spring, dark green leaves have creamy yellow margins that mature to creamy white margins in the summer. Lavender flowers appear above the foliage in mid-summer. Zone 3-9 9" tall 29" spread. Offered by Walters Gardens.

IBERIS

‘Snowsurfer Forte’

New from Syngenta, this vigorous growing selection of evergreen candytuft grows up to 28" tall with flowers that start early and continue up the stems as the days get longer. The plant and the flowers will be as much as 4 times larger than older forms of Iberis sempervirens. After blooming the plants hold an excellent shape with deep green color. Hardy zones 3-9. Offered by Syngenta and PP & L.

KNIPHOFIA POCO™

‘Sunset’

This new addition to the POCO™ Series has the short habit, the multiple crowns, and the short flower spikes in the first season. The flowers of ‘Poco Sunset’ are bicolor red-orange and orange and the plants have a very long bloom time with repeat blooming from July through October in Canby, Oregon. Hardy zones 6-9. Offered by PP & L and Terra Nova.

LUPINUS ‘Mini Gallery’ Series

A brand new series of lupines that is more compact than the old ‘Gallery’ series and blooming up to a full week earlier. The compact habit, excellent branching, and beautiful bloom display are making this series of lupines move from just being a garden plant to also being an excellent pot crop. Lupine ‘Mini Gallery Blue’ has been awarded the Gold Medal by FleuroSelect. 6 colors released so far, ‘Blue’, ‘Blue Bicolor’, ‘Pink Bicolor’, ‘Red’, ‘White’ and ‘Yellow’. Hardy zones 3-8. Offered by Walters Gardens.
**Lupinus ‘Westcountry’ Series**

Bold and beautiful, this new series of lupines from England will make a dramatic display in gardens and garden centers. Introduced and bred by Westcountry Nurseries in Devon, these are grown from tissue culture, ensuring that they will be true to name. The over-size bloom spikes appear in May. They need full sun and prefer rich soil. The deep purple ‘Masterpiece’ was a hit at the Chelsea Flower Show this year, where Westcountry Nurseries won their 3rd Gold Medal. Hardy zones 3-8. Offered by Gulley GH.

**Lavandula Angustifolia**

‘BigTime Blue’

This lavender is the earliest blooming angustifolia variety! It is a very compact, short shrubby herb with 4” flowers. Foliage is the same bright silver as ‘Munstead’ and ‘Hidcote’, with much larger flowers. Grows 12-15” tall, and hardy zones 5-9. Great for containers or landscape borders. Offered by Darwin, Aris/Green Leaf, Emerald Coast, Raker, Skagit and Knox.

**Ligularia**

‘King Kong’

King Kong has the same dark foliage as L. ‘Britt Marie Crawford’, but the leaves are nearly twice as large, as big as 16” across! New leaves are a glossy black-purple that mellow to burgundy purple in summer. Plants have a rounded upright habit, reaching about 3 1/2’ tall, and are topped in mid-summer by large golden daisies. Colors up best in partial shade. Hardy zones 4-9. Offered by Walters Gardens.

**Miscanthus Sinensis**

‘Little Miss’

From German breeder Klaus Menzel comes a vigorous, drought tolerant grass with stunning purple and red arching blades gradually fading to green. It sports a long season of interest with reddish flower heads July through October, with the color strengthening as it gets colder. It reaches 2’-3’ height and width at maturity. This tidy-growing smaller variety is ideal for containers, borders and landscape plantings. Hardy zones 6-9. Offered by Emerald Coast Growers.
**PEROVSKIA ATRIPICIFOLIA**

*Blue Steel*

An affordable seed variety perovskia from Kieft Seed that requires no vernalization or overwintering. 'Blue Steel' grows 18"-24" with silvery foliage that carry clumps of long lasting blue flowers. A hardy summer plant that attracts pollinating insects and hummingbirds. Hardy in zones 4-9. Offered by Emerald Coast, Gulley GH and Opel Growers.

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**PEROVSKIA ATRIPICIFOLIA**

*Blue Jean Baby*

Need a shorter, more manageable Russian sage that is still vigorous in the landscape and production? Try 'Blue Jean Baby'! Lavender blue flowers held in smoky purple calyxes bloom for a long period starting in midsummer, with the color from the calyxes extending appeal into fall. This variety is one of the earliest perovskia to bloom. Hardy zones 4-9. A Walters Gardens exclusive.

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**Nepeta grandiflora**

*‘Summer Magic’*

Blooms continuously from May to September, upright with deep lavender blooms held high above grass green leaves that make a wonderful garden combination. This new catmint is compact and never flops, even in the worst rain storm. 'Summer Magic' does not attract cats and compared to 'Walker’s Low', and ‘Six Hills Giant’, ‘Summer Magic’ has a much sturdier habit. A great looking container plant. Hardy in zones 4-9

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**Penstemon**

*‘Cherry Sparks’*

An exciting new penstemon that has the large, showy flowers of the annual forms but will winter reliably in zones 5-9. White throated red flowers are held on long stems above the deep green foliage, with an incredibly long bloom time, from June into August. Upright growing to 20" tall, and performs best in full sun. Offered by Darwin, Aris/Green Leaf, Emerald Coast and Gulley GH.

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**Penstemon**

*‘MissionBells Deep Rose’*

A beautiful new hybrid penstemon from Darwin, ‘MissionBells’ has large stems of huge, tubular bell shaped blooms of deep rose with a bright white throat. Exceptionally long bloom time, from June into August. Leathery, disease-resistant foliage is an attractive deep green. Rounded habit, growing 18-24” tall and wide. Hardy zones 5-9. Offered by Darwin, Aris/Green Leaf, Emerald Coast and Gulley GH.
**Phlox ‘Fashionably Early’ Series**

A new series of hybrid phlox that bloom earlier than the average paniculata varieties. They have shown to have a longer season of color as well as exceptional mildew resistance. The series also features thick leathery leaves and a stoloniferous plant habit (as opposed to the tightly clumping, P. paniculata types). Four colors in the series ‘Princess’-light fuchsia pink, ‘Crystal’-pure white, ‘Flamingo’-light lavender, and ‘Lavender Ice’-light lavender with lavender pink eye. Hardy in zones 4-8. A Walters Gardens exclusive.

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**Penstemon ‘Blackbeard’**

A new beardtongue that has dark deep purple eggplant shaped leaves with dark purple stems that hold lilac purple flowers with white flaring tubes. The flowers are followed with attractive deep burgundy seed pods for extended season interest. Performs well in heat and humidity and is cold hardy. Hardy zones 3-8. A Walters Gardens exclusive.

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**Phlox paniculata ‘Thai Pink Jade’**

A super mildew resistant selection of summer phlox from Plants Nouveau, featuring soft, cherry blossom pink blooms with a darker eye and a wonderful sweet candy fragrance. Upright growing to 30” tall, with heavy blooming from June into August. Hardy zones 3-8.

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**Phlox bifida ‘Top Notch’**

This unique groundcover phlox is striking for its neat habit, great flower coverage, and most importantly, its unique periwinkle blue flowers. Although this plant behaves similarly to Phlox subulata, it is a different species with unique characteristics. This plant forms a low, restrained mound of fragrant flowers, and it does not spread aggressively. Hardy zones 4-8. Offered by Walters Gardens.
**PHLOX**

*‘Pink Profusion’*
Developed by Jim Ault at Chicagoland Grows, this phlox is a cross between *P. subulata* and *P. stolonifera*. It’s known for its large (1 1/4”), attractive deep purplish pink flowers with deep reddish/purple center eye surrounded by white halo and long bloom time (late March to mid-June in Northern states). The flowers will cover the dark green foliage in peak bloom time. Hardy zones 5-8. Offered by Darwin and Aris/Green Leaf.

*Salvia nemorosa*

*‘Spring King’*
This new introduction from the folks at Bartels Stek is the earliest all of its type to flower, with large panicles of purple in April. It features an excellent habit, growing to 15” tall. Perfect for retail stores in quarts and gallons. It is 1st year flowering and doesn’t require vernalization. Prefers full sun, and is hardy zones 4-9. Offered by Dummen/Bartels, Gulley GH and PP & L.

*Sanguisorba*

*‘Little Angel’*
From the garden of Dutch breeder Marco Van Nord, this compact plant features strawberry-red button-shaped flowers and tidy green and white variegated foliage. Its maroon flowers rise up on slender stems in late summer, reaching 8-10” in height, making it the perfect choice for a front row border planting. Hardy zones 5-9. Offered by Creek Hill, Walters Gardens & Spaargaren.

**PHLOX STOLONIFERA**

*‘Sweet Seduction’ Series*
New from Bartels, the ‘Sweet Seduction’ series of the shade loving and ground hugging Phlox stolonifera will bring renewed interest in the species. Flowers appear to dance above the attractive foliage on 6” stems in spring, and when in full bloom will make the foliage disappear. Flowers are sweetly fragrant and last for several weeks. The plants habit is flat and so dense that they’ll keep weeds out. Hardy zones 4-9. Offered by Dummen/Bartels, Gulley GH and PP & L.
SEDUM 'Frosted Fire'
This is a variegated form of S. 'Autumn Fire', giving this new selection better flower color and better habit than sports of 'Autumn Joy'. 'Frosted Fire' features attractive creamy yellow edged blue foliage on tidy upright mounds, 12-15" tall. Flowers are bright rose in late summer. An exciting choice for bright sunny gardens in summer and fall, as well as an interesting centerpiece in mixed containers for late season. Hardy zones 3-9. Offered by Walters Gardens.

SEDUM 'Over The Moon'
'Over the Moon' transitions through many different phases throughout the growing season, starting with a wide habit of dark olive green leaves rimmed with rose. The very refined flowers appear in late summer to early fall and are produced on the top of the dense habit. Large flower heads of creamy white blossoms age to blush rose. Perfect for the fall landscape. Very upright growing, to 18" tall in full sun. Hardy zones 3-9. A Walters Gardens exclusive.

SEDUM ELLACOMBEANUM
‘Cutting Edge’
A new variegated sedum with bright butter yellow edge foliage and highlights of pink in early spring. Blooms of golden yellow flowers in summer atop a mounding 6”-8” tall plant that spreads 12” wide. Grows well from spring into fall in part to full shade. Hardy zones 4-9.

SEDUM SEXANGULARE
‘Golddigger’
A unique golden leaved evergreen sedum with a six-sided finger foliage. Ground hugging 4"-6" tall plant with golden yellow flowers from June into July. ‘Golddigger’ shows it’s best golden color in the summer. Hardy zones 4-9.

STOKESIA
‘Blue Frills’
Developed by Har Stemkens, this stokesia has large vivid-blue flowers with darker centers forming a canopy over leafy flower stems. Upright branching habit and dark-green lance-shaped foliage. Very long bloom time, late spring through summer, growing 16-18” tall. Hardy zones 5-9. A Blooms of Bressingham introduction. Offered by Aris/Green Leaf and PP & L.
**TIARELLA**

**‘Sylvan Lace’**

New from Terra Nova Nursery, T. ‘Sylvan Lace’ is breaking down the barriers on foliage color for a tiarella. The red centered, yellow leaves look much more like a heucherella. Flowers are near white and held above the foliage in late spring/early summer. Easy to grow with a mounding habit, this will make a nice addition to the shady garden or as a companion in mixed pots. Hardy zones 3-9. Offered by Terra Nova.

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**TRADESCANTIA**

**‘Charlottes Web’**

Finally—a gold foliage spiderwort that doesn’t burn in sun! The grass-like leaves emerge in spring with a thin red margin on the edges of each leaf blade. Upright, mounded habit with soft blue flowers, reaching a height of 16-18" and a spread of 24-26". Flowers open in the morning and close in the afternoon on sunny days. Hardy zones 4-9. Offered by Proven Winner Growers.

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**VINCA MINOR**

**‘Evelyn’**

Here’s a striking new introduction of periwinkle that will give 4 seasons of interest! The evergreen foliage is eye-catching with a prominent cream edge, and makes an excellent, fast-growing groundcover. In spring the bright white, oversized flowers make a perfect complement to the foliage. Excellent for partial to deep shade. Hardy zones 5-9. Offered by HMA and Gulley GH.

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**SEDUM SUNSPARKLER™**

**‘Wildfire’**

Newest introduction to the popular SunSparkler series from Chris Hansen, ‘Wildfire’ is an entirely new look with deep burgundy-red foliage edged in rose. Its habit is rounded and upright, giving it a mounding appearance. The color contrast with other sedums will be stunning. Late blooming with large clusters of rose-pink in summer. Grow in full sun for best color. Hardy zones 3-9.

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**SEMPERVIVUM**

**CHICK CHARMS™**

**‘Gold Nugget’**

The newest introduction from Chris Hansen in his Chick Charms program, ‘Gold Nugget’ is the first gold leaved sempervivum. This is a ground-breaking new variety, written about in most gardening magazines and receiving praise from perennial experts everywhere. Super easy to grow, and already proven to have a stable, non-reverting color pattern. Sure to be showy in quarts and in gallons, and an excellent choice for mixed containers of succulents. Hardy zones 4-9.
**VERONICA MAGIC SHOW™**

‘Pink Potion’
A beautiful new addition to the Proven Winners ‘Magic Show’ series of veronicas, ‘Pink Potion’ has long stems of baby pink blooms held well above the foliage in summer. An excellent complement to ‘Enchanted Indigo’, the blue flowered member of the ‘Magic Show’ series. It replaces ‘Sweet Lullaby’ in the Proven Winners program. Hardy zones 4-8. Offered by Proven Winner Growers.

**VERONIA LETTERMANII**

‘Southern Cross’
A hybrid found in a batch of seedlings of Vernonia lettermanii by Intrinsic Perennial Gardens. ‘Southern Cross’ has deep green foliage measuring 1/2" wide, that looks good all season long. Plants grow 3’ tall and wide and bloom in August, with purple flowers that can have thin white filaments along with lacy purple petals. A good source of nectar for bees and butterflies. Hardy zones 4-9. Offered by Walters Gardens.

**VERONICA**

‘Perfectly Picasso’
This veronica paints a masterpiece with its paintbrush-like spikes producing white buds that open to medium pink flowers, creating a unique bicolor look. Butterflies and hummingbirds are attracted to its flowers, which cover the top half of the plant. The bottom half shows off medium green leaves on a beautifully rounded habit. Perfect for the middle of the border, it reaches 22-26" in height. Hardy zones 4-9. A Walters Gardens exclusive.

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