Perennials continue to gain popularity and market share. Check out these new plants from breeders worldwide.
Sombrero Echinacea – Unexpectedly Bold and Bright
As hardy as it is colorful, Sombrero Echinacea is a perennial favorite with growers and gardeners. Naturally well branched and compact, Sombrero delivers excellent uniformity in habit and timing across the series. It’s easy to ship and shows well at retail. And it overwinters to Zone 4, so customers can count on exceptional color year after year. New Lemon Yellow brings a burst of sunshine to the series: see Sombrero’s other brilliant varieties – Hot Coral, Salsa Red and Sandy Yellow – at darwinperennials.com.

Make Mine a Double – Double Scoop Echinacea
If you’re looking for a fully double Echinacea with outstanding color and unbeatable hardiness, look no further than Double Scoop! You’ll love Double Scoop for its excellent branching, reliable finishing and easy production. Gardeners will love its profusion of intensely colored, long-lasting blooms. Check out new Double Scoop Cranberry, Darwin Perennials’ best double red Echinacea, with rich, non-fading color. And don’t forget the other delicious Double Scoops – Bubble Gum, Orangeberry and Raspberry. You’ll find them all at darwinperennials.com.

Carnival Heuchera is a Celebration of Color
What’s new in combos? Perennials! This all-new Heuchera series brings seven incredible colors and a nice mounding habit to the party. Carnival is cost-effective to produce, making it an economical choice for mixed containers and shady landscapes. And because it tolerates heat, it mixes well with a wide variety of inputs without fading. Once customers see how beautifully Carnival performs, they’ll want to try more of those amazing colors. You can see all seven and get more information on this cool new collection at darwinperennials.com.
‘Cheyenne Spirit’ Echinacea
Echinacea ‘Cheyenne Spirit’ provides many seasons of incredible colors reminiscent of the North American plains. It features sought-after shades of red, orange, purple, scarlet, cream, yellow and white. This wide range of colors blooms on well-branched, durable plants sure to please the color preferences of any gardener. Use in the perennial border, in a mass landscape planting, in butterfly gardens or as a cut flower. A 2013 winner of All-America Selections Flower Award, ‘Cheyenne Spirit’ has excellent overwinter performance and drought tolerance. Its excellent seed genetics is economical and suitable for gallons and quarts, offering opportunities at various price points to meet different market and retailer needs.

Dalmatian Digitalis
The Dalmatian series of Digitalis purpurea from Kieft Seed is uniform in height and early to flower. This fully first year-flowering perennial is well branched with excellent habit and compact foliage, and produces strong colors on good-quality spikes. Plant in back of a perennial border for seasons of enjoyment. Dalmatian is the fastest digitalis on the market, taking just 15 to 17 weeks from sowing to sales as an early-Summer annual for gardens and planters. Suitable for 4-in./10-cm and larger containers. Available in four colors. New Peach blooms with very light pink-rose spots.

Ellagance Lavandula
Ellagance Lavandula has large flower spikes on well-branched, bushy plants. Gardeners will enjoy its feel-good fragrance in perennial beds and on the patio. Shearing Ellagance back in early-Spring will rejuvenate the plant and keep it bushy and full. Bred for large-scale pot production with maximum yield, the plants fill pots quickly and finish with large, dense flower spikes and very strong stems. With rich gray-green foliage, Ellagance stands out from other seed and vegetative lavenders for its excellent uniformity, color range, earliness and spike quality. It’s Winter hardy and cold tolerant with good tolerance to foliar diseases compared to other lavenders.

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Kniphofia ‘Echo Duo’
Kniphofia ‘Echo Duo’ joins the Reblooming Echo series with ‘Echo Mango’ and ‘Echo Rojo’. Peachy orange and Cream flowers stand strong above the grass-like foliage all summer long. Duo is a prolific bloomer and is beautiful in the mix or on its own. Hardy to zone 6, low water requirements, forms clump to 18” wide, flowers stand 30-36”.

Two new Coreopsis verticillata varieties have been added to the ‘Roads’ Series.
‘Electric Avenue’ is an extremely bright, clear yellow that really stands out. ‘Broadway’ is a new color in coreopsis, with red flowers with orange undertones. Both are sure to stop traffic. The Roads Series has proven hardiness in zone 5 and are long blooming, from June to frost. Height and spread of 18-24”.
LEWISIA Longipetala-Hybr. ‘Little Mango’
‘Little Mango’ is an exciting color breakthrough in Jelitto’s successful Lewisia series that includes the popular ‘Little Plum’ and ‘Little Peach’. ‘Little Mango’ has an abundance of spring blooms – the color of fleshy mango fruit – on short sturdy stems to 6-inch with tight rosettes of leathery, lance-shaped leaves. These hybrids re-bloom in the fall (unusual for Lewisias), have proved more adaptable to cold, wet winters and are excellent candidates for container production. Jelitto’s Lewisia Longipetala-Hybrids flower the first year from seed, and do not suffer from rust and leaf crown rot. These beauties are first year flowering and available once again this year in easy-to-germinate JELITTO GOLD NUGGET SEED.

ALCEA Ficifolia-Hybr. ‘Las Vegas’
Jelitto considers hollyhocks one of the most popular, recognizable and easy-to-grow perennials. The decorative fig leaf hollyhock, a hardy Siberian species, is hard to miss. The curvy leaves are very distinctive but ‘Las Vegas’ turns heads for a second look. The saucer-shaped parchment-like blossoms shine like the bright colorful lights of Vegas. And there is another payoff. This beauty is a bit shorter than most fig leaf hollyhock strains and the decorative lobed leaves climb all the way up the sturdy stems. Jelitto’s ‘Las Vegas’ is longer lived than the typical biennial hollyhocks, and will flower the first year from seed if started early. Also available in easy-to-germinate JELITTO GOLD NUGGET SEED.

CLEMATIS integrifolia ‘Blue Ribbons’
‘Blue Ribbons’ is an improved, low-growing seed strain with an abundance of 1.75-inch flowers that are up to 3 times bigger than typical forms. Jelitto’s ‘Blue Ribbons’ remains upright to 16-inch and doesn’t sprawl like others, though light staking or support of other perennials is still helpful where heavy summer rains or high winds prevail. The nodding, indigo blue flowers, shaped like little parasols, flower from May through August and are followed by decorative silvery seed heads into early winter. ‘Blue Ribbons’ grows wider and more beautiful every year, and is a wonderful new selection of a long-lived species that deserves wider use.
New, hardy perennials from progressive breeders around the world are brought to you by Skagit Gardens.

**Coreopsis Big Bang ‘Mercury Rising’**
Born in the U.S.A., Coreopsis ‘Mercury Rising’ has a rich ruby red color that doesn’t fade in the sun and the heat. Vigorous but compact, it forms an attractive mound, 15–18" by 24", covered with large, single, red flowers. Like the others in the Big Bang Series, it needs no vernalization, and since it sets little to no seed, it blooms continuously until fall. Very easy to grow and drought tolerant once established, it thrives in a wide range of growing conditions in sunny beds, borders and large containers.

**Helleborus Gold Collection Merlin**
In fine German tradition, this Hellebore was bred with precision to produce remarkable blooms with long-blooming determination. Before winter slides into spring, Merlin’s masses of light pink to pink blossoms deepen to cranberry and then to a rich ebony purple by May. From the trendsetting Gold Collection, Merlin has large, forward-facing blossoms complemented by dark stems and deep green, disease and deer resistant foliage. For shady beds and borders, and even patio pots, Merlin, along with the others in the series, brings showy flowers to a bare time of year.

**Primula Kennedy Irish Drumcliff**
The leprechauns have been at it again! Bred from traditional Irish varieties, this striking Primrose has the darkest foliage currently on the market. A bouquet of large, white flowers with a wee hint of lavender is surrounded by a rosette of deep bronzy purple leaves. These very floriferous Primroses are hardy perennials that get more magnificent every year. The first in a series, Drumcliff was first introduced in the United States on the 50th anniversary of John F. Kennedy’s presidential inauguration. The name commemorates the Irish poet W.B. Yeats.
**Hibiscus ‘Midnight Marvel’**
Don’t miss one of the most talked about introductions this year—Hibiscus ‘Midnight Marvel’! Dramatic wine purple foliage forms a perfect backdrop for the huge 8-9”, deep scarlet red flowers from midsummer through early fall. Height: 4ft  Zone: 4-9. Available in 72ct plugs and in large bare root plants suitable for finishing in 2-3 gallon containers.

**Proven Winners Monarda d. ‘Pardon My Purple’**

**Hemerocallis ‘Mighty Chestnut’**
With flowers so unique, this one is guaranteed to stand out from the crowd. Fragrant, majestic russet red-orange blossoms with a burgundy eye and gold throat are produced prolifically in midsummer. Height: 30in  Zone 3-9. #1 and #2 grade bare root plants available.

**Perovskia a. ‘Peek-a-Blue’**
If typical Russian Sage is too large and unruly for you, try this new short selection that stands just over 2ft tall and wide at maturity. Finely dissected, silvery green, aromatic foliage forms an attractive clump topped with lavender blue flowers for several months. Height: 24-28in  Zone: 4-9. Available in plug and bare root form.
New Perennial Varieties

Anything that makes the consumer’s life easier is probably going to be a success. Perennials offer just that. See what’s new for the upcoming season from breeders worldwide.

**AGASTACHE**

Dark Blue is a new color to Green Fuse Botanical’s Acapulco Deluxe. A perennial to Zone 5, it requires only one pinch.

**AGAVE**

Santina from Rancho Tissue Technologies is a spineless Agave new to the Rancho Collection line. Produced by tissue culture for consistency and good vigor, it was selected for its unique characteristics and genetics. It’s hardy in full sun for Zones 7 and 8, and in partial shade for hotter climates.
**ANDROPOGON**

*Red October* from Intrinsic Perennials has deep green foliage that features burgundy red tips from spring to fall. Burgundy red flowers bloom in August on 5- to 6-foot red stems, deepening as the nights cool. The entire plant turns scarlet by the first frost, usually in October. It needs full sun with average to well-drained soil.

**ANEMONE**

*Julia* is the latest addition to Blooms of Bressingham's *Pretty Lady* series. Featuring pink, 2-inch double blooms, it has a dwarf habit with an improved container performance. Growing to 16 inches tall (18 inches in a container) and 20 inches wide, this fall-bloomer likes full sun to partial shade, and needs more shade in very warm climates. It also does not need pinching or vernalization.

**ARENARIA**

A hardy, durable ground cover, *Lemon Ice* will bloom from spring to early summer. Available from Pacific Plug & Liner, it requires little to no maintenance.

**BERGENIA**

Named after the Japanese word for cherry blossoms, *Sakura* from Terra Nova Nurseries’ *Dragonfly* series has semi-double pink flowers with evergreen foliage in a compact habit. Deer-resistant, drought-tolerant and attractive to hummingbirds, it grows to 15 inches in flower height and 10 inches in spread. Performing well in Zones 4 to 9, it is ideal for containers, banks, front-of-the-border or mixed beds. It also features purple-black leaves in the winter.

*Angel Kiss* is also from Terra Nova Nurseries’ *Dragonfly* series. It has white flowers that fade to a light pink as it ages, and has nearly black winter foliage. With
New varieties

a compact habit, it grows to 15 inches in flowering height and has a spread of 12 inches. Hardy to Zones 4 to 9, it can be placed in sun to partial shade.

**BRUNNERA**

**Sea Heart** from Plants Nouveau is best suited for hot, humid climates, as its cardboard-strength foliage holds up in the heat. It can grow up to 12 inches in height, 24 inches in spread, and blooms two-toned pink and blue flowers. It can be placed in partial sun or full shade.

**Silver Heart** is also from Plants Nouveau. It has a similar appearance to the Looking Glass variety, but with thicker foliage and deep blue flowers. Like Sea Heart, it holds up well in the heat and has the same height and spread.

**BUDDLEJA**

With brightly variegated, whitish-yellow foliage and violet-mauve flowers, **Burncross** is a stable variegation from Blooms of Bressingham. Attracting butterflies from mid-summer to early fall, it grows to 34 inches in height and 30 inches in spread and has a more compact and mounding habit than the typical genus. Non-invasive, it does not spread or seed. It needs full sun and is hardy to Zone 6, and Zone 5 in Colorado.

**CAMPANULA**

**Ringsabell Indigo Blue** and **Ringsabell Mulberry Rose** from Skagit Gardens are named after their bell-shaped blooms. With a perky, scalloped edge along its petals, the Ringsabell varieties have a compact, clumping habit and bloom from May through July. They grow to 6 inches in foliage, 15 inches in flower.

**Appeal Deep Blue** is genetically compact, does not require vernalization and is ideal for patio containers, mixed combinations, or can be used indoors. The first in a new series from Sakata, Appeal Deep Blue can be included in spring and summer assortments, and as a high value pot crop for an end-cap promotion.

**CAREX**

**Evercolor** from Pacific Plug & Liner comes in five varieties that offer year-round color. Bred by Fitzgerald Nurseries in Ireland, Evercolor can be used for patios, balconies, green-wall plantings or in the garden. Hardy to Zone 5, it has a height and spread of 12 inches and needs full to partial sun.

A dwarf form of Sparkler, **Spark Plug** from Terra Nova Nurseries forms short,
tight clumps of variegated leaves. It is deer-resistant and grows to 15 inches in height and 13 inches in spread. Requiring partial to almost full shade, it can be used as a woodland accent plant.

CISTUS
An all gold leaf Cistus hybridus, **McGuire’s Gold** from Terra Nova Nurseries blooms white flowers in May and June. It has a low mounding habit and grows to 18 inches in height and 30 inches in spread. Hardy to Zones 7 to 10, it needs full sun.

CLEMATIS
An improved, low-growing seed strain with flowers 1.75 inches in size, **Blue Ribbons** from Jelitto remains upright and doesn’t sprawl. Growing up to 16 inches in height, light staking or support of other perennials is helpful for heavy summer rains or high winds. With indigo-blue flowers shaped like parasols, Blue Ribbons blooms from May through August. Its flowers are followed by silvery seed heads into the early winter.

COREOPSIS
Compact and bushy, **Sylvester** from Darwin Perennials can be finished from first-year cuttings for fast-finish perennial containers. Featuring bright yellow blooms, it does not require PGRs or bulking. It has a height range of 16 to 20 inches, a spread range of 14 to 16 inches, and blooms from May to September. It is best suited for full gallon programs.

With foliage covered in wine-red blossoms with golden orange buttons in the center, **Mercury Rising** from the **Big Bang** series is hardy to Zones 5 to 9 and blooms from early summer through early fall. Featuring a vigorous growth and well-branched clumps of bright green, narrow leaves, it does not require deadheading or other maintenance for continuous bloom. Growing at least 15 inches in height and 24 inches in spread, Mercury Rising comes from Skagit Gardens and Walters Gardens.

**Golden Sphere** is the newest addition to Danziger’s **Solanna** series. Ideal for gardens, patios and mixed containers, it has large yellow flowers and a compact, mounded habit. Thriving in full sun and well-drained soil, it is hardy to Zone 5 and has an early bloom time.
Summer Punch from Terra Nova Nurseries is new to the Punch series with its red bicolor flowers with orange tips. Forming low mounds it is hardy to Zones 8 to 10, needs full sun, and grows up to 10 inches in flowering height and 14 inches in foliage spread.

Terra Nova Nurseries also has two new varieties to its Jewel series. Desert Coral features large flowers of sun-tanned peach and coral and has a continuous summer bloom. Growing to 11 inches in height and 14 inches in spread, it has a dwarf, mounding habit. Pink Sapphire has a five month bloom period of its pink flowers. A hardy, compact plant, it grows 16 inches in height and spread. Both varieties are hardy to Zones 6 to 10 and require full sun.

Electric Avenue and Broadway join the Roads series from Itsaul Plants. Electric Avenue features bright, clear-yellow color, while Broadway blooms red flowers with orange undertones. Long-blooming, they are in flower from June to frost. Their height and spread ranges between 18 and 24 inches.

DAHLIA
Memories and Fantasy are new to the Mystic series from PlantHaven. Known for its vibrant colors, dark center discs and deep mahogany to black foliage, the Mystic series does not need staking and is ideal for a tropical or perennial garden border. They also work well for pots and planters on the patio or deck. Fantasy has soft pink, sun-kissed blooms, while Memories has a soft, pale peach color.

DIANTHUS
Available in four varieties, the fragrant series of Fruit Punch from Proven Winners is deer-resistant, low-maintenance, drought-tolerant and attracts butterflies. These double flowers can be placed in front-of-the-borders or used in combination containers. The
New varieties

bloom atop a short mound of foliage early in the summer, and shearing after the first flowering will encourage them to re-bloom in early fall. **Apple Slice, Black Cherry Wild, Coconut Punch** and **Pomegranate Kiss** can be placed in full sun to partial shade.

For a Dianthus that offers continuous bloom, there is the **EverLast** series from Darwin Perennials. Its five varieties — **Burgundy Blush, Lavender+Eye, Lilac+Eye, Orchid** and **White+Eye** — bloom early, stay in bloom and re-bloom as night temperatures drop in late summer. Hardy to Zone 4a, the series can grow up to 12 inches in height and 14 inches in spread.

**Rosebud** from PlantHaven’s **Promotional Line** has a compact form and fragrant, frilled, double-blooms on short stems. With repeated blooming, it does not require vernalization and is recommended for a 4- and 6-inch early-mid season program.

Also from PlantHaven is **Coral Reef**, a **Scent First** pot selection that produces spicy fragrant, deep coral flowers with white picotee on short sturdy stems. Suitable for pot and patio containers, it has repeated blooming and a compact habit. It is recommended for a 4- and 6-inch mid-season program.

**Constant Beauty** from Green Fuse Botanicals is a new series of dianthus. Its first variety is a pink color with semi-double flowers and silver foliage. An early bloomer, it has continuous color in California conditions all year round. It is also highly scented.

**ECHINACEA**

Plants Nouveau has added several new varieties of Echinacea. **Cleopatra** and **Julia** are new to the **Butterflies** series. Cleopatra gets its name from a European butterfly, due to its bright, golden color. It branches well, making it ideal for borders or massing plant, and can also be used in containers or for patios. Presenting a bright orange color, Julia also gets her
name from a European butterfly. Both varieties are compact and sturdy.

Three varieties are new to the Conefection series from Plants Nouveau. **Buttercream** is a double coneflower with butter-yellow blooms. **Honeydew** has creamy, greenish-white petals that surround a double lime-green cone. It is well-branched and has multiple flowers on each stem. Both have a height range of 18 to 24 inches, a spread of 18 to 20 inches, and require full sun. **Butterfly Kisses** has deep pink, double flowers that start with a green center and age to a raspberry pink. It is compact and can grow up to 15 inches in height, 18 inches in spread. It is also grown exclusively by Walters Gardens for 2013.

Several new varieties have been added to Terra Nova Nurseries’ **Supreme** series. **Flamingo** has coral and pink flowers and an upright habit. **Cantaloupe’s** orange flowers have a long bloom period, and it has a strong, upright habit. **Elegance** features a deep rose center and bright pink petals. All are double-anemone type flowers that are hardy to Zones 4 to 9 and require full sun.

**Cinnamon Cupcake** is new to the **Cupcake** series from Terra Nova Nurseries. With red, double flowers, it is short and well-branched, growing up to 24 inches in height and 23 inches in spread. With many flowers over a long season, Cinnamon is hardy to Zones 4 to 9 and needs full sun.

**Orange** is the latest variety of the **Colorburst** series from Terra Nova Nurseries. It has large, double flowers, a short, well-branched habit and good vigor. Its flowering height reaches 28 inches, and it has a spread of 22 inches.

**Ferris Wheel** presents a strong, wagon-wheel pattern and has a high flower count. From the **Carnival** series by Terra Nova Nurseries, it has a short, multi-crown habit and grows to 24 inches in height and 16 inches in spread.

**Affair** is new to the **Secret** series from Terra Nova Nurseries. Its double flowers have colors like mauve, lavender and rose. It has a low-branching habit, with foliage to the base of the plant. It grows up to 23 inches in spread and 16 inches in height. Also new to the Secret series is **Glow**, an Echinacea that has school bus yellow, anemone double blooms. With a high flower count and decent branching, it grows up to 25 inches in height and 24 inches in spread.
New varieties

**FICIFOLIA**

*Las Vegas* from Jelitto has saucer-shaped, parchment-like blossoms and is shorter than most fig leaf hollyhock strains. With lobed leaves climbing up its sturdy stems, it lives longer than typical biennial hollyhocks and if started early, will flower in the first year from seed.

**GAILLARDIA**

*Eternal Flame* from Danziger’s *Gayla* series features orange flowers that continue to bloom from spring to fall. Well-branched and floriferous, it has a mounded habit and is best suited for the garden, patio or mixed containers.

*Two Moons* and *Full Moon* are new to Green Fuse Botanicals’ *Lunar* series.

**GAURA**

*Rosy Jane* from Rijnbeek and Son B.V. has bi-colored flowers that bloom from June to late September. Growing up to 30 inches, it is stable and ideal for borders and patios in sunny and semi-shaded areas. If it has too many dead flowers, cut it back to 4 inches above the ground and new flowers will bloom in a few weeks in a more compact habit.

*Bantam* is a new series from Green Fuse Botanicals. Available in pink and white, the varieties are hardy to Zone 5 and have a compact habit without the use of PGRs.

**GERANIUM**

*Azure Rush* from Blooms of Bressingham

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Flowering for months, they are ideal for mixed containers and are Zone 5 hardy.
has the same traits as its parent Rozanne, but has 2.5-inch light blue flowers and a more mounding habit. Blooming from late May until frost, it has a vigorous growth, compact and self-branching habit, and loves the heat. It does not require vernalization.

**GEUM**

Intrinsic Perennials has three new geums. **Gimlet** has pale-yellow and creamy-yellow flowers on full hearty plants.

Growing to 18 inches tall, it does best in full sun and rich, moist soil. **Limoncello** features lemon-yellow flowers on 12-inch stems. **Sea Breeze** is bright orange with tubular petals that appear to be blowing in the wind, and can grow between 15 and 18 inches tall. All three like full sun, and rich, moist soil.

**HELENIUM**

The **Mariachi** series from Plant Nouveau was brought to the company from Arie

**Helenium Salsa**
New varieties

Blom of AB-Cultivars in The Netherlands. These virus-free sneezeweed selections come in four colors. Sombrero is bushy and compact with sunshine yellow blooms. Salsa has red blooms with dark chocolate button centers. Siesta gets its name from its golden-yellow petals, and looks like a miniature black-eyed susan. And Fuego features bi-color orange and gold blooms. The series is hardy to Zones 3 to 9.

**HELICHRYSUM**
Featuring round, red buds, Amber Cluster opens to a pale pink, then changes to an orange-yellow before fading to yellow, stiff, papery flowers. From Blooms of Bressingham, it forms neat mounds with silvery, woolly foliage. Suitable for patios, its height ranges from 8 to 10 inches, and its width ranges from 8 to 16 inches. Hardy to Zones 8 to 10, it needs full sun and flowers best in poor, free-draining soil.

Ember Glow from Blooms of Bressingham has deep red buds that age to a fiery orange and then open to stiff, papery flowers. Like Amber Cluster, it too forms neat mounds of silvery, woolly foliage and does well for patios. Ember Glow has a height of 14 inches and a spread of 8 to 16 inches.

**HELEBORUS**
Candy Love, Snow Love and Double Fashion are new to Plant Nouveau’s

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Helichrysum Amber

Helichrysum Ember Glow

Helleborus Red Sapphire
**Winter Magic** series. Candy Love is floriferous at a young age with soft pastel shades of yellow and pink blooms. Snow Love has creamy white to yellow blooms that develop a green patina as they mature. Its vigorous clumps also increase and it becomes more floriferous every year. Double Fashion was chosen for growing into a large clump quickly in pots and gardens. It has double white flowers and dark, olive-green foliage. All three are resistant to deer and do well in dry shade.

A vigorous grower bred in The Netherlands, **Penny’s Pink** from Pacific Plug & Liner has mid-pink flowers that have a unique dome shape, opening as it matures. With a compact and tiny plant habit, flowering occurs in the first year of production. Hardy to Zones 4 to 9, it needs partial sun and blooms from winter to spring. Growing to 22 inches in height and 24 inches in spread, pinching is needed for shaping.

**Merlin** from Skagit Gardens is new to the **Gold Collection**. Its large, forward-facing blossoms start out light pink to pink, then deepen to cranberry, then to a rich, ebony purple. With dark stems and deep green foliage, Merlin can tolerate inclement weather and is resistant to deer and diseases. Growing to at least 10 inches in height and 15 inches in spread, it blooms from late winter to spring and needs partial to full shade.

**Red Sapphire** from the **Winter Jewels** series from Terra Nova Nurseries is a well-branched, free-blooming strain that blooms double-rose red flowers. With a strong vigor and tolerance to shade, Red Sapphire is naturally deer-resistant and hardy to Zones 5 to 8.

**Heuchera Paprika**
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Mighty Chestnut from Walters Gardens produces russet, red-orange blossoms that have a deep burgundy eye and gold throat. Atop of well-branched and budded scapes, the broad, rounded, ruffled petals are even fragrant. It grows to 30 inches tall with 5- to 5.5-inch flowers, and is hardy to Zones 3 to 9.

HEUCHERA

The Carnival series from Darwin Perennials comes in seven varieties, ranging from colors like Cocomint to Watermelon. Heat-tolerant with a good mounding habit, Carnival can grow up to 12 inches in height and 14 inches in spread. Blooming from April to May, it is ideal for shade container components.

Large-flowered and near-black foliage, Bella Notte from Terra Nova Nurseries has short flower stalks that carry large, bi-colored rose-pink flowers. It grows between 9 inches and 13 inches in height, and 15 inches in spread. Hardy to Zones 4
Several new varieties have been added to the Little Cutie series from Terra Nova Nurseries. Sugar Berry has violet leaves with dark veins, and a small habit. Peppermint has miniature deep green leaves, veiled in silver white. Coco is miniature with obsidian black small leaves and flowers that last from the spring through fall. It does well in pots, mixed containers, borders or rock gardens. Frost has silver foliage with burgundy veins in the spring that are dark the rest of the year. Blondie has caramel foliage in a miniature habit. Sweet Tart's lime-colored foliage forms a tight mound, and is free-flowering and short. And Ginger Snaps has small, rose and tan-brown, white-veiled foliage. With the exception of Blondie, which has yellow flowers in short, 8-inch spikes, they all have flowers ranging from light pink to dark pink. Coco and Sweet Tart need sun to partial shade, while the others can be placed in sun or shade. All but Sweet Tart are hardy to Zones 4 to 9. Sweet Tart is hardy to Zones 5 to 8.

For a Heuchera that has year-round, purple-plum leaves, there is Georgia Plum from Terra Nova Nurseries. Growing purple-pink flowers on a tight habit, it can be placed in sun or shade and is hardy to Zones 4 to 9.

If Bruce Wayne were to pick a Heuchera, this would probably be it. Gotham from Terra Nova Nurseries' City series has glossy black leaves on a medium-small plant. It blooms yellow flowers all through the spring, summer and fall, and works as a container plant, an edger, or in a rock garden.

Paprika has coral foliage in the spring that turns to a cherry-coral in the summer and fall. Also from Terra Nova Nurseries, Paprika has medium-sized leaves, grows as tall as 12 inches, and spreads 12 inches. It should be placed in partial shade, but needs full sun in the Pacific Northwest.

Rio's foliage changes from peach-amber to a yellow-amber, and its flower spikes have tiny white blooms on it. This Heuchera from Terra Nova Nurseries can be placed in full sun to partial shade.

Fire Alarm has leathery red leaves and a low-spaying habit. From Terra Nova Nurseries, its foliage changes color over the season. Growing to 13 inches in height and 14 inches in spread, it can be
placed in either the sun or shade, and is hardy to Zones 4 to 9.

**Galaxy** is also from Terra Nova Nurseries and has large, leathery leaves that have variegated spots of hot pink. The leaves emerge as a bright red and turn darker as they age. Galaxy also has a vigorous mounding habit.

**HEUCHERELLA**

**Buttered Rum** has caramel-colored, maple-like foliage in a compact habit. From Terra Nova Nurseries, it can be placed in sun or shade, and is hardy to Zones 4 to 9.

Also from Terra Nova Nurseries is **Cracked Ice**. It has frosted blue and green tones in its foliage with dramatic veining. It grows to 10 inches in height and 15 inches in spread in a compact habit. Likes partial to full shade, it is hardy to Zones 4 to 9.

**HIBISCUS**

**Midnight Marvel** from Walters Gardens inherits deep, wine-purple from Summer Storm, as well as its dissected, thick, leathery, maple-like foliage. It also gets its glossy, black-red buds which open to 8 or 9 inches of deep, scarlet-red flowers from Cranberry Crush. With a relatively compact habit, it measures 4 feet tall and has a spread of 4.5 feet. An indeterminate bloomer, it blooms for an extended period from mid-summer into early fall.

**IBERIS**

**Pink Ice** from Pacific Plug & Liner has a compact, densely branched habit that is covered in deep pink blooms from spring to summer. It does not require PGRs, but should be pinched early after being transplanted. It is hardy to Zones 6 to 9.

**KNIPHOFIA**

With lemon-yellow blooms on short spikes, **Lemon** from Terra Nova Nurseries’ **Popsicle** series has continuous bloom, a dwarf habit and grassy foliage. Also from the Popsicle series is **Orange Vanilla**, with its two-toned flower spikes; a red-orange on the top and creamy white on the bottom. It also has continuous bloom and a compact, short, grassy habit. Hardy to Zones 6 to 9, Popsicle grows easily in full sun.

**Echo Duo** is new to the **Reblooming Kniphofia Orange Vanilla Popsicle**
New varieties

**Echo** series from Itsaul Plants. Its peachy orange and cream-colored flowers stand above grass-like foliage all summer long. A prolific bloomer, it can be used in a mix or on its own. It is hardy to Zone 6 and has low water requirements. It grows to 18 inches in spread, and between 30 and 36 inches in flower height.

**LAVANDULA**
A new color to Syngenta Flowers’ Blue Scent is **Early Blue Scent**, an early-flowering variety with a vigorous branching habit. Producing dark blue flowers, it’s a good option for impulse sales.

**LAVENDER**
**SuperBlue** is free-flowering, weather-tolerant lavender that has a good winter hardiness and performs well in the landscape. Available from Darwin

**Mini Blue** is a first-year-flowering lavender from Kieft Seed. Compact and well-branched, it does not require trimming and ships well. Bred for large-scale, overwintered pot production, it has a high uniformity and yield.
LEUCANTHEMUM

**Freak!** gets its name from its “freaky” petals that go in different directions. With 2- to 2.5-inch fluffy-looking flowers, it is programmable for weekly flowering and a long selling season, blooming in seven to nine weeks. It has a compact habit, growing to 13 inches in height and 21 inches in spread. This first-year flowering variety from Blooms of Bressingham likes full sun to partial shade in hot areas, is hardy to Zones 5 to 8 and does not require pinching.

Engelina is also from Blooms of Bressingham and has large, round, fully double white flowers and gold centers on weather-tolerant stems. With a garden height of 16 inches and a spread of 30 inches, it is a compact plant with a mounded habit. It needs full sun, but can be placed in partial shade in warmer climates. It is hardy to Zones 5 to 8.

With semi-double flowers slowly changing from bright yellow to ivory white, **Goldfinch** from Terra Nova Nurseries has a long bloom period and compact habit. It is hardy to Zones 5 to 8, needs full sun and grows up to 24 inches in flowering height and 23 inches in spread.

LONGIPETALA

**Little Mango** gets its name from its fleshy, mango-fruit-colored petals. Part of Jelitto’s **Lewisia** series, its flowers bloom on short stems, growing to only 6 inches in height. A longipetala hybrid, the Lewisia series re-blooms in the fall and are adaptable to cold, wet winters. Suitable for container production, Lewisia will flower the first year from seed and does not have problems with rust or leaf crown rot.

LIGULARIA

With mustard-yellow flowers, **Bottle Rocket** from Proven Winners is proportioned and has a dense clump of foliage, preventing naked stems from showing. With thicker, large, serrated leaves and a denser habit, it is about 6 inches shorter than its parent, Little Rocket. It remains upright in the heat and likes partial shade and consistent moisture. Attractive to butterflies and resistant of deer, it grows up to 34 inches in height, 28 inches in spread, and does best in the ground.

MONARDA

**Pardon my Purple** and **Pardon my Pink** from Proven Winners are petite Bee Balms that can be tucked into sunny, front-of-the-borders, or used in combination containers. They bloom fuchsia-purple flowers from mid through late summer on the top of their well-branched clump of deep green, glossy foliage. These fragrant dwarf plants still have flowers that are 2.5 to 3 inches in diameter, but only grow to a foot in height at maturity. Offering a good resistance to powdery mildew, they are also attractive to butterflies and hummingbirds, and resistant to deer.

PENSTEMON

New to the **Taffy** series from Terra Nova Nurseries is **Watermelon**. In its first year, it has 15 to 20 stems and blooms for up to 20 weeks. Its watermelon-pink blooms
New varieties

and white eye appear from June until the first frost on its short, upright stems. It can be placed in full sun and is hardy to Zones 7 to 9. It has a flowering height of 28 inches and spread of 18 inches.

**PHLOX**

*Thai Pink Jade* from Plants Nouveau has cherry-blossom pink blooms with crisp edges. Compact and floriferous, it is resistant to mildew and has a sweet fragrance. Thai Pink Jade grows between 24 and 30 inches in height and spread, and is hardy to Zones 3 to 8.

Flowering in the late spring in a pink color, *Sunkissed* gets a yellow edge to its foliage when flowering is done. This Phlox pilosa from Intrinsic Perennials also has a uniform habit.

**PHYGELIUS**

*Lemon Spritzer* from Terra Nova Nurseries is a variegated phygelius that has soft yellow foliage with green speckles. Its brick-red flowers have yellow throats that are attractive to butterflies and hummingbirds. Drought-tolerant and deer-resistant, it is hardy to Zones 7A to 10 and has a spread of 36 inches, with a
New varieties

PLECTRANTHUS

**Velvet Elvis** from Terra Nova Nurseries has a naturally dense habit with lavender-colored flower spikes emerging from its deep green foliage. Resistant to foliage diseases, it has larger flowers and a better habit than Mona Lavender. Hardy to Zones 9b to 11, it likes partial to full shade.

PRIMULA

The **Kennedy Irish** series from Skagit Gardens has single, primrose flowers that are surrounded by deep, bronzy purple leaves. Dark foliage is a result of cool spring weather, which will turn bronze green in the summer. Available in two varieties, **Drumcliff** has large, white flowers that have a hint of lavender.

**Innisfree** has red flowers with a yellow eye. Growing to 5 inches in height and spread, the series blooms from March to May. Bred for 35 years from old Irish varieties, the series gets its name from when it was first introduced in the United States on the 50th anniversary of John F. Kennedy’s presidential inauguration.

Rodgersia Bronze Peacock
**RODGERSIA**  
*Bronze Peacock* from Terra Nova Nurseries has dark foliage and pink flowers. It likes partial shade and can be used as a shaded accent plant. Blooming later in the spring, it gets up to 50 inches in flowering height and 28 inches in spread. It is hardy to Zones 5 to 8.

**SALVIA**  
With bright but subtle pinkish-purple blooms, *Ave Maria* from Intrinsic Perennials gets 18 inches tall and does best in a well-drained, sunny location.

Syngenta Flowers has two new colors to its *Merleau* series. *White* and *Blue Compact* are well-branched, have a bushy growth and upright flower stems.

Green Fuse Botanicals has a new color for its *Swifty* series. *Violet* joins rose and white, which are hardy to Zone 5, compact without the use of additional PGRs, and have more branching and flowers in their first year.
SCABIOSA
Giga is a blue scabiosa from Green Fuse Botanicals that has 3-inch sized flowers. It also has a compact habit and is hardy to Zone 4.

SEDUM
Pure Joy from Proven Winners has sharply serrated, blue-green leaves that form a round, low-mound in the spring, making it suitable for edging the front-of-the-border. Its leaves expand and turn a lighter green as it ages, forming a short, semi-upright clump. By late summer and early fall, bubblegum pink, star-shaped flowers cover the foliage, with deeper pink seed heads following later in the fall. Making for a good cut flower, it also attracts butterflies and is resistant to rabbits.

Shorter and denser than Hot Stuff or
New varieties digest 2012

Beach Party, **Dynamite** from Terra Nova Nurseries has deep rose-colored flowers on large flower heads. With dark, dusky foliage, Dynamite is hardy to Zones 4 to 10, likes full sun, and grows 11 inches in spread and 7 inches in flowering height.

**Thunderhead** and **Cherry Truffle** are also new from Terra Nova Nurseries. Thunderhead gets its name from its large, deep rose flower heads that take on the appearance of Oregon’s summer thunderhead clouds. With stout, upright stems and grey-green foliage, it grows to 30 inches in flowering height and 24 inches in spread. Cherry Truffle comes from the **Candy** series and has multi-crowns of purple, red-brown leaves in the spring that change to a deep chocolate in the summer. It has a good disease resistance and blooms deep pink flowers in the summer. Filling pots quickly, it grows up to 18 inches in height and 24 inches in spread. Both are hardy to Zones 4 to 9 and like full sun.

**STOKESIA**

Plants Nouveau’s **Mels Blue** has an upright habit and grows between 18 and 24 inches in height and spread. With large, outward-facing, periwinkle-blue
disk flowers, it’s hardy to Zones 4 to 8 and requires full sun.

**TROLLIUS**

*Morning Sun* from Jelitto has large, bowl-shaped flowers in a yellow-orange color. Flowering early in the summer, *Morning Sun* forms thick, compact clumps with dissected leaves. It can also be used as a cut flower.

**VERONICA**

*Vernique* is a new series from GreenFuse Botanicals. Featuring four colors — **Pink**, **Blue**, **Dark Blue** and **White** — the series has a well-matched habit, is Zone 4 hardy and flowers for months. It is recommended for use in mixed containers.

**VIOLA**

Available in **Lilac**, **Sky Blue** and **Violet**, the *Halo* series from Darwin Perennials blooms extra-large flowers from February to October. Heat-tolerant, it won’t stretch during the summer growing season. Hardy to Zones 5 to 9, it grows up to 10 inches in height and 12 inches in spread.
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