Introduction

Each year EHR produces a California Spring Trials report, highlighting all the introductions we encounter as we travel down the coast of Cali. The past 18 months have had many challenges and changes due to the pandemic. The ability to see all the CAST plant introductions in a one week span was not possible for our entire team. Luckily, not all changes are bad. We have spent the last year meeting with breeders and seeing new plant varieties at trials on a more intimate scale. It also means that the scope of this report is no longer limited to what we see on the coast, so we’ll be highlighting any new introductions that may have been released after CAST 2021.

We’re starting a new tradition, welcome!

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**Ashila Marshmallow**

**Benary** | Leave it to us to start the ‘new annuals’ book with a perennial, but we couldn’t miss highlighting this debut. This intro is a super tough perennial that blooms the first year. Masses of double flowers look a little like gypsophila, but are much more weather tolerant, and easy to grow. Marshmallow has a short grow time and uniform finish. With versatility to offer, this could be used in multiple planting types. Available in BeGreen pellet.

**Angelonia Angelface® Cascade Snow**

**Proven Winners** | The cascading habit of this new Angelface® Angelonia is perfectly suited for hanging baskets and combinations. The plants have height on the top of the pot, but then cascade over the edge as well. In containers it will function as both a filler and spiller. Their heat tolerance makes them an excellent choice for gardeners who live in climates with hot summers. Don’t forget that Angelface are great long lasting cut flowers with a slight grape soda fragrance.

**Angelonia Serafina Series**

**Westhoff** | The Angelonia Serafina series debuts with large flowers and heavy branching to boast! It also features heat and drought tolerance. Plants start with a distinct, upright habit, but will mature into a full, lush upright-mounding plant. Excellent as the centerpiece in a combination planting or in the landscape. Seven colors in the series, reaching about 18-24”h x 12-18”w.
**Basil**

**EVERLEAF**

**THAI TOWERS**

**PAN AMERICAN SEED** | "Towering over other basils" they say, and perhaps they are right. Pictured above, Pan American even compares 'Thai Towers' (center) to their 'Emerald Towers' (left) and 'Genovese' (right). Sure the flavor is rich and takes any Pad Thai dish to the next level, but the ultimate perk is for the growers. 'Thai Towers' holds a tidy shape and doesn’t flower quickly, and also solves the age-long issue of basil stretching and splitting open. Additionally the purple stems complement the pristine habit for a sharp retail display.

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**Begonia**

**ICONIA SCENTIMENT**

**PEACHY KEEN**

**DUMMEN ORANGE** | The peachiest pick in this book, no doubt! The Scentiment lineup is a whole new spectrum for the i’Conia family. 'Peachy Keen' debuts under the lineup to kickoff the improved Scentiment series over the prior series. EHR saw this in many of the trials this year, showing off tremendous garden and container performance. As pictured here, it was hard to miss over the bi-color, multi-blooms that give off an abundantly fresh, summery fragrance.

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**Begonia rex**

**SHADOW KING ROSE, LEMON LOVE, LIME RICKY**

**GREEN FUSE** | Quickly becoming one of our favorite rex series, Shadow King's compact habit is perfect for small container production with a big impact. This is a true series breeding program with consistent, uniform finishing across the varieties. We can expect even better availability from this series, as these varieties produce more leaves over other rex varieties. Joining the series are three new varieties, Rose, Lime Ricky, and Lemon Love (our top pick). Lemon Love is a #1 seller in Europe, popularized for the great yellow foliage.
Even at first look, it’s not hard to see why this intro makes the list! Rise Up Harlequin is covered in bright bi-color blooms in shades of orange and scarlet. Plant this in a basket or pot for a warm explosion of color. The Rise Up collection of garden begonias are recognized by the exceptional branching, followed by unstoppable flower power in both sun and shade. These begonias have an abundance of medium sized flowers that stay facing upright in the garden for maximum color impact.

Three new vibrant colors join this series of semi-trailing begonias from Benary! Nonstop® Joy varieties are more vigorous than the Nonstop® series, making them an ideal choice for hanging baskets. Well-branched in habit also makes this series easy to ship. ‘Rose Picotee’ has a bright pink bi-color appearance, but our favorites are the ‘Orange’ and ‘Red’ both intense in color and blooming power. Snag all 5 colors in the series with the new ‘Mix’ option as well.

BeGreen is a seed treatment developed by Benary, that is free of chemicals and microplastics. Benary created a sustainable method of chemical free priming for eco-friendly production. This effort brings a greener benefit to not only their production, but the end product for growers and consumers.

While this initiative helps to protect the environment, it also has provided ample germination rates and uniformity. Now this is a technology to get behind! Find out more about BeGreen on Benary’s website. “For healthier plants. For happier customers. For a sustainable environment.”
**Bidens Series**

**BRAZEN™ SERIES**

**SYNGENTA** | Bold and brazen for outrageous combinations! Syngenta debuts this brand new bidens series that is striking in color and pattern. In mixed combos or on their own, bees are big fans of these fiery and bright blossoms. While more of a collection, Brazen™ varieties still maintain a uniformed look, 8-12” in height and 16-24” wide.  
- **Samurai** | Orange-red with yellow edges, vigorous and mounded habit  
- **Rising Sun** | Hot red in color with a medium, mounded habit  
- **Imperial Luck** | Orange with yellow center, compact and mounded habit  
- **Eternal Flame** | Yellow with orange center, vigorous and upright habit

**STELLAR SERIES**

**WESTHOFF** | Wowza, does this bidens intro have flower power or what?! No question, it does. Four novelty colors debut in the series, Blanco, Orange Ring, with Orange Star and Red Ring being our favorites for the neat habit and ‘stellar’ flower pattern. This series is well-suited to small pots, combos, or the garden reaching 12-18” and may be enjoyed in spring, summer, or autumn!

**Bidens Series**

**BIDENS & CALI**

**Calibrachoa Series**

**COLIBRI™ PINK BLING**

**DANZIGER** | Danziger has been quite successful with this series of calis, and it’s not hard to see why. From the vivid colors and well branched, floriforous habit across the series, Pink Bling is no exception as the newest addition to the series. Hot pink with touches of yellow, Pink Bling blooms in 10 hour days and requires very little PGR. Like the other series varieties, it’s early flowering, compact in habit, and perfect for small pot production and tidy baskets.

**CANDY SHOP™ BAG OF TRIX**

**WESTHOFF** | Whimsical, sweet, and bright! The Candy Shop™ series all share in the pinwheel pattern that mutates to a different color before changing back to the original color. Bag of Trix brings a multi-colored breakthrough to the series with its feature of both pink and purple flowers with touches of yellow centers. Candy Shop™ varieties are known for heavy flowering and with a semi-trailing habit, they are perfect for the garden, combo pots, or hanging baskets for sun to part-sun fun!

**CALITASTIC® BORDEAUX STAR**

**WESTHOFF** | Another introduction from Westhoff comes to their Calitastic® series! We are a big fan of the large flowers on this variety, which cover the plant with lavender and deep purple, and splashes of yellow. Very early to flower, all varieties flower at 11 hours critical day length and stay open under low light conditions. This is a great line for retailing from early spring and continuing throughout the season. This variety particularly looked nice at the Michigan trials this summer.
**Proven Winners**

Sunny and bright lemon intros from PW are perhaps some of the toughest in this book! Augusta Texas Primrose are tough, self-sufficient varieties that welcome the rough summer heat. The Ladybird™ series debuts with 2 colors, Lemonade which features lemon yellow flowers with peach-pink tones as flowers age and Sunglow featuring a bright sunny yellow flower. Proven Winners notes that they continuously bloom. We have been watching ours all summer, and so far it is a winner!

**Westhoff**

The FanciFillers is a line of compact, combo-friendly foliage items. This year it expands to including Chrome Fountain, a tough centaurea ready to take on the heat! The silver foliage only reaches 12” tall, a perfect mounding addition to hanging baskets and combo planters. It has also been noted to do well in landscapes. Plant in full sun and will reach approximately 12” in width as it does height.

**Terra Nova Nurseries**

As cute as the name, Snowy Owl is a favorite of many! It was awarded “Best New Variety” at Colorado State University’s annual trial gardens last October for the unique silvery foliage, interesting texture, and uniformity, and visibility in the garden. For these reasons, this velvety intro is on our list as the perfect addition to garden borders and combination planters. It reaches approximately 18” high and 16” wide. Terra Nova Nurseries notes, “this tough annual loves full sun and grows into a well-branch, cushiony mound. Naturally tight, dense habit.”
Evolvulus

BLUE MY MIND® XL
PROVEN WINNERS | Okay fine, you did it... you ‘blue’ our minds. Proven Winners packed the color into this heat-loving, continuously blooming, true blue evolvulus. Blue My Mind® XL has longer branches and a larger habit than its companion Blue My Mind®. Like its companion from PW, Blue My Mind® XL will give you one of the best color displays of blue! The flowers are 30-50% bigger than that of it’s companion.

Gomphrena

GLOBOSA COSMIC FLARE
PLANTS NOUVEAU | Plants Nouveau is so excited to be introducing this variety! An all summer, shockingly beautiful combination, Cosmic Flare will brighten any border or container with its stunning foliage and flower color. Selected by Landcraft Environments in Long Island, NY, this annual is sure to please even the pickiest gardener. Use it directly in the ground or in containers for a punch of WOW in any border. It is as happy in a pot as it is planted in the soil, and it will provide months of chartreuse foliage and magenta blooms.

Dianthus

JOLT™ PURPLE
PAN AMERICAN SEED | We love Pan American Seed’s previous Jolt™ intro and Purple is no exception. The blooms are a electrifying purple above sturdy, dark green foliage. It’s a grower-friendly variety with good branching, making it easier to produce with less to no PGRs. This would be an ideal variety for summer premium quarts or gallons at a high-value price point. It is noted to perform as a semi-hardy annual in Zone 7 and milder. This series is known for being extremely heat-tolerant, continuously blooming in hot summer conditions without setting seed.

PROVEN WINNERS | It’s so incredible we needed a new word to describe it, suncredible! Proven Winners brings us an into for their sunflower series, Suncredible® Saturn™ which is a beautiful bi-color variety! Everblooming and built on well-branched bush-like habit, it is a blooming machine destined to dazzle summer and into fall. Plant in the garden, along fences, or as a fence screen itself! PW notes that it does not need to be deadheaded to continue blooming, but can be groomed for tidiness. The 4” blooms also make a great cut flower, if the bees will share with you!
**Syngenta**

**NG Spectra™ Magenta, Orange, Pink, White, Bright Red**

**Syngenta** | Spectra™ is a new series of NGI that is versatile in sun or shade! Raising the standard for New Guinea impatiens with interspecific breeding, Spectra™ offers large flowers, excellent branching, and intense colors. Early to flower and uniform mounded habits make Spectra grower-friendly and versatile in all pot sizes and hanging baskets. It is the early-blooming series when compared to Syngenta's other series, Sonic™ and Super Sonic™, and as Syngenta notes, “25 to 40% larger than Bounce and SunPatiens” based on their various trials data. You can expect a uniform mounded habit from the 5 varieties, ensuring a consistent and clean retail display in all pot sizes or baskets.

**Pan American Seed**

**Impatiens**

Pan American Seed | “Bring Impatiens walleriana back into production without the risk of disease!” says Pan American. We support that and we're certainly supporters of this hot new color they have introduced to the Beacon® series which has seven colors in total. Beacon® Rose is a rich pink, like a new tube of rosy lipstick! Walleriana types are often susceptible to the Plasmopara obducens, but Pan American Seed has established a resistance through this series. Their numerous trials have been a testament of success to that resistance. In addition to the Rose color, they have also introduced Beacon® Formula Mixture which replaces Select Mixture. This new mix is comprised of Bright Red, Coral, Orange, Rose, Salmon, Violet Shades and White.

**Sakata**

**Impatiens**

Sakata | For years now SunPatiens® have become a staple for its garden performance. The SunPatiens®family is comprised of both compact and vigorous varieties, both providing non-stop color and reliability in sun or shade, rain or shine. Compact SunPatiens® are bred for strong retail appeal and a smaller habit. They offer the best habit for multi-pack, high-density production. Vigorous SunPatiens® are ideal for cooler regions. Utilize in baskets, containers and the landscape where fast-growing, massive color is essential. New for 2022, we’ll see an addition both subsets. Compact Deep Red has a bit taller and wider profile than Compact Red and is more suitable for larger containers and baskets, especially in northern climates. Vigorous Sweetheart features bright creamy white blooms with a dark red eye.
**Kitchen Minis**

**EDIBLE POTTED TOMATO ADDITIONS**

**PAN AMERICAN SEED** | The kitchen Minis collection includes potted vegetable plants consumers can grow inside on a sunny windowsill or tabletop! Easy-to-grow Kitchen Minis encourage consumers to harvest and enjoy their own homegrown vegetables, then when the plant is finished fruiting, buy a fresh plant to harvest from every few weeks!

Cocoa F1 - Small fruited cherry tomato that has a uniform germination and strong young plants for production. Cocoa’s fruit is sweet with a unique dark red-burgundy color and that is not prone to splitting. Red Velvet F1 - Another small fruited cherry tomato! Red Velvet has fruit with excellent flavor, a beautiful red color and that is not prone to splitting. Both varieties’ smaller, more compact habit is perfect for quart and 4.5-in.

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**NG WILD ROMANCE**

**PEACH, LAVENDER**

**DUMMEN ORANGE** | Get lost in the wild of these romantically graceful intros! Wild Romance New Guinea Impatiens have been some our favorite whimsical introductions from Dummen Orange. When we first saw them, we imagined them gracing wedding aisles as decor or blessing fairytale patios with its romantic double flowers. What we have seen since is remarkable performance in landscapes and gardens alike. The plants are vigorous yet give a graceful appearance similar to an azalea bloom. The two new colors, Lavender and Peach blend perfectly together for a landscape duo.

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**Jamesbrittenia**

**SAFARI® DAWN & SKY**

**PROVEN WINNERS** | Bring the heat, because this series is ready. Safari® Dawn and Sky are two intros that PW offers that bring us even closer to making Jamesbrittenia a staple to gardens. They have taken performance and beauty and “cracked the code” as they say, re-blooming in intense heat, performing in summer landscapes or containers while maintaining a perky bright habit. Both varieties have bi-color blooms, with Dawn having rose flowers with a soft yellow eye and Sky blooming sky blue with a white center.

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**Jamesbrittenia**

**STARDOM™ GOLDSTAR, PINK, PURPLE**

**DANZIGER** | From Danziger, an intro destined for stardom! This new series of Jamesbrittenia is great for growers and end consumers. It has a small footprint for the growing, starting as an upright habit that grows to a trailing product for the end consumer. Stardom™ Goldstar was introduced in 2020, but this year it gets companions Pink and Purple. This series has enhanced resistance to foliage disease and known for being heat tolerant and still blooming all summer. While day length neutral, it does benefit from long days.
Yes, we are totally beaming over this intro! While we all love the classic pink and red mandevilla on the patio, Suntory Flowers brings a new rich buttery yellow mandevilla to the Sun Parasol® series. Sunbeam is the first yellow in the series. It is loaded with buds that bloom 2-3 weeks earlier than older varieties. You can expect minimal to no fading from this sunny wonder, growing in a bush form about 16 inches in height. Sunbeam brings the Sun Parasol® Original series to seven colors. The possibilities of premium or tropical combinations are now endless!

**Mandevilla**

**SUN PARASOL® SUNBEAM**

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**Lobularia**

**VIOLET KNIGHT™**

**PROVEN WINNERS** Striding in all it’s violet glory, Lobularia Violet Knight™ is a multi-season wonder! Proven Winners is replacing Dark Knight with this new intro. It has a lovely fragrant flower, bright purple-violet in color. If hardened off, they can be planted in early spring when temperatures still fluctuate wildly, but these improved varieties also have much better heat performance. They bloom prolifically through the summer in most areas. Then as things cool off again in fall the plants adapt once again to wide variations in temperatures. From summer to frost, this will be a garden favorite!

**Lobelia**

**HOT+ SERIES**

**WESTHOFF** The next generation in heat-tolerant Lobelia breeding! Building on all of the positive attributes that come with the original Hot series, such as exceptional heat tolerance, heavy basal branching, and season-long flowering, the new Hot+ series adds larger flowers and more uniform plant habits to make it easy to produce for growers and better performance for home gardeners. Westhoff notes that the flowers are nearly 30% larger than standard Hot series. Six colors debut in the series, with Pretty Heaven being one of our favs! (Pictured in mono pot above)

**Mimulus**

**MAI TAI™ SERIES**

**DANZIGER** Danziger is the bartender, er we mean breeder, of the hour with this delectable intro! Mimulus MAI TAI™ is stiff in the heat and refreshing on the patio. We’ll see at least 2 colors from this series, but starting out MAI TAI™ delivers a strong red color that can stand on its own. You can use it in combos or alone, offering continuous flowering all summer long until fall. Danziger notes it has less sticky leaves over other varieties and improved rooting ability. Additionally, it offers good branching which means only 1 pinch is needed. Drink up!
**Marigold ENDURANCE™ SERIES**

**SYNGENTA** | Everlasting garden performance comes to us in the form of the Marigold Endurance™ series! This is the next generation in triploid breeding — F1 African x French Marigold brings the absolute best of both worlds! Extra large double flowers on a compact French Marigold habit. Exceptionally quick finishing allows for a nearly African-sized flower with nearly French Marigold timing. Heat tolerance and sterility combine for unsurpassed garden performance, providing masses of blooms all-season long. Perfect for quart production, previous low seed inventory issues have been squashed with improvements to this enduringly spectacular series.

**Marigold SUPER HERO SERIES ADDITIONS**

**BENARY** | Keeping orange simply for numbers... We didn’t know we needed saving, but we’ll let this Super Hero series sweep and show us who’s boss. Benary deems this series as the most uniform series of marigolds on the market! They are early to flower and grow in a compact habit. You can expect clean, stable flower patterns for a dazzling summer display. Spry (one of our favorites!) is an AAS Regional winner. They grow about 8-10” by 6-8” wide. Now available in 3 new colors, making a full series of 9 colors plus mix and better yet, the availability has increased across the board!

**Marigold XOCHI SERIES**

**PAN AMERICAN** | A cut flower marigold similar to the Cracker Jack with better stem strength and quality! Marigold Xochi Orange is an excellent option for cut flower programs summer and fall! You can expect uniformity in appearance and growth, good ship-ability and durability. It delivers stronger stems and richer colors than some competing varieties. We love the name too! Xochi means “flower” or “princess of flowers” and is a shortened version of Xochitl, an ancient Aztec word used in Spanish today, most commonly in Mexico. A popular cut flower for Dia de los Muertos and Halloween; good for use in bouquets and grower bunches.
Pelargonium

**BIG EEZE® SAKURA**

**DUMMEN ORANGE** | Big EEZE® is a semi-vigorous green-foliaged interspecific series, recognized as a robust interspecific with superior basal branching. True to name, Big EEZE® has gigantic flowers! Ideal for landscape though it is versatile in containers and high impact monoculture planters. This series has heat tolerance among versatility. Dummen Orange notes the foliage scent can be a natural deterrent to rabbits, deer, and herbivorous insects, but a friend to the hummingbird!

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**CALLIOPE® MEDIUM DARK RED DARK LEAF, LARGE WHITE**

**SYNGENTA** | One of the hottest selling interspecific geranium series for medium sized pots and premium retail programs gets 2 new intros! In the Calliope® Medium series comes Dark Red Dark Leaf, with large double flowers and intense flowering all-season long. This new additions creates an impact in the garden. For the Calliope Large series, Large White joins the scene with a vigorous habit and maximum flower power making it the perfect choice for baskets or large pots.

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**ZONALE EXOTICA™ CORAL SUNRISE**

**SYNGENTA** | Like the start of a new day, Exotica™ Coral Sunrise brings a refreshing touch to the series! It has two-tone and big coral flowers. Syngenta’s Exotica™ is a collection of premium eye-catching novelties that stand out at retail and are a hit with consumers. They are perfect for small to medium-sized pots to add something different to geranium programs. Let your imagination fly and create exciting new combinations that take off.
**POT-A-PENO F1**

**PAN AMERICAN SEED** | A ‘fun’ new jalapeño! Pot-a-peño’s unique cascading habit is ideal for a hanging basket or container – a perfect addition to any patio or small-space garden. It is early to mature which means it will be one of the first peppers to fruit in the garden. While compact, this variety offers a ton of jalapeño fruit under a dense canopy of small, dark green leaves. Harvest fruit green for a traditional spicy zip in any dish or allow to ripen to red for a sweet, spicy flavor. Pan American grades this heat level at 2, noting mildly hot.

**SUPERCAL® PREMIUM SERIES ADDITIONS**

**SAKATA** | These intros were a hit at Cultivate 2021 and continued to improve our opinion as we saw them in trial gardens. We’ll see 4 introductions and 1 improvement, Pearl White with iridescent creamy white blooms; Purple Dawn with deep Purple/Violet blooms; Sunset Orange, a stunning bi-color of deep to mid-orange and yellow blooms; and Yellow Sun another radiant, deep yellow SuperCal. All SuperCal® Premiums offer larger grandiflora Petunia blooms with a mounding habit. SuperCal Pink Improved now has more controlled semi-mounding habit.
**SUNTORY** | Suntory brings us Heavenly Cabernet to join the Surfinia series. Like a glass of fine burgundy, blooms are a gorgeous burgundy-purple with dark throats. The habit is semi-trailing, like top-selling Surfinia Heavenly Blue. Surfinia petunias are known globally for outstanding garden performance and weather tolerance. Perfect for premium hanging baskets.

XXL Taffy Pink marks the beginning of a new Surfinia series that’s big on blooms! Growth habit is upright and more controlled than Surfinia Sumo but the flowers span 4-inches. You don’t see many grandiflora vegetative petunias. This variety is also day-length neutral and will bloom as soon as week 8 in the South. Your customers will love the bright taffy pink color.

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**WESTHOFF** | Crazytunias continue to be a novelty favorite and these introductions are nothing short of marvelous! Westhoff has brought us 5 new varieties:

- **Magenta Storm** pairs well with Crazytunia Purple Storm, to create the bright, visually impactful Perfect Storm Mix.
- **Magenterrific** is a magenta and white medium vigor addition.
- **Mayan Sunset** boasts a peachy-pink flower with golden eye zone, a top performer in trials across the US and the most popular Crazytunia variety from California Spring Trials 2021.
- **Nightwatch** has 2-2.5” ultra dark velvety purple blooms with an upright mounding habit.
- **Patrick Star** is uniquely star-shaped, with a mounding to semi-trailing habit covered in bright pink blooms.

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**DANZIGER** | A hit in summer trials across the country, Capella™ Hello Yellow is an EHR favorite! It performs reliably well in propagation and creates a tidy, small pot product that requires minimal PGR. Naturally it grows compact in the greenhouse and continues to grow and gain size in the garden. We love it’s habit as much as we love its bright yellow color. It blooms early and is suitable for the landscape or as a hanging basket.

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**PETUNIAS FOR EVERY PALETTE**
**Proven Winners**

We can’t disagree with Proven Winners when they say “Supertunia Vista® petunias are one of the best garden plants around.” They are large, mounding and spreading plants. They are usually so buried in flowers that foliage is almost invisible. They are wonderful landscape plants, where they put on quite a show. They are also great in large containers. If you are looking for an all out show of color, this is the plant for you.

**Syngenta**

**Fun House™ Potpourri**

Syngenta | This series from Syngenta is packed with dynamic petunias and Potpourri perfectly fits into the series. Great habits and unique flower colors and patterns make it a ‘fun’ addition to hanging basket and patio container programs. Retailers love unusual varieties that capture consumers’ attention, sure to be a social media favorite! This intro has a mounded habit, 18-22” wide 10-24” high with medium vigor.

**Itsy™ White**

Syngenta | Small but mighty! Tough and tiny! With exceptional color coverage and good vigor, Itsy is a great option for both the landscape and containers. Tons of tiny flower blooms form a blanket of color providing undeniable retail appeal. With exceptional branching, color coverage and a controlled habit, Itsy is sure to be a hit with growers and consumers alike. It has a trailing habit, and from what we have seen in trials it blooms as much as Magenta!

**Sanguna® Banana Candy**

Syngenta | A candy to the eye! Bold and bright, Banana Candy is the newest intro to the Sanguna® series. Big flowers and bright colors make an impactful display for hanging baskets and combos. Strong habits fill fast and are covered in color from top to bottom. The ultimate spring mixer and a foundation of many best-selling Kwik Kombos™. This intro has looked good in trials, notably for the creamy bright yellow color and large flowers.

**Supertunia Vista® Jazzberry™**

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**KIENTZLER**

Breeding by David Kelley and introduced by Kientzler, Pink Panther is a delightful new magenta pink petunia to hit the market. Debuted in late 2020 early 2021, we’re really seeing the marvel of it now. Its key features are early blooming and compact growth with large numbers of medium size flowers. The variety made impressions at the Penn State University trials. Over 100 petunias were entered in 2021 PSU trials, and Pink Panther made the top 25 list of “Practically Perfect Petunias” that received a perfect 5.0 score.

**WESTHOFF**

The Oranges are back! Three new colors debut, Heat, Ember, and Forge, in addition to the others in the series from before. Back by popular demand, the Hells series include mounding plants 12”h x 12”w with incredible intensely-colored blooms that last all summer long. Oranges, Red-tones, and pink colored blooms are electric on plants that prefer full sun. With a vigorous, horizontal branching habit, these plants fill up baskets fast.

**KIENTZLER**

Originally a part of the Hort Couture line, you’ve probably seen this before! However, it is now a part of the Kientzler North America program exclusively. Kientzler is planning to bring good availability to this variety that may have been difficult to snag before. Glamouflage Grape is a variegated petunia that grows with vigor and a trailing habit. Pink Lemonade will also be joining the line up!

**PAN AMERICAN SEED**

E3 stands for Early, Efficient, Evolution. Pan American debuts the series with 7 colors, Blue, Coral, Pink (true pink), Pink Cosmo, Red (more compact), Sky Blue, White (clean white). The E3 will eventually replace the popular Easy Wave® series. The new intro is more mounding and offers a uniform plant structure with vigor. The plants can be grown at lower PGR rates than Easy Wave® and at 10 hours day length, Pan American says “extra easy” wave!

The series compares with FotoFinish by Syngenta and Benary’s Success series. E3 Easy Wave fulfills the Wave brand promise of easy spreading color with superior performance: a manageable spreading habit, long bloom time and sheer color value.

**WESTHOFF**

A blast of color and performance meets the popular series from Westhoff, the Colorblast Double series. Orange and magenta flowers pop up in brilliancy, covering the trailing plant in abundance. Like the other varieties in the series, it makes for the perfect hanging basket for summer. Plants prefer full sun and will get 6’h x 12”w. As can come to expect, Dragonfruit is heat tolerant and drought tolerant.
**Salvia**

**EXALTATUS JOEY**

**BENARY** | You’ve seen it before, but it comes back bigger and better than ever! Improved this year for higher germination, Benary also re-introduces Joey with better uniformity, better branching and ease of growing. Try this breeding breakthrough and stun your customers with this drought tolerant beauty. Benary notes that is great when combined with Pentas Northern Lights—both like it hot and dry!

**COOL PINK**

**JALDETY** | A salvia microphylla hybrid, Cool Pink has a great flower color combined with large flower size and bushy habit. Free flowering, it has beautiful contrast between the dark calyx and its dark pink and white neck flower. You can expect a long flowering period from early spring to the first frost. It attracts butterflies, hummingbirds and bees. Cool Pink can be used in a variety of plantings, from big containers for patio and decks to cottage and meadow gardens and beds. US Zone 7–9

**UNPLUGGED® PINK™**

**PROVEN WINNERS** | We are plugged into this new salvia from PW, one that you won’t regret adding to the garden! Unplugged® Pink™ just won’t quit flowering, blooming pink to fuchsia with a black calyx and deep green foliage. Seemingly unfazed by summer’s heat and humidity, it performs well in garden beds or as a thriller in pots and topping out at about 2 feet. It is sterile so it will not set seed and that means it will just bloom, and bloom all season.

**FARINACEA SALLYFUN™ PURE WHITE**

**DANZIGER** | To join the Sallyfun™ series, meet Pure White! Like the other varieties in the series, it makes for a full plant with an upright habit that continuously flowers into summer. Add it to a combo for a fresh white impact! Pure White has a fast growth rate and blooms early, with strong flower pedicle. You will see uniformed flower timing across the colors in this series.

**BODACIOUS® HUMMINGBIRD FALLS, SMOKEY JAZZ**

**PLANTS NOUVEAU & DUMMEN ORANGE** | An exclusive collaboration with Dummen Orange, Salvia BODACIOUS® Hummingbird Falls is the first Salvia guaranitica bred for hanging baskets or the very front of the flower border. Unique, compact mushroom habit, with compact dark-blue blooms on a 4-inch flower stem. “The World’s First Hanging Basket Salvia” bred in California by Kermit Carter at Flowers by the Sea. In addition to Hummingbird Falls, BODACIOUS® Smokey Jazz boasts boysenberry blooms with striking black calyx, freely re-flowering throughout the season. It has strong dark-green foliage color that does not yellow during the summer heat. It has outstanding garden performance, rated high in the Raker-Roberta’s Trials. Both varieties are zone 7-8 hardy.
**Sanvitalia Mezcal**

**WESTHOFF** | An absolutely amazing performer in the greenhouse and in the garden, this new selection offers tons of small yellow blooms on mounding plants! Sanvitalia Mezcal is drought and heat tolerant. Additionally boosting this introduction, it is botrytis resistant with enhanced branching. Plants prefer full sun and will grow to approximately 8”h x 12”w.

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**Sedum Gold Dust**

**JALDETY** | Attractive tiny bright yellow succulent foliage make Sedum Gold Dust a stunner. It offers textural impact, growing uniformly compact in a low and dense mounding habit. Heat and drought tolerant, Gold Dust is a low maintenance sedum that would make as a great contrast to other ground covers in the garden. It can also be used in rock gardens, miniature gardens and edging. Hardy zone 6-9

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**Verbena Homestead Hot Pink**

**DARWIN PERENNIALS** | From Darwin Perennials we get this new hardy verbena with a profusion of brightly colored flowers! We couldn’t miss featuring this home run. Like its namesake ‘Homestead Purple’, this variety produces a carpet of color and features Zone-6 hardiness. Hot pink blooms work wonderfully as a groundcover, performing well in the sun and producing blooms early spring through fall. You can also expect mildew resistance!

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**Verbena Cake Pops™ Pink, Purple**

**PROVEN WINNERS** | This intro brings a new look of spreading verbena/rigida species that is attractive and consistent in growth habit. Cake Pops™ verbena are very heat and humidity tolerant and are great plants for the deep south, in addition to the rest of the county. This verbena doesn’t cycle out of color, so you’ll get reliable color all summer long. BonBon is destined to become a Southern basket and combination recipe staple. It is easy tough, durable and drought tolerant. It is native to the Southern US.

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**Verbena Lanai® Green Apple**

**SYNGENTA** | Class-leading disease resistance ensures Lanai® looks great from grower to garden. A huge assortment of bright and bold colors make up this series and are the foundation for many best-selling Kwik Kombos™. Strong trailing habits are ideal for hanging baskets and mixed combinations and Green Apple fits the bill. This variety is covered in golden pale green flowers!

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**Viola Colormax Beacon Rose**

**SAKATA** | This intro deserves highlight for its color, a unique color in viola! The extra-large flowers are rosy red with white highlights and have superior performance like the other ColorMax varieties. ColorMax is a giant-flowered viola that is heat tolerant and fills pots easily, even under heat stress. ColorMax is a superb autumn performer and a great choice to start the season.
SAKATA
1st AAS Gold Medal winner in 17 years!
The judges loved it from North to South and East to West and we’ll add ourselves to approving judges.
Bright, vibrant red and yellow flowers will morph to rose and coral hues increasingly as fall arrives. Flower covered compact plants will bloom over old flowers to ensure an ongoing display of color. Profusion Red Yellow Bicolor is also the recipient of the Fleuroselect Gold Medal award for performance in European trials.

Caladium of the Year
HEART TO HEART® RASPBERRY MOON
PROVEN WINNERS | Sweet and fancy!
Raspberry a fancy-leaf variety with a light green to yellow background to nicely contrast the blotches of dark green and raspberry pink to red, which can cover most of the leaf. It performs best in part shade to shade. Caladiums are a fabulous foliage accent to promote for inside or outside!

Annual of the Year
GRACEFUL GRASSES® PRINCE TUT™
PROVEN WINNERS | A nicely compact form of Egyptian Papyrus, about half the height of King Tut, but with the same large poms on the ends of the stems. Fun and interesting, without being so overwhelmingly huge. With shorter stems than King Tut, Prince Tut is quite sturdy and less likely to have stems flop.

Each year Proven Winners selects varieties as a part of their National Plant of the Year program. They are selected to meet a strict criteria of 5 points: easy to grow, iconic, readily available, perfect for baskets and containers, and outstanding landscape performance.
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