

# NEW PLANT SELECTIONS FOR 2023



# ANNUALS

# Year of the Celosia

## Overview and History

Celosia has been growing in North America since the 1700s and is native to tropical America and Africa. Here in the U.S., we know it as an annual, however, it is a tender perennial in zones 10 to 12. Not only have these plants been grown for their beauty in the garden, but they are also used for food in many places around the world. Celosia argentea, also known as Lagos Spinach, is used for its highly nutritious green foliage and young shoots. It is often steamed or used in soups or stews in Indonesian, Indian and African dishes.

Celosia is comprised of 45 different species in the Amaranth family (Amaranthaceae). Mainly produced by seed, but also produced vegetatively, Celosia argentea cultivars can be grouped into 3 different categories: Plumosa types, Cristata types, and Spicata types.

## How to Grow Celosia in Your Garden

Celosia likes a warm sunny spot in the garden. Be sure to give these plants at least 6-8 hours of full sun and if you live in cooler northern climates you should wait until May or June to plant them, or at least until temperatures are above 55 degrees F.

The soil must be well drained. If you have heavy clay soils that need to be improved, you can use compost or sand to improve the drainage. They prefer soils to have a pH of 6-6.5 with high organic matter content.

After planting you will need to fertilize your plants monthly with a general-purpose fertilizer with equal amounts of Nitrogen, Phosphorus, and Potassium (N-P-K).

Stake taller varieties to prevent them from falling over.

Removing the old blooms will help to promote the production of new flowers.

If your plant develops brown or tan holes in its leaves, it may be suffering from the fungal disease leaf spot. You can use a ready-to-use copper fungicide on the infected areas.

Spider mites can be a common cause of death for Celosia. These spiders are very tiny and hard to catch before they do a lot of damage. Brown-bronze foliage that is becoming dry and brittle is a sign of spider mites.

Celosia flowers can be used as dried flowers for displays. Hang them upside down for 2 weeks to dry.

<https://ngb.org/year-of-the-celosia/>



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## Did you know?

Celosia comes from the Greek word kelos, meaning burned, referring to the flower heads that look like flames.





# Celosia 'First Flame' Series

- ▶ Scientific Name : *Celosia plumosa*
- ▶ Common Name : Feather
- ▶ Hardiness Degree : 45° F (7.2° C)
- ▶ Plant Habit : Upright
- ▶ Characteristics : Heat Tolerant
- ▶ Water : Medium
- ▶ Fertilize : Every two weeks
- ▶ Spacing : 10-14" (25-36cm)
- ▶ Height : 10-14" (25-36cm)
- ▶ Width : 10-16" (25-41cm)
- ▶ Exposure : Sun
- ▶ General Information : Excellent, exotic-looking border plant shows off bright colors for your garden.
- ▶ Idea & Tips : Thrives in full sun and rich, well-drained soils. Soil needs to be moist but not wet. Water during dry periods.

# Proven Winners 2023 Annual of the Year - Truffula Pink Gomphrena



- ▶ Garden Height: 22-28 Inches
- ▶ Spread: 22 Inches
- ▶ Habit: Upright
- ▶ Light Requirement: Sun
- ▶ Maintenance Category: Easy
- ▶ Truffula™ Gomphrena has a perfectly-balanced habit that shows off a plethora of hot-pink flowers. It has performed very well in hot, humid climates where it blooms all season long. It is an ideal cut-flower with long vase life.

## TOP 3 REASONS TO GROW TRUFFULA™ PINK GOMPHRENA:

### ▶ PROFUSE BLOOMS

- ▶ If you want something that keeps its foot on the gas blooming over and over from spring into fall, this is the plant for you. You'll have plenty of flowers to clip for fresh and dried bouquets.

### ▶ BIG BANG FOR THE BUCK

- ▶ Don't let its dainty pink blooms fool you—this is one big plant! Be sure to give it some elbow room to grow when it hits its stride midsummer.

### ▶ HEAT AND DROUGHT TOLERANT

- ▶ Live in a hot climate where water is limited? Truffula Pink flourishes in heat and tolerates some drought.

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# Angelonia 'Serafina Raspberry'

► The Angelonia Serafina series features heat and drought-tolerant plants with exceptional branching and large flowers. 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.

- Full Sun
- Height: 12-18"
- Spread: 10-15"
- Habit: Mounding/Upright





## Asclepias 'Red Butterfly' Tropical Butterfly Weed

► Bloodflower (*Asclepias curassavica*) is a nonnative perennial plant from South America that is used as a warm-season annual. It is a member of the milkweed family. The sepals of 'Red Butterfly' are scarlet and the crowns are yellow. Milkweed flowers form seedpods from which seeds with silky hairs are dispersed by wind. Bloodflower is a host plant for monarch and queen butterfly larvae and its nectar attracts many other species of butterflies.

► Height: 24-36" tall

► Full Sun

# Calibrachoa 'Bumble Bee' Series

- ▶ One-of-a-kind colors and strong vigor for full-bodied mixed containers. Flowers stay open even under the lowest light conditions. Strong adaptability: specially selected to stand up to harsh conditions.
- ▶ New for 2023: Blue



# Calibrachoa 'Cabaret' Varieties

► The young talents of Calibrachoa Cabaret are back and better than ever! Behind the scenes they have been trained and prepared to master the art of earliness, strong colors and good genetics in a sustainable way. They are ready to perform for you. Lights, camera, action!

- Diva Pink
- Midnight Kiss
- Diva Orange





## Calibrachoa 'Cha Cha' Series

► Cha-Cha calibrachoa was launched for spring 2021 and quickly established itself as a colorful and novelty choice for large containers, hanging baskets and mixes. This full-sized series is 25% more vigorous than the Cabaret series from Ball FloraPlant, which has been a flagship for uniformity and timing to build calibrachoa basket programs. Now Cha-Cha, with its large, cascading blooms and trendy, novelty colors, offers a bigger display for premium containers or for municipal/commercial landscape combo basket components.

► Not messy or wild, Cha-Cha features the uniform, controlled vigor you're looking for in big basket displays. It keeps this uniformity across all of the colors, which includes two color-shifting types. Cha-Cha also has an early flowering time, making it excellent for early season basket color.



Calibrachoa  
'Ballerina'  
'Violaceous'  
'Dracula'



# Canna Cannova 'Red Golden Flame'

- ▶ Scientific Name: *Canna x generalis*
- ▶ Hardiness Degree: 10°F (-12.2°C)
- ▶ Plant Habit: Upright
- ▶ Characteristics: Colorful/Attractive Foliage, Low Maintenance
- ▶ Water: Heavy
- ▶ Spacing: 7 - 10" (18 - 25cm)
- ▶ Height: 30 - 48" (76 - 122cm)
- ▶ Width: 14 - 20" (36 - 51cm)
- ▶ Exposure: Sun
- ▶ General Information: Great for landscapes and container plantings in full sun! Striking foliage contrasts with the flowers, making them a great option for mixed combinations or in-ground plantings.
- ▶ Incredibly unique bloom color - saturated red with bright yellow edging.



Coleus  
'Spicy Curry'  
'Campfire'  
'French Quarter'



## Coleus 'Alligator Alley' 'Portage Avenue' 'La Rambla'



► Coleus 'Main Street' Series combines a wonderful range of foliage colors and leaf shapes to create an eye-catching tapestry. These tender perennials are perfect for beds, borders and containers. They have been carefully selected for their weather resistant foliage and ability to thrive in both sun and shade.





## Coleus 'Under the Sea Barracuda'

- ▶ Height 12-16"
- ▶ Mounding
- ▶ Toothy golden leaves are netted with red and have a dark purple blaze in the center.
- ▶ Sun or shade tolerant



Cuphea  
'Cubano Christo' &  
'David Verity'





## Fuchsia 'Windchimes Double Pink Lilac'

- ▶ Bloom Color: Light Pink  
Bi-Color Lilac
- ▶ Height: 8-14"
- ▶ Spread: 18-24"
- ▶ Mounding, spreading habit
- ▶ Extremely Floriferous
- ▶ Bloom early under short days. As days get longer, however, Windchimes become increasingly reproductive
- ▶ Part sun to full shade

# Euphorbia 'Breathless Blush'

► Height: 12"

► Spread: 24"

► Sunlight: Full sun to part shade

► From shade to sun, this mounded variety shows off small and airy white and pink flowers, contrasting against deep green foliage with red variegation; excellent for containers, borders and beds; easy to grow and low maintenance

► Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front.

► It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant.

► Breathless® Blush Euphorbia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the thriller plants stand out.





## Impatiens ‘Sanibel & Rosy Mix’

► Beacon and Imara series

► Impatiens used to be America’s No. 1-selling summer annual flower until a deadly powdery mildew disease hit in 2012. Breeders have now developed two lines of traditional impatiens that naturally fight off the disease. Imara XDR debuted in 2019 in seven colors. Beacons are debuting in 2020 in seven colors.

► Size: 14 to 18 inches tall with a slightly larger spread.

► Where to use: Shady to partly shaded beds are best, such as along northern and eastern foundations or in wooded gardens. They’ll grow in sunnier spots, too, if the soil is kept damp. All are excellent choices for pots and hanging baskets in shady spots.

► Care: Plant out after danger of frost passes in spring (mid-May or after). In pots and baskets, water daily when it doesn’t rain, and fertilize with a half-strength flower fertilizer every week or two. In the ground, fertilize monthly with a balanced, organic, or long-acting granular fertilizer formulate for flowers.



# Justicia 'Fruit Cocktail' Shrimp Plant

▶ A charming addition for any sunny to partly sunny exposure, its golden lime-colored bracts, accented by bright red flowers, crown this upright grower in a never-ending display. As easy to grow as any in this genus, it tops the list as a free bloomer. Use it to brighten south, east or west exposures. Makes a nice potted container for the summer garden.

▶ Sun Requirement: Full Sun, Partial Sun

▶ Grows to 12-20"





## Lantana 'Little Lucky Lavender'

- ▶ Lantana Little Lucky Lavender produces fragrant lavender-pink clusters of flowers from late spring through the summer.
- ▶ This series of dwarf lantana blooms about three weeks prior to other lantanas.
- ▶ It is an amazing butterfly and hummingbird attractant along with being deer and rabbit resistant.
- ▶ The Little Lucky Lantana series are great fillers for container gardens and window boxes that receive direct sunlight due to their sun/heat tolerance.

# Lobelia 'Rift' Series

▶ A tectonic shift in Lobelia breeding, Westhoff continues to lead the market with breeding in Lobelia. The Rift series features heavily branched, mounding plants with the bold colors of Lobelia shattered by blazing white variegation. Striking up close, but equally dramatic from a distance, the Rift Lobelia series is a unique new take on this classic plant.

▶ Height: 8-12"

▶ Spread: 6-8"

▶ Light Condition: Full Sun to Part Sun





## Nemesis 'Aromance Mulberry'

► A plant that takes your breath away! The beautiful plum-colored blooms cover the mounding habit of this plant. Highly fragrant, AROMANCE® Mulberry Nemesis is a great selection for hanging baskets or patio planters, a gentle breeze outside on your patio and your nose will be happy. Planted in full sun to part shade, AROMANCE® Mulberry holds up all summer with a flurry of blooms. Many Nemesis can not handle the heat of summer, but not AROMANCE® Mulberry. Standing 8-10 inches tall and spreading up to 12 inches wide, not only is AROMANCE® Mulberry a great selection for containers, it also does very well in landscape plantings.



# Nemesia 'Escential Pinkberry'

▶ Living up to their namesake, these nemesias are essential for scent in the garden. Large flowers with bold colors and intense fragrance make these a staple in the garden. And Escential varieties are the most heat-tolerant nemesia on the market today, providing endless color from early spring through autumn.

▶ Height: 8 to 12"

▶ Spacing: 8 to 12"

▶ Lights: Sun

▶ Usage: Containers, Garden,  
Landscape

▶ Features: Fragrant

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# Marigold 'Snow Man'

- ▶ Shorter than 'Vanilla' Marigold



# Osteospermum 'Gelato' Series



► With most of the cultivated varieties being derived from species native to Southern Africa, one of the most unique climates on Earth, some unique cultural requirements were programmed into the plants. Some of the positive attributes, gorgeous flowers and drought tolerance, were accentuated while some of the more challenging cultural preferences, cool temperatures to initiate flowering and seasonal blooming, were selected against. Fast forward to today after decades of breeding and selection work, and we have a much-improved plant product for the market: the Gelato series. Freely flowering all season long, they offer diverse flower color options on heavy branching plants with medium and compact habits.

► The Gelato series is well suited to most climates and brings not only cold and drought tolerance, due to its heritage, but also impressive heat tolerance.

Petunia 'Cascadias  
Purple Ice'



Petunia  
'Flower  
Showers Mayan  
Sunset'





# Petunia 'Splash Dance' Series





Petunia  
'Sureshot  
Blueberries  
& Cream'



Petunia  
'Surfinia  
Amethyst  
Burst'

Petunia  
‘Sweet  
Sunshine  
Magenta Sky’





Double  
Petunia  
'Origami  
Pink Star'

# Salvia 'Sallyfun Blue Lagoon'

► This new salvia has rich, blue flowers that last through the summer season. It is a heat-tolerant salvia that has an early and uniform bloom with strong radial branching. Works great in gallons, combinations and the landscape. Pollinators love it and so do home gardeners because it is easy to grow.

► Height: 18 in

► Spread: 12 in



# Salvia 'Skyscraper Orange'



► Enjoy months of brilliant orange flowers on the award-winning annual Skyscraper Tower Orange Sage, Salvia. The tubular flowers bloom for months, attracting hummingbirds, butterflies and bees to the garden all summer into fall. You'll experience extreme flower power with this vigorous variety.

► Use Skyscraper Tower Orange Sage in center of pots as the "thriller," in the landscape, or as a specimen pot plant. Plant in cutting, cottage, pollinator, hummingbird and butterfly gardens.

► Plant in full sun. For best results keep well watered and fertilize with an all-purpose fertilizer.

► Height: 14-28 in

# New Mixes

Chloe's Mix, Great Escape, Harvest Moon, Itsy Bitsy, Spring Showers, Raspberry Sorbet, Starlight Starbright



# VEGETABLES



# 2023 Edible of the Year: Broccoli

Broccoli hails from the Mediterranean region and has been enjoyed there since Roman times. Other European regions eventually caught on and broccoli was popularized in France as “Italian Asparagus” in about 1650. The English adopted it about 70 years later.

We have been broccoli fans across the US since the 1920s when ice-packed broccoli heads rode the rails from California to the eastern US. In 2011, the United States produced more than 2 billion pounds with a value of over \$750 million on more than 130,000 acres.

Broccoli is good for you! It is high in antioxidants, amino acids, folate, and vitamin C. This edible is also an immunity booster thanks to its zinc and vitamin content.

## How To Grow

- Broccoli prefers cooler seasons like early spring and fall in most regions.
- Choose a growing area that has not held broccoli or cabbage (or other close relatives) in the past year or two if possible. This will decrease the buildup of insect and disease pests in that area.
- Broccoli likes good drainage and air circulation.
- Full sun is nice but partial shade will work.
- Six plants in a 4 x 6-foot area will be very happy.
- Broccoli prefers soil high in nitrogen so work in a balanced fertilizer or some compost while planting.
- Many gardeners plant transplants they purchased. When shopping for transplants, look for healthy but small plants that have not outgrown their pots; they will transplant better and grow more quickly than their root-bound neighbors.
- If starting from seed, start seeds about 4-6 weeks before planting. Seed should be started indoors about 6 weeks before the last frost date in the spring. Check your seed catalog or seed packet, or with a local extension office, for more information on the best time to plant. For a fall crop, start seeds indoors in August or September.
- Spread mulch around the plants to hold soil moisture in and prevent weeds.
- Container-grown plants should be planted in a large container-at least 2 gallons with one plant per pot. Water well and regularly.
- Remove any worms or aphids you find on the plant with a strong stream of water or pick them off.



## Did you know?

California produces 90% of the broccoli consumed in the U.S.



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## Did you know?

Over the last 25 years, broccoli consumption in North America has increased 940%!



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## Did you know?

The U.S. ranks 3rd in the world for top broccoli export production with Spain and Mexico being #1 and 2.



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# Pepper 'Armageddon'

- ▶ Armageddon is the world's first F1 super-hot chili.
- ▶ It measures in at 1.2 million Scovilles. This gives a fantastic gardener advantage in terms of improved plant vigor and fruit uniformity. It is the earliest maturing super-hot variety, at least 14 days earlier than its competition.
- ▶ Fertilize: Once a month
- ▶ Spacing: 24-30in (61-76cm)
- ▶ Height: 24-30in (61-76cm)
- ▶ Width: 16-20in (41-51cm)
- ▶ Exposure: Full Sun - 6+ hours direct sun
- ▶ Fruit size: 1-2in (4-5cm)
- ▶ Days to harvest: 95-100
- ▶ Growth: Indeterminate

# Pepper 'Flavorburst'

- ▶ Vibrant golden yellow bell pepper.
- ▶ Initial color is lime green, turning to golden yellow when ripe. Excellent, sweet flavor. Medium-large fruits are mostly 3-lobed and slightly elongated.
- ▶ Days To Maturity: 67 green; 87 yellow ripe





## Pepper 'Peppi Yellow'

- ▶ Seedless sweet peppers
- ▶ These small, pointed fruits offer incredible sweetness and rich flavor.
- ▶ To produce seedless fruit, grow it in isolation from other (non-seedless) pepper varieties.
- ▶ If it is not isolated, it will produce larger, great-tasting fruit with just a few seeds.
- ▶ Best grown in-ground with support of stakes or a cage.
- ▶ Days to maturity from transplant (ripe) : 75-80

# Pepper 'Dragonfly'

▶ 2022 AAS Edible-Vegetable Winner

▶ Dragonfly pepper plants produce beautiful purple peppers that have thick, sweet walls, unlike the thin papery walls of other purples on the market. Similar to the beloved dragonfly that flits around your garden, this pepper transforms itself from a green pepper into a purple fruit that is as delicious at the green stage of maturity as it is when fully purple and mature. Overall, it's a much better purple color than comparisons with above average, robust pepper flavor. Fruits are held high on the plant, keeping them from the soil. The 4-lobed fruits do not fade and if left on the vine, turn a beautiful, bright red color.



A photograph of a whole and a sliced Carolina Gold tomato on a wooden cutting board. The tomatoes are a vibrant golden-yellow color. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a wooden table. The image is partially obscured by a white and green graphic overlay on the right side of the slide.

## Tomato 'Carolina Gold'

► The Carolina Gold tomato features a unique golden-yellow colored fruit that is low in acid and uniform ripening. This variety is adaptable, and its strong, determinate plant produces mostly extra-large and large fruit throughout the season. To maximize yield potential, stake culture is recommended. Resistant to Verticillium wilt and Fusarium wilt (1,2).

# Tomato 'Sun Dipper'

- ▶ 60 to 65 Days
- ▶ Unique, eye-catching, elongated fruits are an attractive orange.
- ▶ Fruits are 2 to 2 1/2" long by 1/2" wide and have a delicious, juicy flavor. Perfectly shaped for dipping and visually appealing on vegetable platters.
- ▶ Note that pruning plants to 1 to 2 leaders can increase fruit size up to 3 to 4" long.
- ▶ Upright plants grow approx. 60 to 84"
- ▶ Indeterminate



# 2023 Herb of the Year: Ginger

Herb of the Year 2023 - Ginger *Zingiber Officinale*

Ginger *Zingiber Officinale* is a flowering plant whose rhizome (Ginger Root) is used for culinary and medicinal purposes. The root is gnarled and has a pungent spicy-sweet flavor. It is an herb native to humid, tropical forest in Southeast Asia. It is one of the oldest known spices.



Ginger is grown by planting root stalk cuttings in fertile soil. The plant will grow 2 to 4 feet tall with grass like leaves and yellow flowers it takes approximately 10 months to grow to full maturity. Once the leaves die the rhizomes are dug up from underground. Fresh ginger root is light brown on the outside and pale yellow inside.

Ginger is considered a spice when used ground or powdered. It is an herb when used fresh and considered a vegetable when used culinary. It can be used in baking, teas, sauces, soups, and added to tofu, rice, veggies and meats. Ginger Ale is made with ginger root.

Ginger aids digestion, helps reduce nausea and headaches. It is also be used to help with colds and flu and has anti-inflammatory and antioxidant effects.



# Holy Basil 'Kapoor Tulsi'

- ▶ Unique, spicy aroma with hints of coffee and chocolate.
- ▶ Compact but very full, attractive plants. Mild spicy aroma with hints of sweetness.
- ▶ Faster growing than green holy basil, and its purple flowers also make it a nice beneficial and/or ornamental.
- ▶ For teas, culinary, and medicinal use.
- ▶ Very good resistance to downy mildew.
- ▶ Height: 12-18"
- ▶ Exposure: Full Sun - 6+ hours direct sun

# 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Herb Fest

Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>



# Perennials



# Early Bird Perennial Plant Sale

▶ MONDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>  
THROUGH  
SUNDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>

▶ 10% OFF ALL PERENNIALS

▶ Pay and take that day.

▶ No held orders.

▶ In stock items only.

▶ In-store retail sales only.



# 2023 Year of the Rudbeckia

It's no wonder that the ever-popular Rudbeckia was chosen for this year's perennial of the year because of its bright colors, ease of growing, and the vast range of both new and old varieties to choose from.

Try growing it once and you'll be hooked forever on this North American native.

Rugged durability, extreme heat tolerance, and summer-long flower power make Rudbeckia one of the most popular perennials sold today in many parts of North America. It's no wonder as it can be found naturally and thrives in all 48 contiguous states and in all 10 provinces of Canada.

Thanks to North American botanist John Bartram, seeds of our native Rudbeckia were sent to Europe via Englishman Peter Collins. This is how Carl Linnaeus (1707-1778) came across them and named them after Olof Rudbeck (1660-1740), a teacher at Uppsala University in Sweden with whom he worked for. (Linnaeus is now known as the "father of taxonomy's" system of binomial nomenclature.)

It is said that as Linnaeus was putting together his nomenclature, he chose the name Rudbeckia because the tall flower reflected Rudbeck's tall stature, and the ray-like petals bore "witness that you shone among savants like the sun among stars." What a wonderful tribute!



2023  
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RUDBECKIA

# Perennial Rudbeckia Selections



'Goldsturm'



'Little Goldstar'



'Little Henry'



'Goldblitz'



Rudbeckia hirta  
Black Eyed Susan



Rudbeckia laciniata  
Cutleaf Coneflower



Rudbeckia  
subtomentosa  
Sweet Black Eyed Susan



## 2023 Perennial Plant of the Year: Rudbeckia 'American Gold Rush'

► Finally, a Black Eyed Susan that's resistant to the Septoria leaf spot! Thanks to the thinner and hairier leaves, this hybrid Rudbeckia shows no signs of the fungus even in wet, humid conditions. A dome-like habit of golden yellow flowers with black centers are produced heavily from July to September here in Michigan, with some color until frost. Destined to be the new staple for landscapes! From Brent Horvath of Intrinsic Perennial Gardens.

- Height: 22-26"
- Spread: 40-44"
- Hardiness Zones: 4-9
- Sunlight: Full Sun



# Annual Rudbeckia Selections

# 2023 Proven Winners Perennial of the Year: Heuchera 'Dolce Wildberry'

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The intense purple color of these leaves are second to none! Compared to 'Blackberry Ice', the foliage is larger, a richer hue, and holds onto its purple color for much of the season. Large, scalloped, incredibly glossy leaves are a bold shade of purple. Charcoal veins accent the leaf color that make the leaves really pop. Dark stems hold rosy pink calyxes and white flowers. A must have!

Coral bells are easy to grow and blend easily with most other perennials in the landscape. Because of their low, mounding habit, they are often used as edging along paths or in containers. Try cutting a few of the tall flower scapes for fresh bouquets.

**Height:** 10-14 Inches

**Spread:** 16-20 Inches

**Hardiness Zones:** 4-9

**Sunlight:** Full Sun to Full Shade





## Alcea 'Spotlight Purple Rain' & 'Blackberry Ripple' Hollyhocks

▶ Blackberry Ripple has double purple-black and white blossoms with dark green foliage. It will bloom in summer. Plant in full sun.

▶ Spotlight Purple Rain is a true perennial hollyhock which flowers the first year from seed, brilliant blue-purple single flowers bloom on tall stately stalks all summer.

▶ Use hollyhocks in a cottage garden or as a back border in a perennial garden. It has an impressive effect when planted in a mass planting.

▶ Hummingbirds, butterflies and bees are attracted to the flowers and deer tend to stay away.

▶ Height: 5-6 ft

▶ Hardiness Zone: 3-9



# Allium 'Bubble Bath' Ornamental Onion

► Soft lavender flower clusters are held on strong stems above a mound of glaucous blue green foliage. The wide, linear leaves have a slight twist. Compared to 'Millenium', 'Bubble Bath' has lighter purple flowers on larger 3" flower clusters. Compared with the bulb-type varieties like 'Globemaster', this type of Allium will have smaller, more numerous flower clusters, bloom in summer instead of spring, and have foliage that stays attractive through fall.

► Alliums are charming plants for the rock or herb garden. When the foliage is bruised, it smells like onions since they are in the onion family. Butterflies and honeybees adore the flowers' sweet nectar but deer and rabbits steer clear of this perennial beauty.

► **Height:** 26-28 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 4-8

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun to Part Shade





# Aster 'Pink Crush'

▶ Bringing refinement to fall blooming Asters, 'Pink Crush' produces a large, very round mound with densely packed flowers. We have observed no lodging in our trials, a phenomenal achievement for fall blooming Asters. Rose pink flowers are produced above dark green foliage in early fall to midfall. This variety is shorter than 'Grape Crush'. A perfect finale to the growing season!

▶ Asters are native to North America and are generally very easy to grow.

▶ **Height:** 20-24 Inches

▶ **Hardiness Zones:** 3-8

▶ **Sunlight:** Full Sun

## Astilbe 'Dark Side of the Moon'

► An instant classic for the landscape! 'Dark Side of the Moon' is the only dark leaved Astilbe with purple flowers that's on the market. Rich deep chocolate burgundy leaves form an incredibly attractive mound of foliage. Emerging leaves are yellow with a dark margin with a glossy sheen that become completely dark as they age. Dark stems hold raspberry buds that burst forth with rosy purple flowers. This performs best both for growing and flowering in full sun in the north with adequate moisture, but also grows in shade.

► **Height:** 28-34 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun to Full Shade

# Astilbe 'Red Sentinel'

- ▶ Vibrant scarlet-red flowers are held in open, lacy panicles
- ▶ Blooms in early to midsummer
- ▶ Forest green foliage and mahogany-red stems
- ▶ One of the best red astilbes
- ▶ A member of *Astilbe japonica* (Japanese Astilbe). A species characterized by an early bloom time and glossy green leaves often tinged with red. Flowers are produced in dense, pyramidal clusters.
- ▶ **Height:** 20-24 Inches
- ▶ **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9
- ▶ **Sunlight:** Full sun to full shade





## Bergenia 'Fairytale Romance' Pigsqueak

► This charmed perennial will be among the first perennials to bloom in spring. Clusters of apple blossom pink flowers emerge with glossy evergreen foliage for a shining display. The floral display is exceptionally showy with large 1" wide flowers are held on similarly large 6" panicles.

► Bergenia can be used in a variety of ways in the landscape. It is most impressive when used as a durable, evergreen groundcover, but it can also be used in containers and rock gardens. It is quite effective at softening the hard edges of pavement and also works well as an edging or filler plant in flower borders.

► **Height:** 18-20"

► **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun to Full Shade

# Brunnera

## 'Jack of Diamonds'

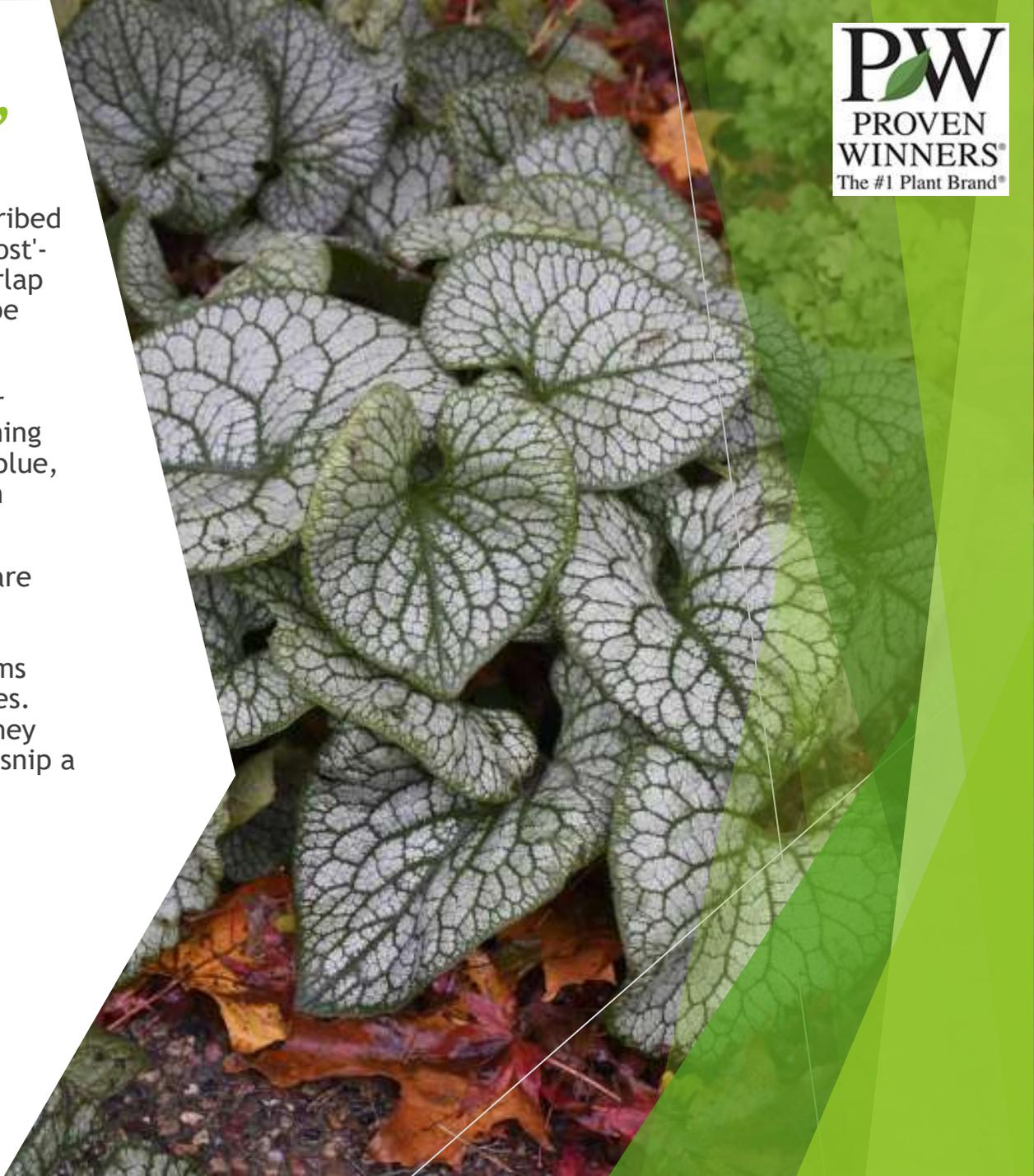
► This shade perennial can best be described as a giant version of the classic 'Jack Frost'-with a twist. The huge 9-10" leaves overlap dramatically at the base giving it a shape similar to the snail delicacy escargot. Overall, the foliage is circular from a distance. The leaves have a heavy silver overlay with vivid wide, dark green veining pattern. From mid to late spring, baby blue, forget-me-not type blossoms are held in clusters above the foliage.

► Brunneras are classic perennials that are treasured for their shade tolerance and lovely blooms. They make a fantastic groundcover, though the variegated forms may be slower to spread than the species. Try growing them in containers too so they will be close at hand when you want to snip a few blooms for a spring bouquet.

► **Height:** 14-16"

► **Hardiness Zones:** 3-8

► **Sunlight:** Part Shade to Full Shade





## Dianthus 'Constant Beauty Crush Orange'

- ▶ Double flowers are orange with a stunning white border on each petal. Good flowering even during the heat of the summer.
- ▶ **Height:** 4-6”
- ▶ **Hardiness Zones:** 4-8
- ▶ **Sunlight:** Full to Part Sun

# Dicentra 'Pink Diamonds' Fern Leaf Bleeding Heart

► An alpine-type bleeding heart that's worthy of the Proven Winners name! 'Pink Diamonds' explodes with flowers in late spring to early summer and blooms throughout the season. Pink flowers open light pink and show a two-tone effect. Medium sized clump of fine, fern-like blue-green foliage.

► This is an alpine type of bleeding heart and is not a shade plant. For best results, plant in full sun in soil with good drainage. Do not overwater or plant in an area that gets waterlogged.

► **Height:** 12-16"

► **Hardiness Zones:** 3-9

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun to Part Shade



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## 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.

- ▶ **Height:** 18-24 Inches
- ▶ **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9
- ▶ **Sunlight:** Full Sun

## Echinacea 'Double Dipped Strawberry Mousse'

▶ **DOUBLE DIPPED™** Echinacea have large, fully double 4½" flowers with wide, overlapping ray petals. Each variety has substantial landscape size at 2-2½' tall, perfect for the middle of the border. Strong, well-branched stems support the large, numerous heavy flowers with ease. Mounded habit of dark green foliage. Best performance comes in full sun and well-drained soils.

▶ 4½" pompom flowers with wide, overlapping ray petals. Dark pink centers with lighter pink ray petals.

▶ **Height:** 24-26 Inches

▶ **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9

▶ **Sunlight:** Full Sun





## Echinacea 'Sunseekers Tequila Sunrise'

- ▶ Bright bicolor blooms, yellow petals painted red at base. Reliable, heat-tolerant and easy to grow.
- ▶ **Height:** 24 Inches
- ▶ **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9
- ▶ **Sunlight:** Full Sun

# Echinacea 'Sweet Sandia'

▶ Single, broad petaled flowers each look a slice of watermelon. So pretty! Compact habit and tons of flowering stems. 'Sweet Sandia' is destined to become a favorite.



▶ **Height:** 19 Inches

▶ **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9

▶ **Sunlight:** Full Sun





## Japanese Painted Fern 'Silver Falls'

► Unlike any other painted fern, this one intensifies its silvering as the season progresses. Stunning, lustrous fronds that shimmer with its contrasting red veins. Later to appear in the spring than the other Japanese painted ferns.

► **Height:** 24 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9

► **Sunlight:** Part Shade to Full Shade

# Helleborus 'Irish Luck' Lenten Rose

► Try the lovely single-flowered selections of the HONEYMOON® Series from Walters Gardens hybridizer Hans Hansen. In his breeding work, he selects for plants with notable vigor, showy floral displays with large numbers of blossoms per plant, and rich flower colors.

► 'Irish Luck' has single green flowers with a central burgundy flare.

► Hellebores are the harbingers of spring, blooming for six weeks or more beginning in late winter. They are often flowering during the Christian season of Lent, from which they get their common name, Lenten Rose. This is the perfect plant for naturalizing in moist, woodland areas where its extensive root system will spread as far as it is allowed.

► Very deer resistant!

► **Height:** 18-24 Inches

► **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9

► **Sunlight:** Part Shade to Full Shade



# New Daylily Selections

- ▶ Band of Fire
- ▶ Blackthorne
- ▶ Handwriting on the Wall
- ▶ Lake of Fire (PW)





# Heucherella 'Copper King' Foamy Bells

▶ A fantastic foliage find for any shade garden. New leaves are bright orange with copper red centers and yellow edging. Individual leaves are large at 5" across with deep dissection for a maple-like appearance. Red stems hold proportionate scapes of white flowers. Compared with 'Hopscotch', this variety is deeper orange with more defined central patterns and marginal color. Our most vigorous Heucherella to date.

▶ Heucherella is a hybrid genus produced from a cross between Heuchera and Tiarella. From Heuchera they gain the many different foliage colors and textures, while Tiarella add deeper leaf lobes and serration, as well as their signature central leaf blotching. Heucherella are sterile hybrids, and so typically have longer bloom seasons than either of their parents.

▶ **Height:** 10-12 Inches

▶ **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9

▶ **Sunlight:** Part Sun to Full Shade

## Hibiscus 'Holy Grail', 'Lilac Crush' & 'Valentine Crush'

► These North American native plants bring massive, tropical-looking flowers all the way to zone 4. Although later to emerge than most perennials in spring, these are fast growing plants capable of adding an inch of new growth a day. Excellent at brightening up end of season gardens.

► **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun to Part Shade



Proven Winners® Hosta of the Year

# Hosta 'Empress Wu'

- ▶ Huge dark green, deeply veined leaves of good substance can measure more than 1½' wide and long. Large leaves are formed as a young plant, though entire clump takes about 5 years growing in the ground to achieve mature size.
- ▶ Strongly upright habit, forming a very tall and wide clump
- ▶ Pale reddish violet flowers appear just above the foliage in early to midsummer
- ▶ An outstanding focal point and topic of conversation in your shade garden!
- ▶ Hostas are exceedingly popular perennials in today's gardens due to their versatility in the landscape. Their subtle colors, tall flower scapes, and broad, coarse leaves fill a niche in garden designs that few other plants can achieve. Their large leaves provide excellent coverage for dying bulb foliage. Hostas also grow well in city environments where the air may be polluted by car exhaust, etc.
- ▶ **Height:** 3-4'



# Hosta 'Glad Rags'

► Medium, the yellow hues and great color contrast of this unique Hosta are sure to light up even the darkest corners of the garden. Thick, heart-shaped, extremely corrugated leaves begin with green centers and chartreuse margins that brighten to gold. As summer progresses, margins turn to creamy white. Flower stalks appear in midsummer with pale lavender to white blooms.



# Hosta 'Hudson Bay'

► 2024 Proven Winners Hosta of the Year

► An improvement over its parent, 'Eskimo Pie', this new sport is a much showier, larger specimen and a stronger grower overall. The wider, brighter blue margin and apple green jetting contrast nicely with the creamy white center all season long. The leaves are of heavy substance, exhibiting good slug resistance in the landscape. This plant forms a large mound of attractive foliage topped with near-white flowers on white scapes in early summer.



# Hosta 'Let's Twist Again'

► Small, sport of 'Patriot' with the same coloring but a completely unique form. Green leaves feature creamy white margins that are so wavy that the leaves often end up twisted. The distinct mounds bloom in midsummer with lavender flowers and work well in shady front borders or in containers.





## Hosta 'Seasons in the Sun'

► 'Seasons in the Sun' is a large, very bright yellow Hosta with a relatively upright habit. Flat leaves have a gentle wave along the margins and deeply impressed veins. Near white bell-shaped flowers are held on proportionate scapes.

# Hosta 'Summer Lovin'

► Hosta 'Summer Lovin' has medium, thick, heart-shaped leaves with dark green centers with a wide contrasting lemon-lime border. The edges become creamier as the season progresses and lavender flowers appear in midsummer. Sunlight intensifies the foliage colors.





# Hosta 'Trendsetter'

► Green, heart-shaped leaves have wide yellow margins. Over the course of the summer, the margins will turn creamy white. The slightly rippled margins will draw attention to its beautiful variegation. Pale lavender flowers appear in early to midsummer.

# Hosta 'Wild Imagination'

► This wild looking blue Hosta creates a sizeable mound of narrow twisted and ruffled leaves. Exceptionally large plant for a strap-leaf Hosta. Compared with recent new introduction 'Silly String', this plant is more than twice the size. Lavender flowers.





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# Ligularia 'Bottle Rocket' Ragwort

► Throughout the years, we have been impressed by the compact habit and excellent garden performance of this sport of 'Little Rocket'.

► Unlike older Ligularias, this one is a perfectly proportioned plant with its mustard yellow flowers held on chocolate stems just at the top of the dense clump of foliage so no naked stems are showing. The flowers are held like a bouquet in the center of the clump, and there are more flowering stems per plant than its parent. Comparing mature specimens, 'Bottle Rocket' is about 6" shorter than its parent in full bloom.

► 'Bottle Rocket' is also a more robust plant with thicker, very large, serrated leaves and a denser habit. In our trials, when 'Little Rocket' tended to open up and wilt in the heat, 'Bottle Rocket' remained perfectly upright. Overall a notable improvement over its parent!

► **Height:** 28-34"

► **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9

► **Sunlight:** Part Shade





# Ligularia 'Tractor Seat' Ragwort

▶ *L. japonica* hybrid. A very large Ligularia perfect for making a dramatic statement in the shade garden. Deep green leaves are massive reaching 16" across at maturity. A serrated margin surrounds each dissected leaf for a standout foliage presence. Golden yellow flowers have long petals. Best performance in morning sun or filtered shade; flowering will be diminished in deep shade.

▶ Height: 3.5'

▶ Hardiness Zones: 4-9

▶ Sunlight: Part Shade



# Lily

- ▶ Scorpio - Oriental
- ▶ Forever Susan - Asiatic
- ▶ Editha - Double Oriental
- ▶ Zelmira - OxT Lily

# New Peony Selections



'Angel Cheeks'



'Krinkled White'



'Mackinac Grand'



'Pink Parfait'



'Scarlet O'Hara'



'Susie Q'



Patio 'Oslo'



Patio 'Kiev'



Itoh 'Morning Lilac'



Itoh 'All That Jazz'



Itoh 'Clouds of Colour'

# Papaver 'Wonderland Mix' Iceland Poppy

► This dwarf growing mix of Iceland poppies features plants producing flowers in shades of red, orange, yellow, and white, and maturing at 18 inches in size. Plant these poppies in full sun after the danger of hard frosts has passed, and enjoy the flower display through early July. The milky sap contains chemicals that deter deer, rabbits, and others from eating the leaves or flowers.

- **Height:** 18 Inches
- **Hardiness Zones:** 2-7
- **Sunlight:** Full Sun





## Perovskia Prime Time Russian Sage

- ▶ An upgrade to 'Rocketman' with earlier bloom and denser flower spikes. Dusky purple calyxes hold blue flowers. The calyxes remain colorful well into fall, giving the plant the impression it is still in bloom after flowering has ended. The upright habit is made of slightly dissected oval leaves for a very full appearance.
- ▶ A perfect perennial for hot, dry climates and also exceptionally cold hardy. Perovskia can be used in a wide variety of environments with little attention through the season - a reason they have long been a staple of landscapers. Expect these plants to be a little later to emerge in spring, but also to offer color well into fall.
- ▶ **Height:** 30-36 Inches
- ▶ **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9
- ▶ **Sunlight:** Full Sun

# Phlox 'Flame Watermelon'

▶ The Flame™ series of upright garden phlox is sure to stand out in any garden for the summer. Phlox paniculata is great to use in the middle or front of the border as the Flame™ Series is known for its compact and tidy habit. Sturdy stems hold lots of flowers to attract hummingbirds, butterflies and bees. Deer resistant. Fragrant flowers.

▶ Fragrant red flowers with magenta and pink highlights

▶ Bloom earlier than taller types

▶ Dwarf Phlox are compact

▶ Mildew resistant

▶ **Height:** 16 Inches

▶ **Hardiness Zones:** 4-8

▶ **Sunlight:** Full Sun to Part Sun





# Primula 'Belarina' Series Primrose

- ▶ BELARINA® primroses are refined beauties that completely embody the joy and hope that spring offers. Their sizable double blossoms in a rainbow of colors bloom profusely throughout the spring season atop the compact, bright green foliage. Sterile flowers result in plants that are particularly long blooming.
- ▶ Though they are perfectly hardy in the landscape, be sure to plant a few in combination containers and windowsill pots where you can view their gorgeous flowers up close.
- ▶ **Height:** 5-8 Inches
- ▶ **Hardiness Zones:** 4-8
- ▶ **Sunlight:** Part Shade to Full Shade

# Pulmonaria 'Pink-a-Blue' Lungwort

▶ Pink flower buds open to medium blue flowers in early spring. Buds and blooms appear at the same time for an alluring two tone effect. Following flowering a robust habit of long green leaves dappled with silver spots will hold interest for the remainder of the growing season. The silver spotted foliage is perfect for brightening up the shade and resistant to both browsing deer and rabbits. Compared with 'Spot On', the flower buds are pink instead of salmon, the flowers open a lighter blue, and the foliage is dark as opposed to light green and more narrow.

- ▶ Height: 16-18 Inches
- ▶ Spread: 22-24 Inches
- ▶ Hardiness Zones: 3-9
- ▶ Sunlight: Part Shade to Full Shade



# Salvia 'Dark Matter' Meadow Sage

► Beautiful, bold, dark-purple flower spikes start blooming early and rebloom throughout the summer. Especially effective in mass plantings, but also nice for mixed borders and containers. Loved by pollinators. Herbaceous perennial.

- Height: 16" tall
- Zones: 4 - 9
- Full Sun





# Sedum 'Tiramisu'

▶ This upright Sedum displays many colors over the growing season, much like the colors of the decadent dessert. Through most of the summer, bronze leaves form a wide, dome-shaped habit. In late summer to early fall, tiny clusters of blush pink buds open to cream flowers. 'Tiramisu' passed our stringent multi-year trials by not lodging, maintaining its beautiful shape all the way to the end of the season.

▶ Tall, upright sedums form substantial clumps of foliage which can be substituted for shrubs in the landscape. Their stout, sturdy stems support the massive flower heads which develop in summer and burst into bloom in fall. If left standing, they provide winter interest and food for birds.

- ▶ Height: 18-20"
- ▶ Zone 3-9
- ▶ Full Sun

# Sisyrinchium 'Moody Blues' Blue-eyed Grass

▶ A North American native, vigorous and easy to grow, *Sisyrinchium* 'Moody Blues' grows naturally along riverbanks and in moist meadows and open woodlands. It flowers the first year and is known for having the largest flowers of the *Sisyrinchium* genus. The bright blue-violet, yellow-eyed flowers of *Sisyrinchium* 'Moody Blues' sit atop grassy, iris-like, green foliage and provide pollinators and beneficial insects with necessary nutrients.

▶ Plant *Sisyrinchium* 'Moody Blues' in full sun, singly or in groups, in mixed beds, containers, rock gardens, and borders.

▶ Height: 6" tall

▶ Zones: 4 - 9

▶ Full Sun to Part Shade



## Viola 'Eco Artiste Palette'

▶ A selection of the US native Birdfoot Violet, distinct in the Violet world for its bi-color flowers and narrow dissected foliage resembling that of a bird's foot. 'Eco Artist Palette' forms a dense clump of foliage that is covered in flowers beginning in spring. The superior petals are a dark purple while the lateral and interior petals are a lilac blue. Expect sporadic rebloom until fall frost.

▶ Unlike other Violets the Birdfoot Violet requires full sun and well drained soils to thrive. This species also has improved garden performance compared with the genus and is considerably less "weedy." In 25 years of observing *Viola pedata* we have yet to see a seedling.

▶ Height: 4-6" tall

▶ Zones: 4 - 8

▶ Full Sun



# Andropogon 'Blackhawks' Big Bluestem Grass

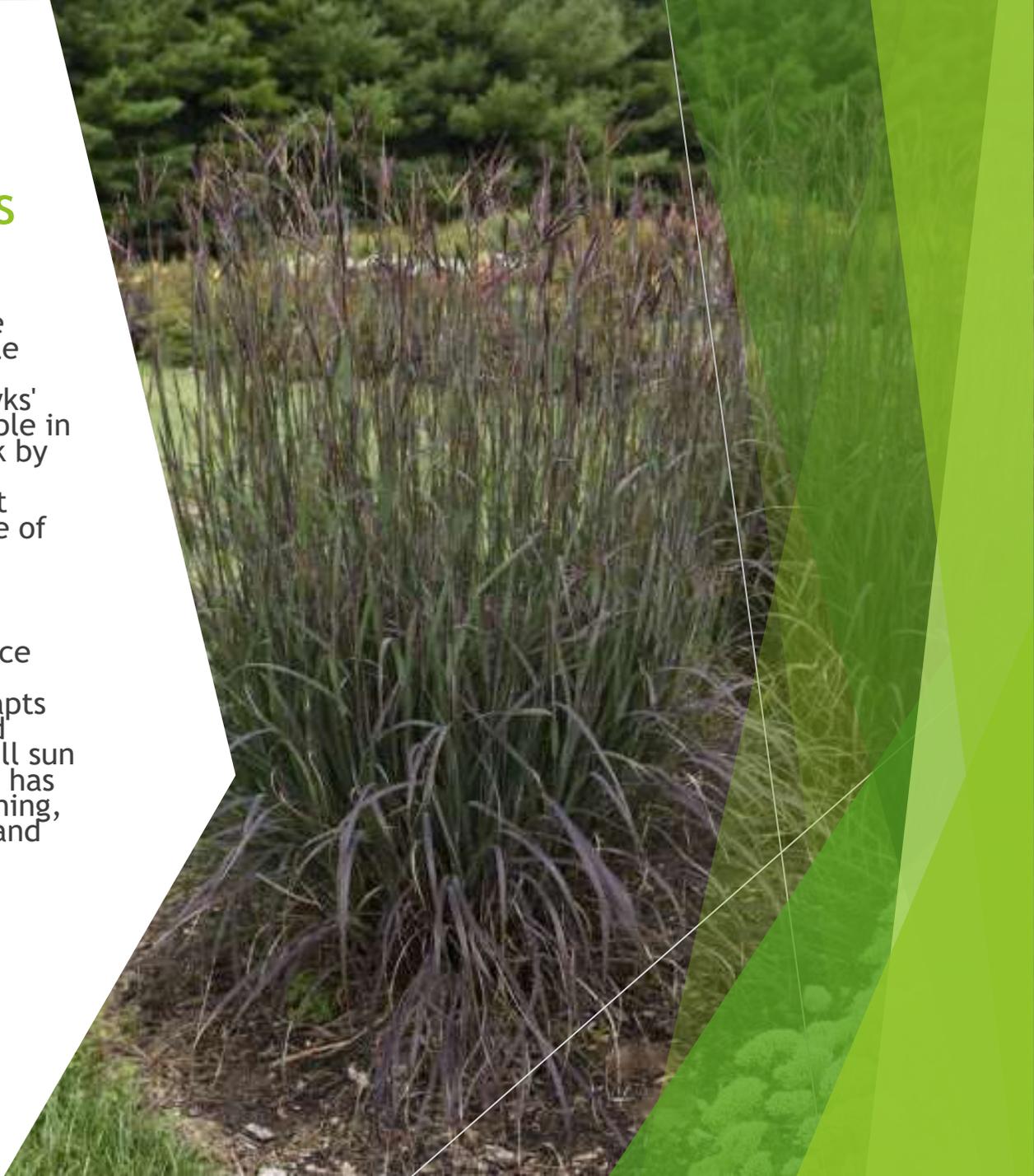
► Big Bluestem are perfect for providing height and color to the garden, coming into prime a little earlier than other ornamental grasses. The foliage of 'Blackhawks' emerges deep green to dark purple in spring and deepens to near black by fall here in Michigan. This grass matures a little more than a foot shorter than 'Indian Warrior'. One of the very best Big Bluestem from hybridizer Brent Horvath.

► Dubbed the "monarch of the prairie", this native grass was once the dominant component of the American tallgrass prairie. It adapts easily to a wide range of soil and moisture conditions as long as full sun is provided. This long-lived grass has a variety of uses including screening, naturalizing, restoring prairies, and nesting materials for birds and mammals.

► **Height:** 5 Feet

► **Hardiness Zones:** 3-9

► **Sunlight:** Full Sun





# Panicum 'Cheyenne Sky' Red Switch Grass

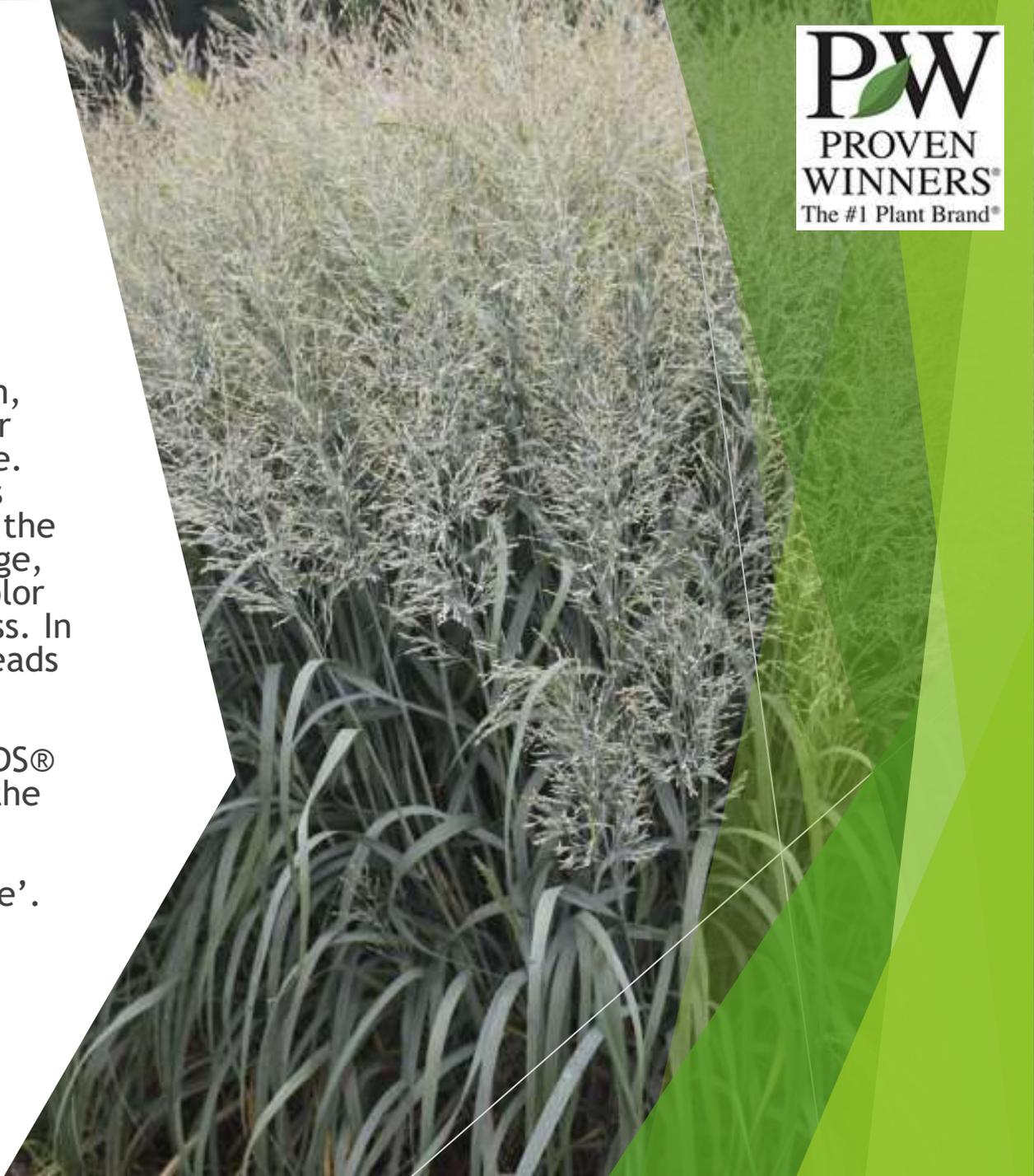
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- ▶ Absolutely ideal for growing in decorative containers, this hardy Red Switch Grass is a perennial substitute for Pennisetum 'Rubrum'. Measuring in at just 3' (2' before blooming), 'Cheyenne Sky' forms a tight, vase-shaped clump of blue-green foliage that begins turning wine red in early summer.
- ▶ By late summer, nearly the entire clump is drenched in color and is topped by matching wine-red flower panicles held just above the foliage. It makes a dynamite specimen plant and is even more eye-catching when planted en masse.
- ▶ Switch grass gets its name from the peaceful swishing sound it makes when blowing in the wind. All parts of this grass are very sturdy, and will remain standing thru winter unless snows are heavy. This provides important cover for birds during the coldest days of winter. This grass is very versatile from a design standpoint; it is effective as a specimen, in masses, for screening, alongside ponds or streams, or even in large containers.
- ▶ Ornamental Grasses of the PRAIRIE WINDS® Collection add graceful texture and movement to the garden. These varieties thrive in full sun growing conditions and are proven deer resistant.
- ▶ **Height:** 3 Feet
- ▶ **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9
- ▶ **Sunlight:** Full Sun

## Panicum 'Niagara Falls' Switch Grass

► Notably wide for a Panicum, 'Niagara Falls' is excellent for filling space in the landscape. This native ornamental grass appears like a Miscanthus in the landscape with arching foliage, but adds the powder blue color characteristic of Switch Grass. In fall, sprays of cream seed heads pack the top of the plant. Compared with the other Panicum of the PRAIRIE WINDS® collection, 'Niagara Falls' is the broadest of the group, but halfway in height between 'Apache Rose' and 'Totem Pole'.

- **Height:** 4 Feet
- **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9
- **Sunlight:** Full Sun





# Panicum 'Totem Pole' Switch Grass



▶ A mental image of a totem pole brings to mind a tall, narrow, majestic structure - the exact imagery to apply to this new ornamental grass! 'Totem Pole' forms a very upright column of steel blue foliage and powdery blue stems. In early fall, the top of the clump explodes with golden seed panicles. The narrow base of the plant makes it an ideal candidate for small spaces in the garden that need height and vertical structure.

▶ **Height:** 6 Feet

▶ **Hardiness Zones:** 4-9

▶ **Sunlight:** Full Sun

The background features abstract, overlapping geometric shapes in various shades of green, ranging from light lime to dark forest green. These shapes are primarily located on the left and right sides of the frame, creating a modern, layered effect. The central area is a clean white space where the text is placed.

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# 2023 Year of the Spirea



▶ These durable, easy-to-grow shrubs have dominated many regions of the United States for decades thanks to their tolerance for a wide variety of conditions.

▶ The genus name, Spirea, originates from the Greek word, speira, or “wreath” in reference to the orientation of the shrub’s delicate flowers. With nearly 100 unique species, this hardy group of plants boasts a wide range of colorful foliage ranging from blue to yellow, red, to orange, and everything in between. They truly are America’s heartland landscape plant.

## ▶ Spirea How-To’s for Your Landscape

▶ These plants are fast-growing, even the most compact varieties, making them highly desirable for quick fill-in plantings, massing, hedges, and foundations.

▶ Spirea are deciduous, meaning they drop their leaves each fall and can usually handle winter just fine. They are hardy to USDA Hardiness Zones 4 - 8 and can tolerate winter temperatures of 15-30 degrees Fahrenheit.

▶ Best grown in full sun. Generally, those planted in shadier spots tend to become lanky and do not bloom as well. Once established, they are one of the lowest maintenance, easy-to-grow shrubs.

▶ Routine pruning of old wood can be done if the plants are getting larger than desired. It is best to prune after flowering. Thin out branches from the center to improve air circulation. Unlike some landscape plants, every few years you can prune spirea hard, by as much as two-thirds if you want to clean up overgrown plants.

▶ Deadheading, or removal of spent flowers, is not necessary. Flowering will be more prolific when the plants have adequate moisture in spring and summer. Mulching with wood chips or shredded bark will help retain moisture.

▶ If you live in urban areas, have no fear, spirea are well suited to tolerate poor soil, pollution, drought, heat, and extreme cold temperatures. They prefer well-drained soil that should be kept moist their first year, watering deeply, especially during the hot summer months. Once established, minimal supplemental watering should be needed. While fall is the best time to plant, they can be planted anytime during the growing season.

▶ Spirea are generally not preferred to be grazed on by wildlife such as deer and rabbits. However, their beautiful blooms attract the happiest show of butterflies, bees, and other pollinators.

# 'Arctic Fire' Dogwoods



▶ Arctic Fire® Red dogwood has beautiful red stems and a compact habit and is at its best in the winter sunlight. This dwarf variety reaches just 3-5' feet rather than the 8-10' of conventional red-twig dogwood. Its smaller size makes this variety a great breakthrough for smaller gardens or residential landscapes. Tolerates a wide range of soil and light conditions. Plant a few extra to use in winter arrangements and holiday décor! Native to North America.



▶ A ray of winter sunshine for your landscape! Arctic Fire Yellow dogwood offers the same legendary durability as red-twig dogwood, but brings a cheerful yellow option. Stunning on its own, or planted with Arctic Fire Red dogwood.

▶ Top reasons to grow Arctic Fire dogwood:

- ▶ One of the most shade-tolerant ornamental shrubs
- ▶ Tolerant of a wide range of soil conditions
- ▶ Bright red stems in winter add color to the landscape

# ‘Dream Cloud’ Manchurian Lilac

► Dense, compact rounded deciduous shrub with deep green foliage & an explosion of 12"long and 9"wide, massive, fluffy pink blooms in mid to late May. Be intoxicated with its sweet fragrance by the patio or as a hedge plant. Rich, purple fall foliage. Terrific dwarf form for foundation use or grouped to form a showy hedge. Very hardy disease resistant foliage. Eye-catching fragrant bloom. Very nice fall foliage color.

- Height: 4-5'
- Spread: 4-5'
- Exposure: Full Sun
- Zone: 3-8



# 'Pinktini'

## Lilac

► Pinktini™ Lilac is a cold and drought tolerant shrub perfect for small spaces, reaching just 4-5 feet tall and 3-4 feet wide at maturity. Rich pink flowers bloom from late May through early June in cool regions, adding the classic lilac fragrance and color to a late spring and early summer landscapes and cut flower arrangements. Clean, green leaves add great contrast to the rich flowers and provides a great look to the landscape all season long.

- Height: 4-5'
- Width: 3-4'
- Exposure: full sun
- Hardiness zone: 2-7



A close-up photograph of several bright red Triumph apples with some green and yellow streaking, resting in a wooden basket. The background is a soft-focus green field.

# ‘Triumph’ Apple Tree

- ▶ Triumph® produces attractive fruit with occasional stem bowl russeting. It has demonstrated excellent scab tolerance, good fresh eating qualities and long storage life. This variety may be well suited to direct market and organic producers.
- ▶ Taste-wise, Triumph® is a pleasantly tart and well-balanced red apple with good storage life. It will be ready to harvest in late September, similar to or slightly later than its parent ‘Honeycrisp’ and is hardy to USDA Zone 4.

# ‘Trader’ White Mulberry Tree

► This mulberry is a cross between white and red mulberry trees. This vigorous tree will produce large, sweet-tasting, virtually-seedless, black fruit throughout the entire summer.

► It’s not surprising to learn that the original Trader Mulberry tree brought from Germany by Bill Trader is still alive and well on the family farm in Oriska, North Dakota after more than a century. That is testimony to its tolerance to extremes of cold. The great granddaddy tree is now over 125 years old and reaches a height of 35 feet and is almost the same in width. Its longevity is attributable to its resistance to disease and insects. In brief, it is a fairly care-free, no-worry tree. In North Dakota, the fruits ripen over the months of July to early September in true everbearing fashion. By that time, the shiny, deep green, heart shaped leaves of summer turn to the bright yellow leaves of autumn. It is a fast-growing tree. A 2-year-old specimen will bear fruit in just 3 years.

► This variety will grow in USDA zones 3 to 7.

► The mulberries are 1-1.5” long, juicy with a sweet mulberry flavor, that’s tart when first ripe and sweet a few days later. Mulberries can be eaten fresh or dried, or made into pies, jellies, juice or wine. Use them in imaginative desserts, drinks, or for easy freezing for whenever. Or you can just let the birds enjoy them and add to your bird-watching pleasure. The black berries are 1 ½ “long, juicy, and tart like a wild blackberry. They have a distinctive aroma. The fruit has excellent nutritional value and multiple health benefits.



# Northern Catalpa Tree

▶ The northern catalpa is a large, upright tree. Its bark is a gray-brown that becomes scaly with age. Leaves are simple and large, 6" to 10" long, and heart-shaped. They grow in a whorled or opposite arrangement along branches. In fall the leaves will become yellow-green to brown. Northern catalpa has large showy flowers that are upright in 4" to 8" clusters. The flowers are white, bell-shaped flowers with orange stripes and purple spots and stripes. The fruit of the catalpa is a pod-like capsule, 8" to 20" inches long which is filled with winged seeds.

▶ Prefers alkaline soil and moist, well-drained soil. The catalpa will tolerate wet sites that experience occasional flooding as well as dry sites. It is also moderately tolerant of road salts.

▶ Often used in the landscape as a shade tree or ornamental due to its flowers. A good choice for harsh urban conditions. It tolerates drought, poor drainage, and road salt fairly well. It is somewhat of a weak wooded tree and should be planted with caution; the branches can break off during storms. These trees make great landscape additions if pruned and cared for properly.

▶ The catalpa's large showy flowers are utilized by insect pollinators.

▶ Native from the lower Midwest into the southern states. Well suited for the urban landscape in Minnesota.

▶ Susceptible to verticillium wilt, leaf spots, mildew, and twig blight. No serious insect or disease problems.

