DISCLAIMER: The following list of plants offered this spring season was compiled using plants already in stock, listed on acknowledgments or from orders placed but not yet received. We make every effort to update this list before posting it on our website about April 15 of the current year. **We do not update the list once the season unfolds.** Before making the trip to Klein's, it's a good idea to give us a call to make sure that we actually have the sought after item in stock. Sometimes we don't receive ordered items or sometimes items are substituted by our vendors at their discretion. Other times we experience a crop failure for whatever reason. And oftentimes we simply run out of product as the season progresses. In addition, pot or pack sizes are often changed at the last minute. **Telephone: 608/244-5661** or email us at www.info@kleinsfloral.com. We're sorry for any inconvenience.

ABUTILON HYBRIDS (Flowering Maple): An old-fashioned annual from the Victorian days making a rapid return into modern gardens and containers. Maple-type leaves and bell-shaped flowers on upright, branching plants that attract hummingbirds. Excellent in all containers and very easy to over winter in any bright location. In fact, one of the few blooming plants that will bloom year-round. Best in a sunny, but not hot location. Pinch regularly to maintain bushiness.

Bella Series--Compact series good for outdoor containers or even as a houseplant. Well-branched plants bloom continuously, even in high heat. Large, 3", bell-shaped blooms "look up" for a good show of color; under cooler conditions, colors intensify. Blooms year round. Available in a mix of colors. 12-28" tall. (5" pot)

'Gold Dust'--Gold and green mottled foliage on upright bushy plants with five-petaled salmon flowers. Blooms year round. Grows to 24-36". (5" pot)

ACALYPHA PENDULA/HISPIDA (Chenille Plant): Bright red flowers are borne in long, pendent, tassel-like spikes. These tropical plants are best grown in light open shade with good air circulation. Keep moist. Allowing to dry too often will cause a rapid decline. Almost always grown in hanging baskets or containers.

'Firetail'--Graceful, fuzzy, fiery-red cattail-like flowers appear at the tips of dark green foliage. Great, heat-loving plant. (5" pot and/or 10" hanging baskets)

ACALYPHA WILKESIANA (Copperleaf Plant): A beautiful foliage plant with large, toothed, oval, delightfully colored leaves. Very closely related to the chenille plant. Most varieties grow 3-5' tall. They grow rapidly during warm summers. In cooler summers, the leaves are more brightly colored, but the plants remain shorter. A rare and exotic addition to large containers. Full sun to part shade. A member of the Euphorbia family of plants.

'Copper Plant' (A. wilkesiana 'Macrophylla')--Grown for it's unique foliage. Many shades of copper make this a beautiful accent to any landscape. Upright habit. 3-5' tall. (5" pot)

'Louisiana Red'--Shrub native to the tropical Pacific islands of Melanesia and has large, mottled bronze and red oval leaves and long, copper-green flowers. Can get quite large at 3-4' tall. Nice thriller for a large pot or in the back of beds. (5" pot)

Tiki Series 'Peach Whirl'--Has small broad foliage with pink-gold variegation and red highlights, with a recurved midrib, giving a curled look. Grows to 3' or more. Great in containers. (5" pot)

ACIDANTHERA, Gladiolus callianthus (Peacock Orchid): Cormous plant with linear leaves. In summer and in autumn, bears loose spikes of up to 10 hooded, funnel-shaped, strongly scented, pure white flowers, 2" across, each with a prominent purplered mark in the throat. Blooms curve downward on long, thin tubes. Grows 24-40". Must be dug in fall. Available in our bulb area.

AFRICAN DAISY: See Osteospermum

AGAPANTHUS AFRICANUS HYBRIDS (Lily of the Nile): Huge umbels of blue, purple or white on long stalks over grass-like foliage. Widely grown as cut flowers, this South African genus is actually a tender perennial with a fleshy root (an annual here in the north). Easy to overwinter in any cool, bright spot--either completely dormant or with foliage. Blooms best when containers are very root bound.

'Blue Danube'--Stately in big containers. The large clusters of light blue flowers are supported on strong 30-36" stems above graceful foliage. An early bloomer. Available 2 roots/pkg. in the bulb area.

AGASTACHE HYBRIDS (Hyssop): Bees, butterflies and hummingbirds love the nectar rich flowers of hyssop--a member of the mint family of plants. Their colorful, tubular flowers on dense spikes bloom from mid-summer until frost. Leaves are nicely scented. Very drought tolerant. Many are common garden perennials, but some of the less hardy varieties are wonderful in beds and large containers and are treated as annuals. The following selections are only hardy to Zone 6 or higher. For hardier varieties refer to our perennial section.

Kudos Series--A genetically dwarf, well branched series of agastache. Amazingly free flowering and easy to grow. Kudos has an impeccable habit and long lasting, glowing color. Warm colored plumes are dense with a sweet honey-mint scent. A real standout in mixed containers, or as a border plant. Plants grow to about 16" tall. Exceptionally hardy to Zone 5! Available in gold, mandarin, red and yellow. (5" pot)

'Morello'--Amazingly huge, dense inflorescences of deep burgundy rose that bloom from spring through fall. Showy, dark foliage in cool temperatures extend the beauty. 'Morello' has a strongly upright habit that forms multiple crowns quickly and has a good mildew tolerance. Grows to 27-30" tall. (5" pot)

Poquito Series--A genetically dwarf, well branched series of agastache. Amazingly free flowering and easy to grow. Poquito has an impeccable habit and long lasting, glowing color. Warm colored plumes are dense with a sweet honey-mint scent. A real standout in mixed containers, or as a border plant. Plants grow to about 12" tall. Grow in average, well-drained soil in full sun. Use for border garden, aromatic, cut flower, nectarous plant as a butterfly host. Available in butter yellow and lavender. (5" pot)

AGERATUM HOUSTONIANUM (Floss Flower): Fuzzy blue, purple, pink or white flowers highlight this common bedding plant and depending on variety, uses range from edging to stunning, long-stemmed cut flowers. Grow in humus-rich, evenly moist, yet well-drained soil. Plant in full sun. Attracts butterflies. **Selection may change throughout the season based on availability.**

Aloha Series--A dwarf, compact series that requires little maintenance. Plants form neat little mounds and produce a profusion of powder-puff blooms all season long. Grows to 6". (4-pack from outside vendors)

'Blue Horizon'--Mid-blue flowers on sturdy stems make this variety ideal as a cut flower. Very attractive to butterflies. Grows to 24-30". No staking or pinching required. (3-pack)

Blue/Violet--Compact in pots, yet a vigorous series in the garden, they are distinguished by their huge flowers--far larger than old-fashioned ageratums. Plants are large-leafed and well-branched and are extremely heat tolerant. Available in blue. (5" pot unnamed variety from an outside vendor)

ALOCASIA: Fashion a tropical atmosphere with the enormous, velvety green rippled and patterned leaves produced by these large tubers-close relatives to colocasia (true elephant's ears). Spectacular as a tub plant, adding texture and curiosity to the landscape. Can also be used near or in water gardens. Most thrive in full to part shade and in moist soil. Move indoors before fall frost and store dormant or keep as a houseplant. We usually carry an assortment of varieties and pot sizes that changes from year to year. All have a place in the garden. Each is priced individually.

x Calidora--Thick, plain green very glossy leaves on meaty stems. Will grow upright to 6' in a single summer. Very dramatic and a favorite here at Klein's. Foliage is dramatic and upright. (10" pot)

Alocasia odora (Upright Elephant's Ear)--Odora is medium sized Alocaisa. Odora has beautiful green heart-shaped leaves that are slightly ruffled. It works well in containers and the landscape. Grows 3-5' tall. Available in our bulb area.

ALOE VERA: Common succulent houseplant with spiky, thick, gray-green leaves. Widely naturalized in the subtropical parts of the world. The thick and sticky sap has healing properties and is especially effective on burns, sunburn, dermatitis and acne. Care should be taken if taken internally for constipation. An excellent potted plant for very well-drained soil in full sun. Propagate by offsets. (Available in 4 and 6" pots)

ALPINIA ZERUMBET (Shell Ginger):

'Variegata'--Yellow and green bicolor leaves. Though it flowers in the south, it rarely flowers in northern climates. Thrives on our hot and humid summers in large containers on the deck or patio. For full sun to part shade in rich and moist soil. This stunning foliage plant grows rapidly to 3-4'. Overwinter indoors as a houseplant or cut back and allow to regrow during the winter indoors. Very lovely around water features. (6" pot)

ALSTROEMERIA HYBRIDS (Peruvian Lily): When planted in filtered shade and moist, well-drained soil, these South American plants spread freely and put on a superb show from early summer into fall. 2" orchid-like blooms are borne on upright, lily-like stems. Use in the border, in pots or as a cut flower. Need to lift and store over winter. Easy to overwinter dormant in pots.

Inca Series--A wonderful dwarf series known for it's dependably non-yellowing foliage--a common problem for alstroemerias in areas where summers are hot and often dry. Available in 'Bandit' (red), 'Batavia' (purple), 'Husky' (yellow and salmon), 'Ocean' (magenta with a white throat), and 'Sundance' (buttery yellow). (6" pot)

ALTERNANTHERA HYBRIDS (Calico Plant): An easy to grow, very versatile foliage plant at home in beds as well as containers. Tall varieties can be pruned hard or allowed to grow wild for varied interest. Foliage tends to be glossy and colors and patterns vary by variety. Many are shade loving foliage plants in usually bright colors and with interesting leaf patterns.

'Party Time'--Bright pink and green foliage covers this great newer variety. Excellent companion plant for containers and hanging baskets. 18-24". (5" pot)

'Raspberry Rum'--A 12-20" tall variety with rich bronze-ish foliage irregularly splashed with a bright rosy-pink. Leaves are large on vigorous plants. (5" pot)

'True Yellow'--Bright chartreuse foliage; well branched; compact growth. Height: 8-12 in. Spread: 10-12 in. (5" pot)

ALYSSUM, Lobularia maritima (Sweet Alyssum): Low-growing and attractive in rock gardens, containers, beds and hanging baskets. Very fragrant. Plant in full sun and keep moist. Prune back occasionally to improve appearance and flowering. All grow to 3". Attracts beneficial pollinators. **Selection may change throughout the season based on availability.**

Clear Crystals Series--This exciting new tetraploid series delivers superior vigor; fragrant, larger flowers; and stronger performance in containers and landscapes. Available in lavender shades, purple shades, white, a mix and perhaps other colors if available from our wholesalers. (4-pack)

Easter Bonnet Series--Compact, uniform and early blooming. Color choices may vary throughout the season but are generally available in white, pink, purple and mixes from outside vendors. One of the more common garden varieties available. (4-pack)

Knight Series--This award winning heat loving alyssum grows fast and displays profuse clouds of dainty flower cushions over green or variegated foliage. Flowers all summer, well into fall. Rounded habit is great for baskets; will bloom until first frost. Available in White Knight (pure white). (5" pot)

Stream Series--A fast-growing, floriferous, ball-shaped plant with a wonderful sweet honey fragrance. Plants are heat tolerant and grow through the summer. An ideal as a filler in mixed containers, hanging basket or window boxes. Available in white. (5" pot)

AMARANTHUS (Joseph's Coat, Summer Poinsettia): A useful annual for extra dry areas providing long-lasting blooms and colorful foliage. Blazing colors for backgrounds, beds and flower arrangements. Prefers full sun. Revels in hot, humid weather. Edible leaves and seeds. The seeds were once a staple grain of the Americas and are making a comeback in local grocery stores.

'Carnival' (A. gangeticus)--A festive combination of hot summer colors explode in gardens and landscapes. A striking foliage plant with fiery shades of yellow and red contrasting with bronze leaves. Tall purple flowers are produced in late summer. A focal point for any display. Grows to 4'. (3-pack)

'Coral Fountain' (A. caudatus)--A coral-pink version of languid flowing everlasting amaranth. There are so few flowers that drape from a bouquet with this kind of trailing drama, it seems every cutting garden needs a bed of caudatus amaranths. Grows to 5 feet tall. (3-pack)

'Hot Bisquits' (A. caudatus)--Hot Biscuits is a rich amber color that seems to glow in the garden--the large burnt umber seed heads are impressive and eye-catching. Gorgeous in arrangements as well. This species was in use as a food source in Central America as early as 4000 BC. The plant is usually green in color, but a purple variant was once grown for use in Inca rituals. Grows to 6-7 feet tall. (3-pack)

'Redtails' (A. caudatus)--The age old 'Love Lies Bleeding'. Red pendulous flower spikes over arching branches. 3-5'. (3-pack)

ANGELONIA ANGUSTIFOLIA (Summer Snapdragon): Unheard of not so many years ago, angelonias have become one of our best loved summer annuals. Flowers are two-lipped with a shallow cup. Vigorous and requires high light conditions. Excellent in containers. Virtually pest-free and very fragrant. A must-have for every garden. Must be kept moist once established.

Angelface Cascade Series--Has a unique, semi-trailing growth habit with continuous flowering throughout the season. Superb heat tolerance. Ideal for hanging baskets and

large containers. Plants grow about 10" tall and spread to 12-24". Available in blue, pink and white. (5" pot)

Angelface Series--Abundant spire-like blooms coat compact, upright plants. Excellent in the landscape and wonderful in wildflower gardens. Grows 18-24" tall. Available in blue, 'Perfectly Pink', steel blue, 'Wedgewood' blue (a blue and white bicolor) and white. Loves heat and sun!! (5" pot)

Angelface Super Series--New in 2017! Abundant spire-like blooms coat compact, upright plants. Excellent in the landscape and wonderful in wildflower gardens. Grows taller than other Angelface types at up to 30+" tall. Available in blue and white. Loves heat and sun!! (5" pot)

Serena Series--This first and only seed-grown angelonia. Well-branched plants fill gardens, landscapes and mixed containers with unique dimensional color. This carefree, continuous bloomer is well-suited to landscapes, gardens and mixed containers, and performs well under a wide range of conditions. Serena is a bit shorter than other Angelonias, but that's all to the good. The 10- to 12-inch stems sport long rows of splendid 3/4-inch blooms that open gradually over several weeks. Available in blue. Pack size to be determined.

ARGYRANTHEMUM FRUTESCENS: Easy to grow and heat and drought tolerant, these daisies (relatives of garden mums) flourish in full sun to part shade. Foliage is usually deeply lobed and varies from green to intensely glaucous. Flowers are generally single and come in shades of white, pink, yellow or apricot. All bloom throughout the summer until a hard freeze, though may slow down in the peak of summer heat. Excellent in beds or in containers.

Beauty Series Yellow--Early flowering, compact growth and everblooming. Excellent for the garden, planter box or pot. Grow in full sun. Well-drained, organic soils are best. Grows 2 feet tall, 3 feet wide, and has lovely soft yellow flowers. (5" pot)

Butterfly Series--Early flowering, compact growth and everblooming. Excellent for the garden, planter box or pot. Grow in full sun. Well-drained, organic soils are best. Grows to 14-18". Keep soil moist but not soggy. Responds well to pruning and trimming. Deadhead regularly. Usually available in pure white and yellow. (5" pot)

ASCLEPIAS CURASSAVICA (Annual Milkweed, Bloodflower): Nonstop, 2-4" blooms that very much resemble our native asclepias tuberosa and monarch butterflies love them as much if not more. Plants are erect and bushy, growing to 36". For full-sun in well-drained soil. Native to Central and South America. Easy to overwinter and appears in houseplant books from the early 20th century.

'Red Butterfly'--This colorful, tropical variety grows to a height of 2 feet with bright orange and red, umbel type flower heads and glossy gray-green foliage. (3-pack)

Silky Series--The only widely available series. Available in deep red and gold. (2 and/ or 3-pack based on source)

ASPARAGUS FERN, Asparagus densiflorus: Age old foliage plants for use in mixed containers and hanging baskets for sun or shade. Plants actually sprout from bulbous roots and are a member of the lily family of plants. Equally useful in summer in the garden or as a houseplant during the winter months, though notoriously messy when the lose their "leaves" in our dry winter homes. The true leaves are the prickles that line the stems. What we call leaves are actually flattened stems. Plants can be cut back harshly before bringing indoors and will re-sprout during the winter months and produce insignificant white flowers, followed by bright red berries. Plants can grow to 18-36". Keep the soil evenly moist year round. Divide routinely by splitting the root ball.

'Myersii', syn. A. meyeri (Foxtail Fern)--An unusual and novel pot plant. Very graceful spikes form a cone shape. Upright. A fantastic focal point in mixed containers in the garden or on the patio and very long lived as a houseplant. Available throughout the year in our houseplant area. (5" and/or 6" pot)

Sprengeri (Asparagus Fern, Emerald Fern)--Common outdoor foliage plant and year-round indoor houseplant. Well-branched plant with woody tuberous roots. The arching stalks are woody and wireline with small, evergreen-like, bright green leaves. Has small white flowers followed by red berries. Very long-lived. Grows well in all conditions except the hottest sun. Used in mixed containers. (3 1/2" pot)

ASPARAGUS PLUMOSUS (Plumosa fern): As above, serves as an outdoor foliage plant or as a houseplant. Foliage is very delicate and wispy and sprouts from vigorous, almost vining, green stems. Can grow to 8' in a single season. Excellent cut and used in arrangements. (5" pot)

ASTER (CHINA), Callistephus chinensis: Keep soil moderately moist and mulch to keep roots cool. Tall varieties will need staking. Don't bother deadheading; China asters do not rebloom. Plant in full sun. Remove plants immediately after blooming and rotate crop to avoid disease, waiting 4 years to replant in the same spot. Most modern varieties are resistant to aster wilt, but not aster yellow, which is incurable and carried by insects. As the name implies, plants simply turn yellow and die.

Matsumoto Mix--2" semi-double, flat, spray type blooms with contrasting yellow centers. Upright plants grow to 30" tall, have strong stems for cutting and are heat tolerant. Contains shades of pink, blue, white and red. The ultimate cut flower! (4-pack from outside vendors)

BABY'S BREATH, ANNUAL: See Gypsophila

BACHELOR'S BUTTONS: See Centaurea

BACOPA, **Sutera cordata**: Loads of smallish flowers bloom against a background of rich green foliage on trailing stems. It is both heat and disease resistant. Thrives in part-shade to full sun, but does best in shade when conditions are hot and dry. Plant in baskets, window boxes or beds. Maximum height is 4-6", but spreads up to 14". Keep moist. If it gets too dry the flowers will drop. If in the shade, do not overwater. Prune as desired. Foliage is very fragrant. Origin: Australia.

Scopia Gulliver Series--The Scopia series, formerly known as the Copia series, has an assortment of available colors, flower sizes and varieties. The emphasis for new varieties has been enlarging the flower size and enriching the array of colors. The Gulliver varieties have very large flowers. (5" pot from outside vendors)

BALSAM, Impatiens balsamina (Touch-Me-Not): A member of the impatiens family of plants. Flowers have a waxy texture and resemble miniature camellias. Plants are upright and bushy and studded with double flowers. Space plants 12" apart in full sun or partial-shade. They prefer a loose, well-drained soil high in organic matter. Very tolerant of high heat if kept moist enough. An old-fashioned favorite. May be affected by impatiens downy mildew.

Color Parade/Top Knot Mix--Pastel flowers top 14-16" plants. Large flowers are held well above the foliage. (4-pack)

BANANA: See Musa and/or Ensete

BEGONIA, **ANGELWING** (**OR CANE-STEMMED**): This type of begonia is grown for its habit, foliage and flowers. They are fibrous rooted and generally grow more upright. Stems are slender and bamboo-like. Leaves are long, often deeply lobed, and asymmetrical. Flowers are borne in cymes year round. All varieties make great houseplants. Prune as needed to maintain shape and size. Propagates easily.

Babywing Series (B. x hybrid)--The "little sister" of the dragonwings. Plants have a denser habit than dragonwings, with a more upright, less arching habit. The flowers appear several weeks earlier than dragonwings. Available in pink and red. For sun to shade. Height: 12-15". (5" pot from outside vendors)

Dragonwing Series (B. x hybrid)--A very heat-tolerant begonia, 12-15" tall. Large blooms that are somewhat pendulous; large, wing-shaped leaves are a solid glossy green. Excellent in hanging baskets and large containers. Also performs well in garden beds. Use in sun or shade. In sun, the foliage becomes bronze and the flowers richer in color. Very impressive. Available in red, pink and white. (5" pot and hanging baskets)

Shade Angel Series--A unique blend of the old house plant favorite Angel Wing begonias – known for being nearly indestructible. SHADE ANGEL™'s work inside and out, in combos, as deluxe bedding plants or simply an indoor accent. The series has a

very unique, opalescent sheen to the foliage. Available in 'Pearl' (silver white, blushed rose leaves with dark purple edges and veins). (5" pot)

BEGONIA, **ELATIOR/HIEMALIS/RIEGER**: A result of crossing a variety of tuberous begonia species. Traditionally categorized as winter-flowering begonias, they can bloom pretty much year-round. All are bushy plants with masses of single or double flowers. They thrive in bright, filtered light and lower humidity than most tuberous types. Easy to over winter. Most grow 10-14" tall. We receive a large number of our 4" Riegertype begonias from outside sources throughout the spring season. Below are in-house grown varieties:

Solenia Series--Very tough begonias for high light and high humidity. This series has a high resistance to mildew and common foliar diseases. Plants have vivid, extra-large, fully double flowers with glossy, dark green foliage. Available in chocolate orange, dark pink, light pink, velvet red and yellow. (5" pot)

Upright Series--Plants have vivid, extra-large, fully double flowers with glossy, dark green foliage. Available in orange, pink, red, white and yellow. (5" pot from outside vendors)

BEGONIA, FIBROUS (OR WAX): One of the few annuals that bloom under almost any light conditions, but they tend to do best in light (tree) shade. They bloom continuously and are rarely bothered by pests. Space 6-8" apart. Used both as bedding plants and in containers of all kinds. Generally grow 6-10" tall. Green leafed varieties are more sun tolerant than bronze leafed. **Variety selection may change throughout the season based on availability.**

BIG Series (B. x benariensis)--An early flowering series. This series offers big flowers, big container appeal and even bigger landscape potential. Large, showy flowers above glossy bronze or green foliage. Season long color in sun and shade. The 'Big' series is a must for all serious gardeners! 16-24" tall. Usually available in red, rose or white (2-pack from outside vendors)

Bionic Series--Distinguished by an exceptionally well-branched and symmetrical plant. Excels in both sun and shade and loves the heat, providing season-long color, even in challenging environments. Extra large, self-cleaning blooms. Grows 20-24" tall and wide. Available in bronze-leafed red and rose and green-leafed pink and red. (Giant 6-pack)

Cocktail Series--Compact, 6-8" plants all have bronze foliage. May be available in 'Gin' (rose), 'Whiskey' (white), 'Vodka' (scarlet) and a mix based on availability from outside vendors. (4-pack)

Sprint Plus Series--Earliest flowering wax begonia series on the market. It's bred for uniformity and timing across the series. Flower clusters bloom all season. Use in mass

plantings, planters and beds. Available in pink, red, rose, white and a mix above crisp green foliage. (2 and/or 4-packs by vendor)

Whopper Series--This begonia series is definitely giant sized! With 2.5 feet tall plants and 3 inch blooms, the Whopper series will doubtlessly catch the eye in your flower bed. It replaces the Big Series form years past. For shade to part shade. Available in red with bronze leaves, rose with bronze leaves, red with green leaves, rose with green leaves and white with green leaves. (Giant 6-pack)

BEGONIA, **REX (Syn. Rhizomatous)**: Stunning foliage plant in shades of pink, burgundy, deep green and silver. As with all begonias prefers dappled shade in a protected spot. Almost exclusively used in containers. Makes a great houseplant.

Bewitched Series--A new and striking begonia rex series whose growth habit is very consistent throughout the series. Available in pink and red/black. (5" pot)

'Curly Chocolate'--Dark, escargot-type leaves dotted with pink sploteches. (5" pot)

Dibs Series--Large plants have striking colors and massive foliage, and they look great as a standalone or combined. Available in 'Rothko' (dark purple around the edges with deep pink centers) and 'Sangria'. (5" pot)

'Escargot'--Meaning "snail" in French, that's exactly what this unique begonia looks like. Spiraled leaves are patterned with bands of green and silver. A strong grower indoors or out. Grows to about 10" tall. (5" pot)

'Garden Angel Blush'--Pewter-silver palmate leaves resemble those of a Japanese maple. Overlay coal black veins and a warm, rich violet blush and you've got unheard of drama on a super easy garden plant. Best classified as a shrub Begonia, it has a mounding, upright habit and flowers in late summer with small, single, pink flowers. Grows to 24" tall! (5" pot)

'Gryphon'--A rex type with shimmering, silvery black foliage that is elegant in the garden or living room window. Although the main attraction is the striking foliage, it does produce copper-colored flower spikes. Plants are more tolerant of stressful conditions than most rex begonias. Very vigorous. (5" pot from an outside vendor)

Jurassic Series--Bold colors and patterns for deepest shade. Plants are vigorous and well branched and tend to flower later than most varieties (usually a positive attribute in rexes). Grows to 10-16" tall. Available in pink shades, 'Silver Point', 'Silver Swirl' and 'Watermelon'. (5" pot)

Magic Colors Series--A brand new series of tough begonia rexes in tons of color combinations. The intricacy of the color combinations is difficult to describe in a few words. Available in Cumbia, Sardanna, Spitfire and Zumba. All grow to about 8". (5" pot)

Nautilus Series--The Nautilus collection is unlike other begonia collections because the varieties contain very showy colors with swirling and spiraling leaf bases. They have dense, upright habits and thrive in full shade. Available in 'Lilac' (violet-rose and ruby-purple foliage outlined with a glossy black rim) and 'Supreme' (a combination of emerald green, white, ruby and maroon). (5" pot)

'Red Bull'--The leaves are a bright metallic red with a dark area at the point of petiole attachment. The leaf margin is wavy and will sometimes be a little darker than the rest of the leaf. It has a full, compact growth habit. A small leafed variety. (5" pot)

Shadow King Series--Great indoors as foliage plants that will accent a window in any home. These plants will carry over to the outdoors with good performance for filtered light or shady areas. Available in 'Lemon Love' (chartreuse lemon-lime). (5" pot)

T Rex Series--Strong, thick leaves adorn vigorous plants that can be grown in cooler temperatures that would "slay" most rexes. Available in 'Painter's Palette' (red and green background washed with charcoal and black and liberally dotted with white at the edges), 'Ruby Slippers' (deep ruby red leaves are super glossy with a saucy, little black stripe on the mid rib), 'St. Nick' (red center surrounded by emerald green and white polka dots) and 'Stardust' (green, burgundy and violet foliage, stippled and spotted with cream colored dots). (5" pot)

BEGONIA, TUBEROUS and SEMI-TUBEROUS: Tend to do best in climates with cool, damp nights. Protection from wind and afternoon sun is essential. Soil must be moisture retentive. In the fall, when the leaves turn yellow and begin to drop, lift the bulbs, remove the stems and store in a cool, dry place until it is time to replant in March or if potted, simply allow the pot to dry up completely, remove the dying foliage and store cool and dry until early March. Move to a light spot and begin watering. They can last many years in the same pot!

Cocoa Series--Their dark, cocoa-brown foliage is upright and nearly always covered by luxurious flowers. These are great in containers as they are non-aggressive and make a central, vertical statement. Glamorous and elegant in mixed shade containers or on the border in garden beds. It is also a fabulous houseplant and even blooms during the winter. Available in 'Enchanted Sunrise' (salmon-orange). (5" pot)

Daystar Series--(B. boliviensis) An amazing combination of the new and old. These complicated hybrids combine the best species and hybrids we could blend into a new hybrid series. Bred as hanging baskets, these are rough and tumble types with very large, single flowers on large plants. Available in yellow. (5" pot and/or hanging baskets)

Florencio Series--(B. boliviensis) A striking range of vibrant colors paired with upright grower-friendly habits makes Florencio a go-to hybrid begonia. Bred for outstanding outdoor performance, Florencio holds up to the rigors of the season and provides season-long blooms. Available in orange and pink. (5" pot and/or hanging baskets)

I'conia Series--An interspecific from-seed variety crossing boliviensis and older tuberous begonia types. Masses elegant, vibrant flowers that persist throughout the season. Featuring dark, clean foliage with robust branching, these begonias present a tight, compact habit. In cooler climates, thrives well in full sun when well-watered. Protect from hot afternoon sun. Available in 'Lemon Berry' (yellow-pink), 'Miss Malibu' (coral), 'Miss Montreal' (creamy white with yellow highlights), 'Portofino Citrix' (yellow), 'Portofino Costa Del Sol' (orange), 'Portofino Hot Coral', 'Portofino Hot Orange', 'Portofino Sunrise', 'Portofino Yellow, 'Scentiment Peachy Keen' (fragrant yellow-peach) and White. (5" pot)

Nonstop Series--Compact plants with an abundance of mostly double, brightly colored blooms. 3-4" flowers on 8-10" plants. Available from outside vendors in 'Mocca' darkleafed orange, scarlet, white and yellow and green-leafed orange, pink, salmon and yellow. (5" pot from outside vendors)

'Spectre Silver'--This unusual Begonia has broad, maple-shaped leaves of glowing mint green and silver-white. It is vigorous and well branched and forms an impressive 10" basket. The flowers are red-pink and are long lasting, pendant, and showy. Easy to grow. Grows to 16" tall. (5" pot)

Summerwings Series--An elegant series of cascading begonias with a bushy habit, excellent branching and a multitude of medium-sized, graceful single flowers all summer long. Summerwings have an ideal pot habit, later developing full potential in large hanging baskets, mixed containers and window boxes. All varieties later reach lengths of four to five feet by the end of the summer. Best in partial shade, but will also perform well in full sun or full shade. Available in apricot, orange and red. (5" pot).

Waterfall Series (B. boliviensia)--An extensive colorful series of strong trailing begonias, which flower profusely all through the summer with a true waterfall of large single or double flowers. Well-branched trailing plant for use in hanging baskets, which thrives in semi-shade as well as a sunny position in the garden or on the patio. Available in 'Angel Falls' (soft pink). (5" pot and hanging baskets)

NOTE: Due to lack of interest, we've opted to drop bulk begonia tubers from our summer bulb program.

BIDENS FERULIFOLIA (Golden Goddess): Daisy-like blooms, rather similar to a coreopsis, with deeply cut, lacy leaves. Blooms nonstop. Plants have a tendency to be very vigorous, but are tough as nails, thriving in the hot summer sun. Prefer to be kept moderately moist, but can wilt with little damage. Very popular in the 19th century and only recently making a big comeback. Attracts butterflies.

Brazen Series--A new collection of both vigorous and compact varieties that create bold options for container combinations. Their striking colors and clear flower patterns will

brighten up any garden. Available in 'Rising Sun' (rusty-red), 'Samurai' (rusty-orange petals with a yellow picotee). Most grow to 12" tall and up to 2' wide. (5" pot)

Campfire Series--With its delicate 1 inch blooms, Campfire[™] is a long blooming annual gracing your garden with color from spring until the first frost. Very heat and drought tolerant, the mounding trailing habit of Campfire[™] The perfect addition to landscape designs and in combination planters. Grows to 8-12" tall with an 18-24" spread. Available in 'Flame' (bright orange). (5" pot)

'Doubloon'--A great little Bidens that offers lots of personality on tidy compact plants! Rich golden blooms cover the dark green foliage and keep blooming all season long! Just 4-6" tall x 8-12" wide. (5" pot)

'Goldilocks Rocks'--Bright golden blooms are semi-double and flower all season. Slightly more compact than some of the more commonly available varieties making it an excellent choice for hanging baskets and mixed combinations. Grows to just 6-10" tall. (5" pot)

BLACK-EYED SUSAN (Annual): See Rudbeckia

BLACK-EYED SUSAN VINE: See Thunbergia

BOUGAINVILLEA GLABRA: (Note: Due to industry shortages, Bougainvillea plugs were unavailable to us to plant for the 2022 season.) A tropical native of Brazil whose showy flowers are actually papery bracts. Bougainvillea seems to capture the essence of the Latin American tropics with its lush foliage and electric colors. It's very easy to grow. It loves summer heat and humidity. In Wisconsin it must be planted in a container and overwintered in a very sunny window. Bougainvilleas are quite vigorous and the branches are quite thorny. Must be in full sun. Colors usually include shades of pink, magenta, red, purple and/or gold, some with variegated leaves. (6" pot)

BRACTEANTHA: See Strawflower.

BROWALLIA AMERICANA: Erect, bushy annual with smallish blue, violet and/or white single blooms. A favorite and old-fashioned annual for the semi-shaded wildflower and mixed beds. Can be pinched for more controlled growth and better branching. Self-sows readily, but the seedlings germinate only once the weather has warmed adequately. A seldom seen heirloom. A native of tropical South America.

'Blue Morn'--This little known variety is a true gem. It blooms literally nonstop until the first hard freeze. In cooler weather, stems become purple tinged set off by blooms of lblue with a contasting white eye. Compact at 12" tall. (3-pack)

BROWALLIA SPECIOSA (Bush Violet): Bushy, upright to somewhat sprawling branches tipped in 2" trumpets with broad, pointed, star-like lobes in shades purple, violet-blue or sometimes white. Used to replace impatiens with a similar growth habit

but in a different color spectrum. They also make a great winter blooming plant indoors from tip cuttings or seed. Likes bright shade and evenly moist soil.

Endless Series--A new series of vigorous plants that bloom nonstop. Plants start blooming early, forming dense mounds and then trail as the summer progresses. 10-14" tall. Available in 'Flirtation' (white) and 'Illumination' (a true dark blue). (5" pot)

BRUGMANSIA or DATURA AUREA (Angel's Trumpet): An amazing annual for large tubs. Huge, fragrant, trumpet-shaped flowers coat this bushy shrub all summer long. Related closely to eggplant, most visible in the leaves and plant structure. Grow in full sun and keep well watered. Store plant indoors over winter, either as a houseplant or dormant, barely moist and cool. Night-scented. Grows to 60" tall. Usually available in white, yellow and/or pink. (8" pot)

CABBAGE (Ornamental): See Flowering Cabbage

CALADIUM BICOLOR: Tuberous rooted plants grown as an annual in Wisconsin, meaning the bulbs must be dug and stored in the fall. They are grown for their beautiful foliage--long-stalked, broad arrow-shaped leaves variegated with white, pink or red. They prefer a rich, moist, shady location away from dry, hot winds. They are of tropical origin so prefer humidity and may become a bit scorched in appearance during the peak of summer. Available nearly year round in our blooming plant area. **Due to crop failure no bagged varieties are available in 2023.** (Available in assorted 4" and 6" pots throughout the spring)

CALENDULA OFFICINALIS (Pot Marigold): Edible flower. Petals used to color foods to replace saffron. Easy to grow annual. Enjoys sunny, cool conditions. Prefers well-drained, moist soil. Tall varieties make great cut flowers. Self-sows easily. Leaves are also edible.

Bon Bon Mix--An early dwarf (8-12") variety. Bright, sunny colored blooms on bushy, compact plants. Mix contains bright yellow, orange, apricot and soft yellow. Plant 12" apart. (4-pack)

Costa Mix--This new variety excels in uniformity and flower size compared to existing varieties. Dwarf and basal branching. Grows 10-12" tall. Mix contains bright yellow, orange, apricot and soft yellow. (4-pack)

CALIBRACHOA HYBRIDS (Million Bells): Calibrachoas were separated from the petunia genus in 1990. Flowers resemble a miniature petunia, though the line is becoming increasingly blurred. Among the easiest annuals to grow, calibrachoa has become hugely popular. Featuring hundreds of 1" flowers, it is fast growing, heavy blooming and self-cleaning. Low growing and often trailing. Thrives in full sun. Perfect for baskets, window boxes or as a ground cover. As with all petunia-relatives, fertilizing is important. Apply acid fertilizer biweekly to avoid yellowing foliage and woody stems.

Superbells Series--An amazingly heat tolerant variety and very disease resistant. Excellent garden performance. Far and away our most popular calibrachoa series. Grows 7-10" tall. Available in blue, 'Coral Sun' (orange yellow coral petal edges with a sunny yellow center), 'Dreamsicle' (orange), 'Evening Star' (purple shades with a yellow center), 'Grape Punch' (blue with a dark eye), 'Holy Cow' (soft yellow with pink splotches that are outlined in white), 'Holy Moly' (pink/yellow bicolor), 'Holy Smokes' (lavender, yellow and white star-patterned), 'Honeyberry' (soft pink blooms with yellow throats), pink, plum, 'Pomegranate Punch' (velvet red with an almost black center), red, 'Tropical Sunrise' (hot pink, light pink and yellow), white, yellow and 'Yellow Chiffon' (pastel yellow). (5" pot and 10" hanging baskets)

Superbells Double Series--An amazingly heat tolerant variety and very disease resistant. Excellent garden performance. Far and away our most popular double-flowered calibrachoa series. Grows 7-10" tall. Available in amber, blue, chiffon (pastel yellow), orange, ruby (ruby red) and yellow. (5" pot and 10" hanging baskets)

Superbells Doublette Series--Grows 7-10" tall. Available in 'Love Swept' (deep pink, rimmed in white). (5" pot and 10" hanging baskets)

CALLA LILY, Zantedeschia hybrids: Tender rhizomes native to swamps and lake margins of southern and eastern Africa. Grown for their unusual white or brightly colored spathes, borne in summer. Leaves are lance shaped and bright green, many varieties with silver mottling. Best started in pots indoors during early April before moving outdoors in late May. Plant in a part-sun/part-shade location. Plant in humus-rich, moist soil. Rhizomes must be dug again in the fall. Makes an excellent container plant.

Varieties in our bulb area include: Denver (lavender), Dubai Nights (deep wine), Escape (almost black), Lady Marmelade (orange), Red Alert and Yelloween (yellow) and also Z. aethiopica which has large white flowers. In addition, we are usually able to get potted varieties on a weekly basis and are available for special order in 4" and/or 6" pots.

CANDY CORN VINE: See Manettia

CANNA HYBRIDS & SPECIES (Indian Shot): Easy-to-grow, old-fashioned plant that has been making a comeback to Wisconsin gardens in the past few years. Its lush tropical foliage is alone a conversation piece, but it has the added distinction of being topped by huge, orchid-like blossoms. Cannas have a very long bloom period--usually from mid-June till frost and are extremely heat tolerant. They are fantastic utilized in mass plantings or the back of the border and are much underused as the focal point in container plantings. The red varieties are especially attractive to hummingbirds. The rhizomes need to be raised and stored indoors in fall, much like gladiolas and dahlias. A few varieties are started in pots in a warm greenhouse in early April to ensure the longest bloom time possible during our short growing season. By buying well-

established plants, the customer is guaranteed 3-4 weeks of added bloom time over planting the bare roots. Many varieties make for fantastic water and pond plants.

'Australia'--The darkest leafed canna on the market. Foliage is purple-black with a sheen. Flowers are large and a lovely salmon-red. Grows to 4-5'. (Gallon pot)

CannaSol Series--A completely new series of canna bred specifically for growing in containers. The compact growing habit, virus free stock, self-cleaning flowers, reblooming habit with large flowers makes this series a great addition to patios and gardens. Most colors grow to only 2' tall. Available in 'Happy Cleo' (orange) and 'Happy Emily' (yellow). (5" pot)

'Cleopatra'--Green foliage with bronze stripes and yellow flowers with red speckles. 4 ft. (Gallon pot)

'Pretoria'/'Bengal Tiger'--Originally from India. Zebra-striped foliage of creamy yellow and green. Melon-orange blooms. 4-6 feet tall. Spectacular! (Gallon pot)

'Tropicana' (aka 'Phaison')--These old fashioned garden favorites are making a comeback as public taste for tropical landscapes grows. 'Tropicanna' has exotic purple foliage variegated with green, yellow, pink and red. Hot orange blooms crown tall flower stems. 4-6' tall. (Gallon pot)

'Tropicana Black'--Striking, deep bronze to chocolate-colored tropical leaves are complemented by contrasting bright flowers that emerge red and soon after change to orange. 5-6' tall. (Gallon pot)

2023 varieties available as bare root rhizomes in the bulb area include:

CannaSol Series 'Happy Carmen'--Orange-red with green foliage. 18-22"

CannaSol Series 'Happy Julia'--Coral flowers atop bronze foliage. 18-22"

'Picasso'--Golden blooms with red flecks over green foliage. 32-36"

'Red Dazzler'--Bright red flowers with green foliage. 40-48"

'Richard Wallace'--Golden-yellow flowers tops green foliage. 36-48".

'Taroudant'--Has exotic and eccentric splayed open flowers of fire engine red, juicy orange and golden yellow. Leaves are large and glossy green. Height 24-36".

'Wyoming'--Brilliant orange flowers with bronze foliage. A true attention-getter. 4-5' tall.

CARDINAL FLOWER/CLIMBER, Ipomoea x multifida: Attention-getting twining vine with bright, trumpet-shaped scarlet flowers measuring 1" across. Grows vigorously up

to 6 ft., with minimal care. Blooms from early summer until frost. Showy palm-shaped foliage is perfect to train around decks, railings, up mailboxes or trellises. (3" fiber pot)

CARDOON, Cynara cardunculus: A bold, edible foliage plant with spectacular, silvery, deep-cut foliage that really wakes up both beds and large containers. Leaves are large and thistle-like. Plants produce fuzzy, artichoke-like flowers, but only during the second season and in warmer climates. A favorite at Olbrich Gardens. Plant in full sun in rich, fertile, well-drained soil. Foliage can be harvested for kitchen use at any time, but the younger leaves are the most tender. Can be eaten fresh like celery, or cooked. Most varieties grow to 3-5' tall and 3-4' wide.

Tenderheart--120 days. An Italian heirloom favorite. The blanched ribs are an antipasto favorite and the flowers are great for dried arrangements. The foliage is a very attractive grey-green with serrations. This is a spined variety. Large ribs must be blanched by wrapping in heavy paper or loose straw as it is growing in the garden. Vegetable dates back to Roman times. (5" pot)

CASSIA DIDYMOBOTRYA (Popcorn Cassia, African Senna): Fast growing, gorgeous foliage, luscious black buds and showy bright yellow flowers make this native legume of east Africa a valuable garden accent. To 8' tall, multi-branching with beautiful tropical looking, bright green, pinnate foliage, this unusual Cassia blooms spring through fall but most heavily in summer and fall. The showy 2" flowers are densely held on branching spikes up to 1' long & emerge from rich, shiny black buds. Can get rangy, so prune back after flowering to maintain a pleasing shape or can be trained as an interesting vine subject. Foliage has a rich buttered popcorn scent! (5" pot)

CASTOR BEAN, Ricinus communis: Create an exotic, tropical (but annual) hedge in your garden. A fast -growing plant with eye-catching foliage and seed pods. Use at the back of the border or massed in a bed. Seed pods make a great cutflower. Grow in rich, moist, well-drained soil in full sun. Space plants 4' apart. Seeds are very poisonous.

Carmencita Series--Dark foliage. 60" tall. Available in bright red. (5" pot from outside vendors)

'Red Giant'--Large, dusky-red leaves have bright-red veining and stems. Dark seed pods are very exotic looking, being covered in deep red spikes. (5" pot)

CATHEDRAL BELLS: See Cobaea.

CELOSIA, COMB-TYPE, Celosia argentea cristata: A mutation of the plumosa types described below forming crested flowers like a rooster's comb. Excellent in fresh or dried arrangements. **Selection may change throughout the season based on availability from outside vendors.**

Armor Series--Vigorous plants with large, showy blooms. Doesn't have the side branching ability of other celosia, but it makes 1 giant, crested flower. Excellent for large outdoor plantings and in mixed containers. Grows 12-16" tall. Available in a mix of orange, purple, red, and yellow. (4-pack)

Chief Series--A series of celosia bred especially for cut flower purposes. Uniform growth with a wide range of flower colors. Tall plants with huge 6" cauliflower shaped combs. Mix comes in colors of dark red, carmine, rose, gold and red and yellow bicolor. Perfect for hot, sunny locations. Height: 36-40". (4-pack)

Cramer's Hi Z--A floral novelty with versatility. Unique Celosia with 6-8 in. long, spikelike, brilliant magenta blooms on top of long, strong stems. Each plant produces 8-10 stems perfect for cutting. Makes a great landscaping item. Up to 48" tall. (3-pack)

'Dracula'--A novelty comb celosia that is a first-of-its-kind showing off one big, 6 to 7", flower on top of each plant. In the greenhouse, combs are red and foliage is green with some red. But once outdoors, foliage is darker and more purple-tones and comb is darker purple. Unusual shaped and eye-catching color adds drama to landscapes, gardens and containers. 8-16" tall. (5" pot from outside vendors)

'Prestige Scarlet'--A 1997 AAS Winner. An exceptional heat-tolerant landscape performer. The 15-20" plants produce 3 1/2" combs and continue to branch after the central flower emerges. Will reach a spread of 18-20". (4-pack)

CELOSIA, FOLIAGE-TYPE, Celosia argentea hybrids: With limited options for attractive foliage plants from seed, growers often turn to coleus to add interest and texture to containers. These new celosia hybrids are grown for their stunning foliage, rather than their flowers. Sun-loving foliage accent plants for patio planters with a different texture and look, as well as for quick-growing, low, shrub-like plants that look great at the front of the border.

Sol Series--Two distinct bicolor foliage patterns are featured in this collection. Grows 20-14" tall and wide. Available in 'Gecko Green' (green foliage flushed with burgundy and purple) and 'Lizard Leaf' (burgundy red foliage). (5" pot from outside vendors)

CELOSIA, PLUME, Celosia argentea plumosa: A plant of tropical origin, the shiny, deep maroon or bright green leaves are topped by tiny flowers clustered into plumy feather dusters, generally in shades of red, yellow, orange or shocking pink. Remove any existing blooms when planting out for best success. Excellent in fresh or dried arrangements. Grow in full sun. Selection may change throughout the season based on availability from outside vendors.

Century Series--Large, beautiful plumes with great basal branching. Outstanding garden performance. An AAS Winner from 1985. Usually available in red, yellow and a mix from outside vendors. (4-pack)

'Dragon's Breath'--Look forward to an abundance of vibrant red foliage that will add spectacular color and texture to mixed containers and landscapes! An extra-large, late blooming variety with gorgeous fall flowering plumes of color. Spreads to 16. 24"tall. (5" Pot from outside vendors)

Flamma Series--This compact series has numerous branches, each with a strong flower plume, as well as secondary blooms, which give a long show of color in the garden. Early and uniform flowering. Available in orange, red and yellow. Grows to 16-18" tall. (Large 6-pack from outside vendors)

Fresh Look Series--At 20-24" tall, these basal-branched plants are topped by plumes up to 10" tall. Vigorous, with outstanding garden performance. New leaves cover old plumes so plants always look good. Available in gold (a 2007 AAS Winner), orange and red. (4-pack and/or large 6-pack from outside vendors)

Kelos Fire Series--Large, bright plumes, set against dark green foliage on a dense, compact plant; a stunning display massed in the gardens, as borders or in patio containers. Heat tolerant and makes a beautiful cut flower. 16" tall. Available in orange, red and yellow. (5" pot from outside vendors)

'New Look'--A 1988 AAS Winner. Glowing deep red plumes atop bronze foliage. Grows to 15". Stunning in the landscape. Great basal branching. (4-pack and/or large 6-pack from outside vendors)

'Sylphid'--Green-yellow feathery plumes sit on tall straight stems. The perfect color for every garden and bouquets. 30-40" tall. (4-pack)

CELOSIA, WHEAT, Celosia argentea spicata: Taller, more open and less flamboyant than the plumosa types. Well-suited for the wildflower garden. Excellent in fresh or dried arrangements. Grow in full sun.

'Asian Garden'--Two charming colors on one flower—light-pink at the bottom styling to fiery fuchsia-pink at the top! All-America Selections winner, this gorgeous annual with its spikey, delicate flowers is a big attraction for butterflies and hummingbirds all summer long. With purple-hued leaves in cooler weather, it's lovely in garden beds, vases and dried arrangements. Grows to 30-40". (4-pack)

'Flamingo Feather'--Light pink, wheat-like plumes which fade to white under high heat. Harvest early to retain color. Tassle-like plumes are 2-3" long atop 18-26" stems. (4-pack)

'Flamingo Purple'--Very upright habit. Bushier, twice as large and later to bloom than Flamingo Feather. 3-4' tall. (4-pack)

Kosmo Series--Fleuroselect Quality Award Winner. Genetically dwarf strain. Upright main stem gives rise to multiple flowering side branches. Flower heads contrast nicely

with dark green foliage. Excellent performer in the landscape or in containers. Does best in full sun to light shade and average soil with good drainage. Just 8" tall. Available in cherry, orange, pink, purple-red and yellow. (4-pack)

CENTAUREA CYANUS (Bachelor's Button, Cornflower): Very easy to grow. Great for children. Early summer blooms for beds and as a cut flower. Prefers a sunny location and well-drained soil. Space 12-15". Do not allow to become soggy.

Boy Series--Vibrant steel blue in color. An excellent cut flower. Best grown in cool conditions. 30-36" tall, but tends to lay along the ground. Available in the classic blue. (4-pack)

'Polka Dot Mix'--A popular mix of all cornflower colors. The standard dwarf mix for bedding purposes. A lovely mix of blue, rose, white, lavender and pink with many bicolors. Extra-early bloomer. Grows 16-20". (4-pack)

CHENILLE PLANT: See Acalypha

CHRYSOCEPHALUM APICULATUM: Leaves and stems of this relatively new plant are a fuzzy gray, similar to dusty miller, licorice plant or gray santolina. Flowers appear in small sprays of tiny spheres. The plant is exceptionally tough and drought tolerant, preferring full sun. Grows 12-14" tall with a sprawling habit. Nice in both baskets and mixed containers.

Flambé Series--Pretty much the only series available on the market. Very free flowering. Available in yellow. (5" pot)

CIGAR PLANT: See Cuphea

CITRONELLA/CITROSA: See Mosquito Plant

CITRUS (Lemons, Limes, Oranges, etc.): An often overlooked group of plants for the summer container and then as a houseplant the rest of the year. All members of this large family not only have very fragrant white flowers, but equally fragrant foliage when the leaves are crushed. All will produce an abundance of fruit given patience, full sun and plenty of water. Most citrus will flower during the late summer and fall and then produce fruit the following winter and spring. All are very long lived, easy-to-grow and can be pruned to shape, making sure not to remove all flower buds and/or fruit. Readily available examples include: Blood Orange, Calamondin Orange, Clementine Orange, Meyer Lemons and Limes, Key Limes, Kaffir Limes, Mexican Limes and Kumquats. Offerings change both seasonally and yearly based on availability from Florida. Grocery store oranges and lemons can also be easily started from seed. (8" and/or 10" pots when available)

CLEOME HASSLERIANA (Spider Flower): A relative of capers, cleome forms an open, annual shrub. This species produces upright, branching, sticky, thorny stems with

palmate leaves. Flowers form in open clusters all season long. Self-sows readily, but never invasive.

Queen Series--A tall border plant that revels in heat. A striking background to other annual bedding plants. Upright, 3-5' plants have a open, airy appearance, strong scent and unique, dangling seed pods. Blooms all summer and withstands hot, dry conditions. Prefers full sun and thorough watering. Space 1-3' apart. Available in cherry, pink, rose, violet, white ('Helen Campbell') and a mix. (3-pack and/or large 6-pack from outside vendors)

Senorita Series--A Proven Winner cleome that appeared on the market in 2007. Plants are about 36" tall and have deep green foliage and dark stems. Outstanding in hot, dry locations. Available as 'Blanca' (white) and 'Rosalita' (blushing pink). (5" pot)

COLEUS, Solenostemon Hybrids--SEED VARIETIES: Very easy and very versatile, coleus grows just about everywhere, even as a houseplant. For best results, give it moisture and filtered shade. The sunnier the location, the more muted the color patterns. Keep the flower stalks pinched to maintain bushier plants and save the plant's energy. Selection may change throughout the season based on availability from outside vendors.

'Black Dragon' (Molten Lava)--Large, red leaves with curled and serrated, blackish purple edges cover 15-18" plants. (4-pack)

'Festive Dance'--Attractive serrated pointy leaves remain dark red in color with distinctive cherry red veins and tinges of light green throughout the year. Grows to 16" tall. (4-pack)

Kong Series--It's big, bold and bright! Kong boasts huge, colorful leaves. A terrific accent plant for large containers, the well-branched, mounded, 18-22" tall plants are also great in mass plantings. Performs best and shows most intense color in full shade. Also makes an excellent houseplant in bright light. Available in 'Lime Sprite' (bicolor lime green and mahogany), 'Mosaic' (bright green with shades of red and cream), red (red center, strong veining, bright green edge), rose (rose-red centers and green margins) and salmon-pink (salmon-pink and chocolate brown with a green edge). (5" pot)

Premium Sun Series--Well-named for its versatility - this robust series offers a range of heights and hues that tolerate full sun, heat and high humidity, as well as full to partial shade. Flowers slightly later than other varieties, for extended performance throughout the season. Grows to 14-20" tall by variety. Available in Chocolate Covered Cherry, Crimson Gold, Might Mosaic, Pineapple Surprise, Rose to Lime and Watermelon. (2-pack from outside vendors)

Wizard--Very colorful and uniform in height (10-12"). Large, heart-shaped leaves with very distinct markings. Excellent basal branching. The most popular bedding coleus

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series on the market. Colors and selection may change throughout the season based on availability from our outside vendors. (4-pack)

COLEUS, Solenostemon Hybrids--VEGETATIVE VARIETIES: Exciting, newer coleus varieties that are not only more vigorous, but often times more sun-tolerant than older bedding varieties. In fact, many were often called 'Sun-loving Coleus' when they arrived on the market decades back. Most varieties tend not to flower or flower very late, requiring less pinching and maintenance. Many varieties are robust and can grow to 3' tall. All are excellent both in the border and in containers. Fertilize regularly. Some varieties are more for shade, others for sun, so check the labels for the best growing conditions. Available in 5" pots.

'Allspice'--This vigorous spreader has narrow khaki leaves with dark maroon centers. It is perfect for hanging baskets, ground covers, and large mixed containers. Self-branching. 16" tall and up to 30" wide.

'Burgundy Wedding Train'--A full-sun-tolerant coleus. This vegetative coleus has a trailing habit with burgundy leaves edged in lime, forming full mounds that trail over containers or in the garden. A smaller leaved coleus that grows well with other plants to 24-36 inches wide.

Color Clouds Series--Self-branching, trailing, and slow to flower with broad leaves. We're carrying 'Hottie' (lime green leaves that have magenta veins on young leaves. Older leaves become more and more magenta). 10" tall to 30" wide.

'Dark Heart'--Upright, mounding habit. Dark purple-black leaves with hints of pink, edged in green and yellow. 6-12".

'Dragon Heart'--This compact coleus features striking red/orange foliage with ruffled leaves and lime green edges. This full-bodied plant is great for the landscape and performs well in both sun or shade. 14-28" tall.

'Electric Lime'--Bright lemon-lime leaves with lovely yellow veining and patterns. 14-20".

'Electric Slide'--Velveteen-textured leaves are a flourish of brilliant canary yellow edged in jade-tinted ruffles and highlighted with flaming ruby. Most astounding is that one plant explodes to nearly 2 feet tall and a full yard wide.

Fancy Feathers Series--This mounded series features narrow, feather-like leaves. Available in Copper with copper-orange leaves on a semi-trailing plant.

Flame Thrower Series--Bold new colors in a compact habit make this striking coleus ideal for small pots and mixed containers. Great garden performance in sun or shade. Grows 18-24 inches. Available in 'Chipotle' (narrow, pointed leaves that are dark red in

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the center with lime green outer margins) and 'Spiced Curry' (gold with showy dark red variegation).

Flying Carpet Series--These spreading beauties represent a kaleidoscope of colors. Dense, self-branching habit eliminates the need for pinching. These colorful cuties are perfect in hanging baskets, mixed containers or used in garden-bedding. We're carrying 'Shocker' (bright, lime-gold background shows off a red center that grows in size as the leaf ages.).

'Glennis'--Splashes of yellow, green, red, pink and orange all on one spectacular 24" coleus.

'Glory Road'--Vibrant red leaves edged in green cascade down, making it perfect for hanging baskets, windowboxes and containers. 10" tall to 18" wide.

'Golden Dreams'--Luscious golden leaves with crimson venation make a striking contrast and a huge impact. 24-36" tall.

Great Falls Series--Planter perfection is yours with this easy-to-grow eye-catching trailing coleus. Named after the great waterfalls of the world, these coleus with their bold, non-fading foliage colors and dense small leaves are very heat tolerant. They prefer morning sun with shaded afternoons but are tolerant of a sunnier & shadier conditions. The well behaved growing plants add architectural interest and mix phenomenally in planters & baskets with other flowers or foliage or are attractive enough to grow all by themselves. We're carrying 'Angel' (pink, green and purple with a touch of yellow), 'Niagra' (duck-foot type leaves are dark burgundy with lime trim) and 'Yosemite' (yellow with a jagged green edge).

'Heartbreaker'--This new coleus is a great season extender. Its beautiful pink foliage pattern doesn't fade in the full sun. 'Heartbreaker' reaches 14 to 26 inches tall and spreads 14 to 16 inches.

'Henna'--Very uniform with serrated foliage in a unique chartreuse to copper color complemented by dark burgundy undersides. An amazing new addition that tops out at 22-28".

'Indian Summer'--Multi-colored leaves are earthtone red, green and brown. The colors deepen the higher the light. 18-24".

'Inferno'--Saturated orange coloration and textured leaves give it a WOW factor. 14-28" tall and for sun or shade.

'Le Freak'--Two-toned burgundy and yellow multi-lanceolated leaves. Grows to 30" For sun or shade.

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'Peridot'--This gem forms a small mound of light lime green. The leaves have both cut and ruffled edges. Self-branching and slow to flower for a clean look. Compact and neat with layer branching and foliage for a new look for coleus! About 12" tall and wide.

'Pink Poodle'--Self-branching with a low, dense habit. It has hot pink leaves that are edged in green and black. Very showy. Use in containers, hanging baskets, or borders. 12" tall and up to 24" wide. For shade.

'Redhead'--Bright red leaves on well-branched plants. Fantastic in full sun--the very best of the red coleus!! 18-24".

'Road Trip'--Tricolor leaves have a vibrant pink center. Great branching makes this coleus perfect for shade containers and combos. 10" tall and 24" wide.

'Solar Flare'--Maroon, green-yellow edge, deep seraations. From the Solar series of coleus, one of the very first sun-loving coleus series from the mid-1990's.

Under the Sea Series--A simply amazing new series of coleus from Canada, with each leaf bearing secondary sub-leaves in wild shapes and colors. Talk about a breakthrough -- it's a whole new day for everyone's favorite shade foliage plant! Not only are the Under the Sea varieties completely distinctive in looks, they're compact and suntolerant, with good leaf substance. This is especially important if you are planting them in a partly sunny area. Under the Sea won't burn or scorch! And they flower only very lightly, so you have less snipping to do at the height of the season!

Under the Sea selections include:

- -'Barracuda'--Rounded habit with extremely colorful leaves in yellows, pinks and deep purples.
- -'Electric Eel'--Deeply lobed, bright pink and green foliage.
- -'Gold Guppy'--Small habit with bright yellow leaves with green edging. Super cute!
- -'King Crab'--Huge red leaves with tiny subsets of leaves that resemble "pinchers".
- -'Lemon Coral'--Bright yellow leaves with deep green midrib.
- -'Yellowfin Tuna'--The brightest coleus of the series with sunny, lime green foliage.

'Vino'--Eye-catching plant has deep wine-colored leaves that grow darker in the sun. Upright, medium habit. Grows to 18-30" tall.

Wildfire Series--Naturally dense, bushy habits. These self-branchers require NO pinching. Enjoy these colorful selections in containers or in the ground. We're carrying 'Blaze' (fire-engine red leaves that are surrounded by a yellow edge).

COLOCASIA ESCULENTA (Elephant's Ears, Taro): One of the most imposing of garden plants, not grown for its flowers, but rather for its enormous green or burgundy leaves which rise on 3-7' stems. The plants are dramatic, sculptural, fast-growing and give a tropical flair to the landscape or containers. The roots are edible and are a major food source throughout the tropics, replacing the potato as a starch source. For earlier garden enjoyment, start the large tubers in pots in late winter. They prefer full sun and moist conditions in a protected area. Strong winds will tatter the monstrous leaves. After the first killing frost, dig and cure the tubers for a week or two. Store the tubers dry and warm for best results. Dark-leaved varieties tend to over winter best if allowed to continue growing through the winter months--simply cut back the foliage after frost, pot the tuber and keep moist in a light, but not overly bright spot. All colocasias are priced as marked.

Giant Green Elephant Ear (C. esculenta species) tubers are available in the bulb area.

Other varieties include:

'Black Coral'--Glossy black foliage with electric blue veins. Grows 4 to 5 feet tall, shorter in pots. (6 and/or 8" pot)

'Black Magic'--A spectacular black elephant ear that can reach 6' in height. A great plant for containers, and it is equally at home in the border or near a pond. Does best in moist soil. Available in our bulb area 1 bulb/pkg.

'Diamond Head'--A combination of large dark purple to black leaves with a spectacular glossy finish, a small circular-shaped dark burgundy colored 'piko' and semi-glossy dark burgundy petioles (stems). Available in our bulb area 1 bulb/pkg.

'Hawaiian Punch'-A 2012 release from the Royal Hawaiian Elephant Ear series from Hawaii's John Cho. Makes a very compact clump to only 3' tall with glossy green leaves and bright red stems. If you're looking for an elephant ear that stays a bit smaller than most while adding great stem color, Colocasia 'Hawaiian Punch' is your plant! Does well as a pond plant. Available in our bulb area 1 bulb/pkg.

'Maui Gold'--The first clumping gold leaf colocasia to hit the market, forming a tight clump of stems that arch to 4', each ending in a large chartreuse golden leaf, highlighted by a small purple dot where the petiole connects. Colocasia 'Maui Gold' serves as a nice foil to black elephant ears such as Colocasia 'Black Coral'. 48" tall. (6" pot)

'Maui Sunrise'--Big green leaves feature eye-catching creamy white variegation along the veins. The tidy, clumping habit makes a great selection for containers or landscapes. Reaches 3-4' tall. (10" pot)

'Mojito'--The olive-green leaves have vibrant black mottling, and partial shade makes the color more vivid. Plant directly in the garden or grow in a large container. 'Mojito' is ideal for a NE or NW exposure to maximize its color. The "elephant ear" leaves grow 2'

long x 1' wide and the plant reaches 3-4' tall in a single season. Available in our bulb area 1 bulb/pkg.

'Tea Cup'--A fun addition to gardens that gathers water into its large cup-like leaves and spills like a waterfall when the water gets too heavy. Stems straighten back up to collect water and repeat. Available in our bulb area 1 bulb/pkg and in an 8" pot.

'White Lava'--Fresh tropical green foliage with flamboyant white markings and veins held on dark petioles (stems). Tidy, clump forming habit with short runners developing close to the mother plant. Height: 48 ". Available in our bulb area 1 bulb/pkg.

COPPERLEAF PLANT: See Acalypha

CORDYLINE HYBRIDS: A very close relative to the spike, this is a relatively new entry for the northern container garden. Also an easy-to-care-for houseplant, cordyline adds height and a tropical feel to mixed plantings, making it a superior accent plant. Most thrive in full sun. Can eventually grow quite large, from 4-12' depending on variety and most form a woody trunk as they grow.

'Black Knight' (C. australis)--Attractive ruby-colored alternative to Dracaena in combinations. More upright than Red Sensation with darker foliage. (5" pot)

'Florica' (c. terminalis) Ti Plant--New leaves are bright red with maroon variegation. Older leaves are less red and more maroon to dark green with red veins. (10" pot)

'Red Pepper'--(C. fruticosa)--The long, narrow leaves are green with bright red tips and edges. (10" pot)

'Superstar' (C. obtecta)--A new Cordyline with dark, purple red foliage. The foliage is broad and shiny. (5" pot)

'Torbay Dazzler' (C. australis)--A stunning cordyline of green, white and creamy yellow, flushed with soft pink and apricot. Will form a trunk as it ages. Has very upright and spiky foliage. (5" and 10" pot)

COSMOS BIPINNATUS: This airy stemmed, graceful plant is easy to grow in beds, backgrounds or cut flowers. Requires full sun, good soil and wind protection. Tall varieties may require staking. Do not fertilize. Deadhead regularly to prolong blooming. A classic for the cottage garden.

Sensation Mix--36-48" tall. Elegant, daisy-like blooms in pink, rose, crimson and white. Attractive fern-like foliage. An easy-to-grow favorite for the cottage garden. (4-pack and/or large 6-pack from outside vendors)

Sonata Series--A Fleuroselect Medal Winner. Golden-eyed blooms flower freely on compact 20-24" plants. Excellent for the smaller urban garden. Available in carmine,

purple, white and a mix of crimson, white, pink and rose. (4-pack and/or large 6-pack by color from outside vendors)

COSMOS SULPHUREUS: These are the short, bedding cosmos in shades of yellow, orange and red. Unlike their tall cousins, these types are used at the front and middle areas of beds and are often times used as a substitute for those who don't like marigolds. As with all cosmos, full sun is required.

'Mandarin'--Mandarin has a deeper orange color, a better habit and is more uniform compared to competing sulphureus varieties. Slightly more compact variety has a more mounded shape. Grows to 10-12" tall and 8" wide. (Large 6-pack from outside vendors)

CREEPING CHARLIE: See Glechoma.

CREEPING JENNY: See Lysimachia.

CROCOSMIA x CROCOSMIIFLORA: Treated as an annual in Wisconsin. Robust, cormous plant bearing pleated, mid-green, iris-like leaves. Upward facing, yellow, orange or red flowers, to 2" long, are borne in bold, slightly arching, sparsely branched spikes in mid-summer. Grows 3-4' tall. Wonderful in beds or in containers. Zone 6 hardy. Available in the bulb area and in 4 1/2" pots with our perennials.

'Lucifer'--The most popular red variety bears tons of funnel-shaped blooms on long and branched wiry stems. Can be reliably hardy in Madison in a well-drained site with some winter protection. Once established, crocosmia is very long-lived.

CUPHEA HYSSOPIFOLIA (Mexican Heather): Mexican false heather is a small tropical evergreen sub-shrub with many charming attributes including compact form and fine textured foliage. Growing to a maximum height of about 24", false heather grows to form flat topped mounds 18-36" in diameter. The plant's flat feathery sprays of foliage are 12-18" long and are highly branched. The small oblong leaves resemble those of Scotch heather. Foliage color is prettiest when grown in broken shade. False heather can take full sun but the plant looses its rich green color.

'Allyson Heather'--Compact and upright. Small purple flowers bloom all season long over the glossy green foliage. Heat and drought tolerant, they are ideal as additions to containers, baskets and mass planted in beds. 14-16" tall. (5" pot)

FloriGlory Series--Bred to have five times the flower power with excellent garden vigor compared to the industry standards of other cupheas. If you want season-long color for your borders, hanging baskets and containers, then look no further! Plants from this series grow 10-12" tall and stand up well to drought, heat and wind. For full sun. We're carrying 'Diana' (dark magenta blooms), 'Maria' (white) and 'Selena' (magenta). (5" pot)

CUPHEA IGNEA (Cigar or Firecracker Plant): This native of Central America is an old-fashioned garden annual that has been making a strong comeback in recent years

as breeders have toyed with all cuphea species. Plants are coated with usually orange, pink or even white "cigars" all summer long. Plants remain bushy and compact. Works well in mixed containers because on their own, plants are not very showy. Great fun in children's gardens. Easy to winter over indoors. Prefers full sun. Most varieties grow to about 12". Perhaps one of our best annuals to attract hummingbirds!

'David Verity' (possibly a hybrid of C. ignea and C. micropetala)--A very upright and bushy variety that will grow 2-3' tall! Blooms freely the entire season with 1" tubular flowers. In the fall, the cooler nights cause the leaves to darken, but the blooms keep right on going until the plant freezes. (5" pot)

'Hummingbird Lunch'--Non-stop blooms will attract hummingbirds, bees, and butterflies all summer and fall! Well adapted to hot conditions, and drought tolerant once established. The tidy, rounded habit is perfect for containers, or in garden beds. (6" pot)

CUPHEA, INTERSPECIFIC HYBRID (Cigar Plant Types): This native of Central America is an old-fashioned garden annual that has been making a strong comeback in recent years as breeders have toyed with all cuphea species. Easy to winter over indoors. Prefers full sun. Most varieties grow to about 12". Perhaps one of our best annuals to attract hummingbirds!

'Honeybells'--Floriferous with a semi-trailing habit, and boasts eye-popping bicolor rose and light yellow tubular shaped flowers. It performs well in part shade to full sun. (5" pot)

CUPHEA MICROPETALA (Mexican Giant Cigar Plant, Candy Corn Plant): Small evergreen shrub that grows with narrow foliage surrounding the red central stem. From late summer into late fall, tubular flowers emerge yellow and age to orange from the base outward, giving a two-toned effect. Spreads by clumping habit. Grown as an annual here in the north. Grow in full sun to part sun. A hummingbird magnet. Grows to 3' as an annual. (5" pot)

CUPHEA PURPUREA, syn. Cuphea llavea var. miniata (Bat-face Cuphea): A compact, shrubby species that has been bred to accentuate the purple parts against a usually scarlet red background. The overall appearance is that of a mouse or bat face. Kids love it! Of garden origin.

'Batface'--Bright red and purple flowers create a spectacular display against solid green foliage. Great in baskets and containers or mass planted in beds. Plant in full sun 10-12" apart. Water regularly to keep the soil moist. Grows 12-14" tall. (5" pot)

'Firecracker'--Bright red and purple flowers create a spectacular display against solid green foliage. Great in baskets and containers or mass planted in beds. Plant in full sun 10-12" apart. Water regularly to keep the soil moist. Grows 12-14" tall. (5" pot)

CUPHEA RAMOSISSIMA: A garden newcomer from the large family of cupheas. This well-branched species is loaded small, bicolored flowers all summer long. Flowers are very attractive to bees and butterflies. Thrives in full sun. Native to Brazil.

Fairy Dust Series--Add a little magic to mixed combos with this dainty cuphea. An airy cloud of delicate, flowers fill the voids in mixed containers and garden plantings. Heat and drought tolerant. 10-16" tall. Available in pink. (5" pot)

CYPRESS VINE, Ipomoea quamoclit, Syn. I. pinnata: A vigorous, easy-care, fast-growing vine with fern-like, feathery, bright green foliage and 3/4" trumpet-shaped, red blooms from summer to fall. Easily grows to 6' and can reach 25'. Plant in full sun. Available in Feather Series red. (3" fiber pot)

DAHLIA, BEDDING HYBRIDS: Prefers well-drained, fertile, moist soil in full sun or light shade. Space 6-18". Not very heat tolerant and, in fact, will generally stop blooming during the peak of summer heat. Keep well watered and fertilize regularly. Try to keep the roots cool with a good mulch. After frost has killed the tops, cut down, dig tubers and store in a cool, dry spot if desired. Bedding dahlias are generally under 16" tall and are used in mass plantings or containers. Tall dahlia choices (dinnerplate, decorative, cactus-type, etc.) are sold as tubers in the bulb area. Dahlias are native to the mountainous areas of Central America. Individually potted short dahlia varieties are available based our wholesalers' supplies. For quality reasons, nearly all of our 5" dahlietta-type dahlias are brought in as finished product. **Selection will vary throughout the season based on outside vendor availability.**

Figaro--14" tall. Standard semi-double mixture for bedding plant sales. Large 2 1/2" blooms on bushy, uniform plants with dark green leaves. Available in red, yellow and a mix. (4-pack and/or large 6-pack)

Harlequin Mix--A very early and dwarf mixture with semi-double, bicolor, collarette-type flowers in contrasting combinations of rose, violet, yellow, orange, scarlet and white. Grows to 14-16". (4-pack and/or large 6-pack)

MegaBoom Series--The all new MegaBoom series is designed for maximum impact in a small amount of space. The oversized blooms are held just above the foliage canopy, making them ideal for mixed containers or as a mid-border plant in the garden. Avaiable in 'Berry Blast' (5" pot)

Redskin Series Mix--Rich dark bronze foliage serves as a dramatic background for the large, spectacular single flowers. An excellent bedding plant as well as a cut flower. Grows to 20" tall. A delightful mix of rich colors and includes shades of purple, orange, bronze, garnet and maroon. It was the All American Selection winner of 1975. An excellent bedding plant as well as a cut flower. (Large 6-pack)

***NOTE: 2023 packaged varieties located in our bulb area include: Arabian Night--Deep red, decorative

Babylon--Red, dinnerplate

Bishop of Llandaff--Scarlet with nearly black foliage

Blue Boy--Unique lilac-blue, dinnerplate

Caprroz Pizzazz--Bleeds from pale pink to a rich purplish-fuchsia, semi-dinnerplate

Cambridge--Yellow, streaked with red, dinnerplate

Caribbean Fantasy--White, yellow and red in one bloom, dinnerplate

Catching Fire--Combination of brilliant red and bright white, decorative

Crazy Love--White with violet-pink trim, decorative

Creme de Cassis--Lavender with a darker purple-burgundy center, decorative

Dazzling Sun--Golden vellow, decorative

Dark Angel Dragon--Single, rich coral-salmon flowers darken to a deeper orange

towards the center, ball-type

Dark Angel Pretty Woman--Lavender-pink blooms with dark foliage

Dracula--Purple-red with dark foliage

Emory Paul--rosy-purple, dinnerplate

Fairway Spur--orange, dinnerplate

Frost Nip--Raspberry-pink, edged with white, dinnerplate

Golden Scepter--Warm, golden-yellow, pompon-type

Hawaii--White, splashed in magenta, decorative

Jamaica--Striped red and white petals, striking! Decorative

Jowey Morris--Maroon-pink gradually pales to elegant white, semi-cactus

Kelvin Floodlight--Yellow, dinnerplate

Lady Darlene--Sunny yellow, outlined and tipped with red, dinnerplate

Lilac Time--Lavender with hints of blue, dinnerplate

Manhattan Island--Bold reds with hints of yellows, dinnerplate

Mom's Special--White splashed with lavender, dinnerplate

My Love--White, cactus-type

Nuit d'Ete--Dark burgundy-red, cactus-type

Otto's Thrill--Knockout pink with lighter pink edges, dinnerplate

Peaches & Cream--Peach-colored dahlia with blush-tipped petals, decorative

Prince of Orange--Glowing shades of vibrant orange, decorative

Pure Happiness--Shades of pink, yellow and orange, decorative

Red Empire--Bright red tipped white, dinnerplate

Snow Country--Pure white, dinnerplate

and Collections of both dinnerplate and decorative varieties.

DIANTHUS BARBATUS, CHINENSIS & HYBRIDS (Garden Pinks)--An easy garden beauty to enhance rock gardens, containers, beds and cut flower arrangements. Plant in a sunny spot and space 10" in the garden. Dianthus generally enjoys cooler growing conditions and may stop blooming during the peak of summer. Water moderately. Most varieties have a spicy fragrance. Best treated as an annual, even though they will survive through most winters, given adequate protection and soil that doesn't remain too soggy. **Species, varieties and colors will be based on availability from our wholesalers.**

Amazon Series--Dark green, glossy foliage sets off vibrant blooms. Excellent lateseason performer. Available in Neon Duo (hot pink and purple). 18-24" tall plants. Excellent cut flower. (Large 6-pack from outside vendors)

Ideal Select Series--Early flowering, compact habit with 1 1/4-1 1/2" flowers. Bright green leaves are the perfect background for brightly colored flowers produced in terminal clusters. Outstanding garden performance with great heat tolerance. Very hardy variety that may grace the garden for years to come. Grows just 8-10" tall for the front of the border or in containers. Color choices depend upon availability from our outside vendors. Usually available in red, violet, a mix and possibly other colors from outside vendors. (4-pack from outside vendors)

'Rockin' Red'--A cross of D. barbatus with other species, and it's got the best merits of all of them. The blooms are incredibly profuse in sunny to partly shaded settings. Cut them for the vase and their subtle clove-like scent really comes into its own indoors; let they stay in the garden and they are a siren for butterflies! So tall, sturdy, and profuse! 18-24" tall. (Large 6-pack from outside vendors)

Super Parfait Series--Improved for bloom size and earliness, the Super Parfait dianthus series sports large, luscious blooms of 2 to 2 1/2" blossoms, covering the compact 6-8" plants without sacrificing its excellent garden performance. Usually available in red peppermint and a mix from outside vendors. (4-pack)

DICHONDRA ARGENTEA: Though a relative of morning glories, it's difficult to see the similarities. These natives of eastern Asia are used primarily as fillers for the edges of pots and baskets or as a groundcover.

'Silver Falls'--Very drought and heat tolerant silver-stemmed foliage plant with a true cascading habit. Covered with small, rounded silver leaves it branches well without pinching. Grows to 3-4' long in containers or as a 2-3" tall groundcover in well-drained soil. Does best in full sun. (3 1/2" pot from outside vendors)

DIGIPLEXIS FOXGLOVE HYBRIDS: This striking hybrid is the result of breeding between Digitalis (Foxglove) and a Digitalis relative from the Canary Islands, Isoplexis. Commonly known as Digiplexis, this ground-breaking new hybrid is big, vigorous, long-blooming, and beautifully colored. Due to their natural hybrid vigor and the fact that these plants are sterile (and do not waste energy trying to go to seed), Digiplexis are bushy, fast-growing, and very floriferous. Quickly growing to its full size of 36 inches high and 18 inches wide, this Digiplexis grows orderly, densely-packed rows of colorful blossoms on upright, strong stems over a long period of bloom. Flowering begins in mid spring (April) and continues through until the end of the summer.

'Illumination Raspberry'--Non-stop show of spectacular spikes of bold raspberry-pink flowers. Clump-forming, well-branched sterile plants make a vivid impression massed in the sunny border or blazing in a patio container. First-rate cut flowers. (5 1/2" pot from outside vendors)

DIPLADENIA, Mandevilla sanderi: Much smaller in structure than the standard Mandevilla, this tropical vine offers profuse blooms of intense cherry-red from spring to fall. Excellent in containers or hanging baskets. Keep evenly moist. Grow in at least 5 hours of full sun. Overwinter indoors in the sunniest window possible as a houseplant. Prune as needed to maintain size and shape. Feed regularly. (Available in 6" and 10" pots and/or hanging baskets)

DOROTHEANTHUS BELLIDIFORMIS, Syn. Mesembryanthemum criniflorum (Ice Plant, Livingstone Daisy): Succulent annuals from South Africa. Leaves are light green, fleshy and spoon-shaped. Ground hugging, they do best in lean, dry soils. Flowers during the summer. Must be planted in full sun. A common roadside plant in southern California.

Mezoo Series--This variety features vigorously trailing succulent variegated foliage accented by dime-sized deep red flowers. Unlike the species, this variety is more tolerant of wetter soils. A nice alternative to vinca vine in mixed containers. (5" pot and hanging baskets)

DRACAENA INDIVISA (Spike): A long-used foliage plant which adds height to container plantings. Grassy foliage. Grows to 3' in one season. Drought tolerant but does best in moist, rich soil. Full sun to light shade. Very easy to winter over as a houseplant for increased size. From the same group of plants as cordylines. (5" pot)

DURANTA REPENS, D. erecta (Sky Flower, Golden Dewdrop): Erect to spreading bushy shrub with toothed, rich green, gold or variegated leaves. Bears pendant panicles of blue flowers during the summer, followed by yellow fruit. Grow in moist, well-drained soil in full sun. A tropical plant so overwinter indoors. Does well in containers if well-watered. Quite sprawling.

'Golden Edge'--Bright green leaves with a creamy yellow margin. Grows to 16" and spreading. Moderately vigorous. Ideal for container plantings and hanging baskets. (5" pot from outside vendors)

DUSTY MILLER: Outstanding bedding plants whose striking silvery foliage provides texture and contrast in the sunny landscape. Heat and frost tolerant. A garden standard in mixed beds and containers.

'Angel Wings' (Senecio candicans)--Has long, velvety leaves of silvery-white with scalloped leaf edges. This easy-to-grow succulent makes an attractive color contrast to the standard green foliage in the garden. It creates a striking plant for a stand-alone container either as an indoor plant or grow outside on a patio or as a focal point in the garden. Grows to 16" in full sun. (5" pot from outside vendors)

'Silverdust' (Senecio/centaurea cineraria)--The standard, old-fashioned Dusty Miller. Finely divided foliage. Plants are 8-12" tall, uniform and compact. (4-pack)

'Silvery Velvet'--Produces mounds of finely divided silvery white foliage. Similar to 'Angel Wings' with large, fuzzy leaves, but has nice leaf ribs & rippled, lobed edges for a greater textural & structural effect. Outstanding in mixed containers. Grows to 16". (5" pot)

ENGLISH IVY: See Hedera.

ELEPHANT'S EARS: See Colocasia or Alocasia.

ENSETE VENTRICOSUM 'Maurelii' (Red Abyssinian Banana)--A sun-lover and very fast grower, reaching 10' in a single summer. Trunk, stems and leaf undersides are a rich, dark red. As with all bananas, grow in full sun in an area protected from wind to prevent shredding. Over winter indoors if desired. See Musa for more banana selections and growing details. Excellent in large containers. Available in 6 and/or 8" or larger pots based on availability.

EUCALYPTUS CINERIA (Silver Dollar Tree, Argyle Apple): This exquisite eucalyptus is a study in color and texture. The round, very flat silvery-blue leaves are held in pairs along stiff stems of the same color, giving the plant a very neat, layered look. Fabulous as an everlasting! To dry, simply cut the stem at the desired height and hang it upsidedown in a well-ventilated, dry, somewhat cool location. Very fragrant. In native Australia this tree grows to 50'. Grow in full sun in containers that can be moved indoors over winter. This is the best variety for growing in southern Wisconsin. (5" pot)

EUCALYPTUS PULVERULENTA (Silver-leafed Mountain Gum): A deciduous tree native to Southern Australia. In its natural habitat it can reach up to 25 feet tall. Tiny rounded leaves are glowing silver-white. When leaves are crushed they are heavily scented.

'Baby Blue'--The bluish-grey kabob-style foliage makes this eucalyptus popular in flower arrangements. In the garden it is a sprawling shrub that can reach 25 feet tall where hardy. Here in the north, however, when grown in containers, it seldom reaches 5 or more feet tall. (5" pot)

EUCOMIS COMOSA (Pineapple Lily): A very easy-to-grow and curious South African native that works well as a specimen plant in any large container. Leaves are strap-like form a basal rosette from which a flower stalk arises in early summer. Called pineapple lily because of the flower appearance which resembles a pineapple from a distance. The top of the flower stalk is a dense cluster of starry flowers, topped by a green, leafy tuft. Allowed to go completely dry between bloom periods, flowers continue throughout the summer. At the end of summer, allow the pot to go completely dry before winter storage. Remove all foliage before bringing indoors. Store dormant in a cool and dry location. In mid-March, move to a warmer location and begin watering. New foliage will

appear in just a few weeks. Plants will fill the container slowly as the years pass. Propagate by division. For sun to part shade. About 20" tall when in bloom. The foliage of bicolor is somewhat wavy. (Available in our bulb area 2/pkg.)

'Sparking Burgundy'--Foliage is a rich burgundy, topped by it's miniature purple pineapple in mid-summer. Very tolerant of abuse. Grows to 20" tall.

'Reuben'--Dense racemes of starry rose-pink flowers, opening from dark purple buds in mid to late summer.

EUPATORIUM CAPILLIFOLIUM (Dog Fennel): A North American perennial herbaceous plant in the family sunflower family, native to the eastern and south-central United States from Texas, through southern Illinois and up the east coast. The stems and base are covered in leaves so dissected that they resemble branching green threads coming out of the stem in fractal patterns. When crushed, the leaves and flowers smell rather unpleasant.

'Elegant Feather'--With lacy, cosmos-like foliage that sways in the wind, this strong, upright grower looks amazing in large combos or beds. In late summer it becomes blanketed with so many small white flowers, it resembles a flocked Christmas tree. For full sun to part-shade. Impressive at 4-7'! (5 1/2" pot from outside vendors)

EUPHORBIA AMYGDALOIDES X MARTINII 'Ascot Rainbow' (Hybrid Wood Spurge): Variegated narrow 2 inch long leaves that are displayed as neatly-layered rosettes rising up on the many stems from the base of the plant. The foliage and lower flower bracts are a rich blue-green color edged with yellow-cream that dramatically flushes red. A Zone 6 perennial used as an annual this far north. The flowers which rise up just above the foliage in mid to late spring and last into summer have clusters of the typical compound euphorbia flowers, called cyathiums, which have chartreuse and yellow bracts with dark red staminate flowers at the base of the cup-like involucres. Plant in full sun in a well-drained soils and give moderate to occasional irrigation. Grows to about 2' tall. (5" pot from outside vendors)

EUPHORBIA GRAMINEA, Syn. HYPERICIFOLIA, Syn. Chamaesyce hypericifolia (Grassleaf Spurge): An upright spurge. Leaves opposite and oval, lighter underneath than on top, with a prominent midrib, nearly sessile. Typical euphorbia flowers. Reddish brown stem with milky white sap. Look like frothy clusters of airy flowers, held above narrow, delicate leaves. The plants have a mounding habit, but will spread 2-3'. Allow the plant to dry between waterings. Too much water can cause rotting. No fertilizer is needed, although a little boost in mid-summer can help keep them going, especially plants in containers. No deadheading is required. You can pinch young plants to encourage branching and you can trim back plants at any time, to shape or keep their size in check. Originally found in a roadside ditch. Native to the Americas.

Breathless Series--This elegant and durable series includes the only red-flushed leaf form on the market. Available in Blush from outside vendors. Ht.: 8-12". (5" pot from outside vendors)

'Diamond Mountain--From Proven Winners, this cousin of Diamond Frost is as versatile and easy-to-grow, but much larger. Pairs well with more vigorous plants in mixed annual containers. (5" pot)

'Diamond Snow'--Has the same habit and easy-to-grow features as the original favorite, Diamond Frost, but it features double white flowers. 12-18". (5" pot)

Euphoric Series--Forms a dense habit of dark green foliage. Pure white flowers bloom all summer long. Choose this vigorous, low-maintenance variety for mixed planters and baskets. 12-18" tall. (5" pot)

'Glitz'--The first ever euphorbia of this type from seed has a medium compact and well-branched habit. Grows 10-14" tall. (5" pot from outside vendors)

EURYOPS PECTINATUS, E. chrysanthemoides (California Bush Daisy): A vigorous shrub with upright shoots pinnate, gray-hairy leaves. Bears long-stalked, bright yellow flower heads, 2" across, singly or in small clusters, from early summer to mid-autumn (or into winter if moved indoors). This South African native generally grows to 3' tall and often makes an excellent standard. Trim lightly to shape and restrict growth. Grow in full sun.

'Sunshine Yellow' (Sonnenschein)--A more compact variety, topping off at about 20". Gorgeous early bloomer. Heat and drought tolerant plant that tends to bloom longer in summer. Nice in mixed containers or beds. (5" pot from outside vendors)

EUSTOMA: See Lisianthus

EVOLVULUS GLOMERATUS: Like their morning glory cousins, these miniature lookalikes also open only in the morning. Its trailing stems bear small, silver-gray leaves and numerous flowers. Extremely drought tolerant!!

'Blue My Mind'--New in 2013 from Proven Winners. Blue flowers with a white eye. Very easy to care for. Grows in sun to part-shade. Plants are 6-8" tall. Trails to 24". Blooms spring to fall. Use in hanging baskets and window boxes. Maintain on the dry-ish side. Overwatering leads to root rot. (5" pot and hanging baskets)

FLOWERING CABBAGE, Brassica oleracea: A unique ornamental plant with deeply veined, fringed leaves. Plants color up beautifully with the onset of cooler weather in the fall. Resistant to frost and will usually hold its color well into December--creating a stunning display in the snow. Ideal as a bedding plant or in containers. Height is generally 10-18". Plant in full sun in average garden soil.

Dynasty/Osaka--Tight, compact heads of semi-waved leaves that grow to 12" tall. Available in red and white. (4-pack)

FLOWERING KALE, Brassica oleracea: Very similar to Flowering Cabbage in growth characteristics and care but has larger, more deeply ruffled outer leaves. Spectacular color comes with cooler weather in the fall. Frost resistant. Use for bedding or containers. Plant in average garden soil in full sun. Like all kales, it is edible but many have a rather bitter taste. Edible varieties that are especially lovely in the garden include: Dinosaur, Redbor and Red Russian.

Crystal Series--A new series with two introductory colors: Red and Snow. They have glossy leaves, which offer a rich color. 'Crystal Pink' has a nice pink center. 'Crystal Red' has a vibrant red center. While 'Crystal Snow' has a delicate pink center surrounded by white. Vigorous plants are perfect for fall and early winter gardens.. (4-pack)

'Dinosaur' (Lacinato Kale)--Interesting puckered blue-green leaves on plants that grow 2-3 feet tall. An edible heirloom variety that is making a strong comeback as an ornamental and in the vegetable garden. (4-pack)

Emperor Series (Nagoya Series)--Heavily fringed, very uniform leaves. Available in red, rose and white. (4-pack and large 6-pack from outside vendors)

'Glamour Red'--2011 AAS Winner. This is All-America Selections' first winning kale (edible or ornamental) in seventy-eight years of trialing! 'Glamour Red' is an excellent achievement in breeding for its unique shiny leaves. The waxless quality of the leaves makes them shiny with a more intense, vivid color as compared to existing ornamental brassicas. It is a fringed leaf type with flower head size of 10 to 12 inches. (4-pack)

Kamome Series--Deeply fringed, closely packed leaves. Stunning contrast between the center color and rich green outer leaves. A fringed leaf variety. 12" tall and wide. Available in red. (4-pack)

Peacock Series--Deeply serrated, feathery foliage. Available in red. (4-pack)

'Redbor'--Very deep red-purple, frilly leaves. Color and curling is enhanced by cold weather. Beautiful ornamental variety is also one of the better edible varieties. Can grow to 36". (3-pack)

Russian Series--A Siberian series of kale that is among the most cold hardy for very late harvests. Though delicious, all kales are equally lovely in the flower garden as a foliage plant. The frilly leaves add contrast and texture. Has a tender and sweet taste when cooked and raw--among the most flavorful of all kales. Available in red. 16-20" tall. (4-pack)

FLOWERING TOBACCO: See Nicotiana

FOUR O'CLOCKS (Mirabilis jalapa): This bushy, old-fashioned annual has oval, deep green leaves on branched stems. In summer, blooms appear: fragrant red, pink, magenta, yellow or white flowers and many bicolors with a delicate, faded-vanilla aroma. Flowers open in late afternoon and die by morning. Grow in moderately fertile, well-drained soil. Lift tubers in winter and store dormant cool and dry in peat moss or left in their containers if potted. Though said to bloom at 4:00, they usually bloom later in the evening here in the north where summer days are exceptionally long. Plants are bushy and can grow to 3'. Best planted in full sun to part shade. Native to the higher elevations of South America. Very easy to start from seed. Tubers are available in our bulb area.

FOXTAIL FERN: See Asparagus fern

FREESIA: A South African native, freesia bears elegant flowers on slender, curved spikes above fans of small gladiolus-like leaves. It is among the most beautifully fragrant flowers. Trumpet-shaped blooms to 2" long run the spectrum of color. Freesias usually grow 12-18" tall. Stagger planting to extend bloom. Bulbs must be dug and stored in the fall. Single and double flowered varieties exist. (Available with both single and double flowers in our bulb area)

FUCHSIA HYBRIDS: One of only a few shade-tolerant annuals. Does best in a rather protected area away from strong winds. Does not like to dry out! (5" pot and/or hanging baskets. Not all varieties are available in all configurations.

'Autumnale'--A splendid trailing fuchsia distinguished by pure gold leaves, flushed with purple and orange. Nice in mixed planters. 6-18" tall. (5" pot from outside vendors)

'Blue Eyes'--Trailing type. Pink sepals over blue double corollas bloom spring to fall. (5" pot and/or 10" hanging basket)

'Dark Eyes'--Trailing type. Red sepals over double, purple corollas. Grows to 8-16" tall. (5" pot from outside vendors)

'Deep Purple'--Trailing type. Exquisite ruffles of rich purple petals contrast beautifully with the pure white outer sepals. Giant double blooms of up to 2" across drip from naturally trailing stems. (5" pot and/or 10" hanging basket)

'Electric Lights'--A miniature selection of fuchsia with small purple and magenta-pink flowers. This lovely hybrid grows into an upright yet bushy plant. The flower bud leaf (calyx) and floral tube are vividly red-pink while flower petals are deep purple. These pendent blossoms attract hummingbirds. 12-18" tall. (5" pot)

'Firecracker'--Upright with variegated foliage: green with cream, crimson veins and deep crimson leafbacks. Flowers are salmon-orange and similar to Gartenmeister. (5" pot)

'Gartenmeister Bonstedt'--An upright fuchsia with single, 3/4" wide, orange trumpet flowers and dark, attractive purplish foliage. Blooms nonstop all season and indoors all winter if brought inside, producing a tremendous number of flowers. Heat and sun tolerant. Grows to 3-4' tall. A must in attracting hummingbirds to the garden. (5" pot)

'Lena'--A very vigorous, free-flowering trailer and very hardy. The folliage is pale to midgreen with toothed margins, reaching 24 to 30 inches in length. It bears single to semidouble flowers. The tubes and sepals are white with a pink tint, with rose-magenta corollas. (5" pot from outside vendors)

'New Millenium'--Trailing type. Well branched plant. It has medium sized double flowers with pale pink sepals and dark purple petals. Good in baskets and containers. (5" pot and/or 10" hanging basket)

'Swingtime'--A trailing fuchsia with pink double flowers and a white center. 8-16" tall. (5 pot from outside vendors)

GARDENIA HYBRIDS--Super fragrant shrubs native to the tropical regions of Africa and Asia. Flowers are usually complex, very textured, usually white and held above glossy and attractive foliage. Plants can be long-lived, but are often times difficult to get to rebloom. The key to stimulate blooming is to cut back drastically on the watering during the winter months and overwinter in a very cool, but bright location. In the summer, place the plant outside in a relatively shady location, keeping it well-watered-dappled shade is best. Plants prefer an acidic and peaty potting mix similar to florist azaleas and are grown under similar conditions for best performance. Prune to shape immediately after flowering in late spring. Gardenias are generally available here in the north from late winter into early summer. (Usually available throughout the spring in our blooming plant area in 6" pots. Sometimes also available in 10" pots and as standards)

'Miami Supreme' (G. jasminoides)--A large, densely-foliaged shrub that produces large fragrant double-flowers. (10" pot)

GAURA LINDHEIMERI (Wand Flower): A North American native adaptable to a variety of conditions. Grown as an annual in the north, it can perennialize under certain conditions and many varieties self-sow readily. The light and airy look fits perfectly into the wildflower garden. Dwarf varieties do well in mixed containers, blooming all summer. Gaura is extremely drought tolerant and does best in dry conditions. Tall varieties may need to be staked. Attracts butterflies to the garden. Zone 6 hardy.

Belleza Series--The Belleza Series has an upright, airy habit, fine green foliage and tall stems lined with delicate, open, five petaled flowers with long prominent anthers. These bee and butterfly magnets appear from early summer to fall and are generally pink in bud opening to pink or white. Remove spent flower stalks to extend flowering and prevent self-sowing. Grows to about 2' tall. Available in pink and white. (5" pot from outside vendors)

'Whirling Butterflies'--See Perennials

GAZANIA SPLENDENS (Treasure Flower): Like many full sun, drought tolerant, daisy-type bedding plants, gazanias are native to South Africa. Excellent for bedding, edging, groundcover and containers. 3-4" blooms are nonstop from mid-summer till frost. Colors generally range from the yellows, oranges, rusts and reds to white and sometimes shades of pink and purple, depending on variety. Blooms close at night and stay closed on cloudy days. Variety selection and colors may change as the season progresses based on wholesaler availability.

Big Kiss Series--Bigger is better with this new variation of the standard 'Kiss' Gazania series. Extra-large, 4 1/2" flowers are held high above full, bushy plants. The large flowers with eye-catching stripes make an excellent show in both gardens and large single or mixed containers. Height: 8-10", 8-10" spread. Available in Orange Flame, red and Yellow Flame. (4-pack from outside vendors)

Kiss Series-Vigorous, uniformly mounded plants show off their flowers on short stems. The 'Frosty' selections from this series have silver foliage. Grows 8-10". Available in a mix. (4-pack from outside vendors)

GERANIUM (Pelargonium): Geraniums (Pelargoniums) are evergreen, perennial plants of South African origin that are treated as annuals here in the Midwest. When introduced to Britain, they were given the common name Geranium because of their botanical similarity to the hardy, herbaceous genus Geranium (Cranesbills), which was commonly cultivated around Europe at that time. This common name is still most widely used in North America today, although almost all the plants usually referred to as geraniums belong to the genus Pelargonium.

The geraniums that we carry here at Klein's can be classified into 4 groups: zonal, regal (Martha Washingtons), ivy-leaved, and scented.

Zonal Geraniums have rounded leaves usually marked with a distinct, dark zone and single, semi-double or double flowers. Some newer cultivars, however, do not have a zone and others have golden, white-variegated or tri-colored leaves (such as our fancy-leaved geraniums). Zonals grow well in the open garden and are ideal for summer bedding since they bloom continuously from early summer till killing frosts.

Regal Geraniums (Martha Washingtons) are small shrubby plants rounded, deeply cut leaves, and wide trumpet-shaped flowers, often in exotic colors. Many times the stiff foliage has a fragrance. They may be planted in the garden, but in our climate are best grown as container plants or houseplants. They tend not to like our summer heat and humidity and the flowers are quickly spoiled by rain. They do best on the northwest and northeast coasts or if we have a cool summer. They also do best given a bit of shade from the afternoon sun. Indoors they can bloom year round on a bright windowsill. Over the years they have become somewhat of a traditional Mother's Day gift but have lost favor in recent years so are becoming increasingly difficult to find.

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Ivy Geraniums tend to be trailing pelargoniums with rounded, lobed, ivy-like leaves and flowers similar to those of zonals, available in a rich assortment of colors. They are used mainly in hanging baskets and other containers. The foliage tends to be a brighter green, sometimes variegated and sometimes with zonal markings, and have a distinctive rigid, crunchy texture. When asked for our "trailing geraniums" the ivy geraniums are the ones we recommend!

Scented Geraniums have small, delicate, sometimes insignificant blooms with five petals and fragrant foliage, for which they are chiefly grown. For the most part, they have only one flush of blooming, usually early in the season and should, therefore, not be recommended to the customer seeking a long-blooming bedding plant. They make very nice houseplants year round. Bruised leaves added to a glass of ice water makes a refreshing and unique summer treat!

All of the geraniums we sell are taken from cuttings. The rooted cuttings are ready to plant into their final pot, whereas the unrooted cuttings we receive need to be stuck into a rooting medium and allowed to root out before final planting. Many of our competitors sell seed geraniums, which are actually grown from seed. But their flowers tend to shatter more easily and sooner and the flower heads tend to be less impressive than the varieties we've chosen to sell here at Klein's. (Available in 5", 6" &/or 8" pots and baskets, pouches & combos)

ZONAL GERANIUMS:

Americana Series--These early bloomers are all-around excellent performers. Bred as a series for both the grower and the consumer, they have become the industry standard. The large, round florets come in bright unique, clean colors. Foliage is a medium, seldom zoned green. Blooms are semi-double. Available in dark red, dark salmon, pink, salmon and violet ice.

Chocolate Series--The perfect choice for beds and borders. Superb for baskets, containers and window boxes. Wonderful for combination plantings. Densely branched plants feature reverse zoned foliage in all the usual geranium colors. Available in apricot.

Mojo Series--Mojo is a new series that combines dark foliage and brilliant color, creating a bold display. Available in dark pink, dark red, orange, salmon and white.

Rocky Mountain Series--Extremely large, vigorous plants with deep green foliage. Flowers are huge and very heat tolerant. Available in deep rose, magenta, orange, pink and violet.

Tango Series--Dark foliage and compact plants are the distinguishing features of this classic series. Flowers are semi-double. Leaves are nicely zoned and the growth habit

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leans toward compact. Available in dark red, deep rose, neon purple, salmon, violet and white.

INTERSPECIFIC GERANIUMS:

Big Ezee Series--This is vigorous series is much larger than your standard zonal geranium growing 14-24" in height and 16" in width. Available in watermelon.

Calliope Series--A vigorous trailing series of geraniums bred from the Americana series. This is a revolutionary breakthrough in the production of zonal geraniums. Perfect for baskets, large pots and beds. Blooms are large and very full. Available in crimson flame, dark red, deep rose, hot pink, pink flame, rose Mega Splash, scarlet fire, violet and white.

Moxie Series--A revolutionary breakthrough in geranium breeding, bring the best features of ivy and zonal geraniums into one series. Extremely well-branched, vigorous mounding habit is ideal for baskets, large pots and landscape applications. Large Semidouble flowers with stunning color. Available in dark red and pink.

Sarita Series--A dark-leafed interspecific geranium series, Sarita features large single flowers and boasts exceptional heat tolerance. Available in dark red, 'Fire', salmon-pink and 'Wild Salmon'.

IVY-LEAVED GERANIUMS:

Great Balls of Fire--Great Balls of Fire is a new series of ivy geranium. They are heat tolerant with big, double flowers and strong foliage. Eight striking colors are available in the series. Available in dark red and pink.

Ivy League Series--Color ahead of its class. Exceptional heat tolerance, raises the bar for the ivy geranium class. Strong branching and pot fill builds better baskets. A broad range of core and novelty colors makes Ivy League the go-to ivy geranium series. Available in burgundy, deep pink, light lavender, red and salmon.

SCENTED GERANIUMS:

Our usual great selection of scented geraniums is no longer available from our normal vendor. So far, we have been unable to secure a new source for scented geraniums. Also see Mosquito Plant.

OTHER GERANIUMS:

Fancy Leaf Geraniums--Zonal geraniums with extraordinary markings and unusual leaf coloration combing green, gold, crimson, cream and often become tricolor. They do best in a lightly shaded location. Available in an assortment of leaf markings including white edge and heavily-zoned varieties. (5" pot) Available varieties usually include:

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'Mrs. Pollock'--Golden yellow leaves with brownish, purple, pink and green coloration. Flowers are single and red-orange.

'Occold Shield'--Burgundy-centered, green leaves with fire red blooms.

Rosebud Geraniums--Also referred to as a tulip geranium. Amazing ability to bloom indoors even in the dead of winter. We carry 'Rosalie' Antique Salmon, a beautiful, salmon-pink, double-flowered variety.

Stellar Geraniums--So called due to their star-shaped flowers and leaves (resembling Ginko leaves). One of the most overlooked novelty geraniums. Outstanding garden performance. Flowers are generally single on compact plants. Available in 'Vancouver Centennial' (chartreuse and bronze foliage with scarlet flowers). (5" pot)

GERBERA JAMESONII (Gerber Daisy, Transvaal Daisy): Gerber plants produce huge, brilliantly colored, daisy-like flower heads from 3-6" in diameter. Flowers are borne individually on sturdy stalks over a large, ground-hugging rosette of spreading, mid-green, deeply lobed leaves that are woolly underneath, looking vaguely like a giant dandelion. Likes full sun with some protection from the hottest afternoon sun. Soil must be very well-drained to prevent crown rot, but they need to be kept evenly moist at all times. They have a tendency to do very well some years and not so well other years. The newer hybrids are far more consistent and relatively pest-free. Very easy to overwinter, kept dry and cool (much like geraniums). Grows 10-16" tall.

Sundayz Series--With Sundayz a real premium quality series from seed is available, designed with a high uniformity level and slow-aging double flower heads. The dazzling bold colors of Sundayz bring a super sunny spirit to terraces and balconies, whatever the weather may be. Available in a midi mix. (5" pot)

GERMAN IVY (Delairea odorata, syn. Senecio mikanioides): A beautiful and old-fashioned foliage plant that will quickly fill a trellis or arbor. Makes a beautiful, natural privacy screen. Plant in a part-shade to shady area. Too much hot afternoon sun will cause the plant to wilt but with little long-term damage. Best planted in containers in rich, moist soil. Leaves are a stunning bright green. Has small, bright yellow flower heads, but is grown exclusively for its foliage. Makes a lovely houseplant. Available both plain green and variegated. (3 1/2" and/or 5" pot)

GINGER, SHELL: See Alpinia

GLADIOLA HYBRIDS: Long-lasting cut flowers with a vase life of up to 1-2 weeks. 3-6' tall flowers spikes are available in a wide range of colors. Foliage is green and strap-like. Stagger plantings to extend the bloom season. Stake the flower stalks for best success because they are very susceptible to wind damage. Corms must be dug up in fall. Available in prepackaged bags in our bulb area in many colors.

GLECHOMA HEDERACEAE (Creeping Charlie): Yes, this is the exact same plant as the common lawn weed we all try so hard to get rid of. But these variegated varieties make an excellent trailing foliage plant in mixed containers. It's super-easy to grow and roots wherever the stems touch moist soil. Also, it's tolerant both of full sun and full shade. It makes a nice substitute for the all-too-common vinca vine. Like lawn creeping Charlie, it has lovely purple flowers in late spring and the foliage is super-fragrant. Grows to 4" high.

'Variegata'--Small leafed and highly fragrant. Tight, mat-forming habit. Lovely in baskets and window boxes. (5" pot)

GLORIOSA ROTHSCHILDIANA (GLORIOSA LILY, FLAME LILY): Originating in the warmth of South Africa and India, gloriosa lilies bear a name that means "full of glory", appropriate for such showy exotics. These tender perennials form sizeable clumps when happy and will scramble 4 to 6 feet in a season. Vines are light weight, so are fine with slender supports. Easy to grow and excellent for summer decks, and inside in sunrooms and greenhouses where there is sufficient room for vining plant. Very easy to overwinter in a pot. (Tubers are available in our bulb area)

GOMPHRENA GLOBOSA (Bedding Globe Amaranth): Well-branched upright plants produce continuous bouquets of brightly colored, clover-like blooms all summer long. Harvesting promotes flower production. Grow in average soil with good drainage in full sun. Both heat and drought tolerant. A must for the dried-flower garden!

Buddy Series--Ball shaped, compact plants. Excellent for bedding and pots; good weather tolerance. Grows to 8" tall. Available in purple, rose and white. (4-pack)

'Fireworks'--An outstanding garden performer, Fireworks light up the landscape with vigorous bushy plants that grow 3 to 4 feet tall and up to 2 feet wide. Tons of strong, tall stems are topped with exploding bursts of full, large 1" blooms in hot pink tipped with bright yellow. A showstopper in the garden and conversation piece when cut for mixed bouquets. Drought-tolerant and low-maintenance, Fireworks resists weather damage and provides an attractive architectural element for the landscape. (4-pack)

Ping Pong Series--This series delivers an explosion of color in containers and mass plantings. It also adds height and dimension making it terrific as a garden cut flower. Grows to 20" tall. Available in lavender, purple, white and a mix. (4-pack and/2-pack from outside vendors)

GOMPHRENA HAAGEANA (Tall Globe Amaranth): Tall, cut flower versions of the shorter bedding globe amaranths. Grow in similar conditions in full sun.

Qis Series--QIS Series is an ideal selection for either landscaping or bouquets. Loose, open-branched, and great for cutting beds and mid-borders. 24-30" tall. Available in carmine and purple. (4-pack)

'Strawberry Fields'--A popular cut flower grower favorite, Strawberry Fields gomphrena provides an abundance of strawberry-red globular flowers on tall branching plants. Flowers are produced from summer to early fall and are great for cutting and drying. Grows to 22" tall. (4-pack)

GOMPHRENA PULCHELLA (Globe Amaranth):

'Truffula Pink'--Looking for a different annual to add some pazazz to your garden? 'Truffula Pink' gomphrena is a tough, low-maintenance plant with long-lasting, intense iridescent pink blossoms tipped with yellow. This cultivar grows quickly to form a full, dense basal clump of leaves 2.5-3 feet or more across, then produces numerous long, sturdy but thin, upright flower stems 3 feet tall with just a few narrow leaves along those stems (reminiscent of Verbena bonariensis, all stems and flowers with little foliage). A sure-fire winner in the landscape. (5" pot)

GRASSES: Annual grasses, like all foliage plants, add texture and interest to the garden and container alike. Selection has increased dramatically over the past few years with a wide array of foliage structure and color and a huge variety of seed heads and the choices continue to grow. We consider grasses to be annual if their hardiness is Zone 6 or higher. For grasses Zone 5 or lower, please visit our perennial selection.

Carex buchanii 'Red Rooster' (Leatherleaf Sedge)--Upright habit, along with the bronzered foliage with curled tips, creates a nice accent in mixed planters. Leaves are fine textured. Brown flower spikes appear in mid-summer. Grows to 16-24" Spread: 18". Plant in full sun. (5" pot)

Cyperus percamenthus 'King Tut' (Umbrella Plant)--Arching. The umbrella plant has graced pool sides, ponds, pots and tubs for hundreds of years. The leaves are actually bracts that resemble the ribs of an umbrella. At the top are clusters of light green flowers that brown at maturity. Grows best in constantly moist, fertile soil. Grows to 4-5'. Zone 9. (PW pots throughout the season)

Cyperus percamenthus 'Prince Tut' (Umbrella Plant)--Arching. A compact form of King Tut, about half the height. Shorter, sturdier stems are less likely to bend compared to the larger variety. The umbrella plant has graced pool sides, ponds, pots and tubs for hundreds of years. The leaves are actually bracts that resemble the ribs of an umbrella. At the top are clusters of light green flowers that brown at maturity. Grows best in constantly moist, fertile soil. Grows to 2-3'. Zone 9. (5" pot)

Pennisetum purpureum 'First Knight'--Upright arching habit. The newest noble boasts the deepest, darkest, blackest purple of them all. A sword thrust of very upright leaves in center, arching around the edges. A vigorous grower, 'First Knight' will not usually flower in northern climates before fall freezes. An easy maintenance plant. Grows to 48-54". Zone 8. (5" pot)

--Annual Grasses continued--

Pennisetum setaceum rubrum (Purple Fountain Grass)--Long red-purple flowers on cascading purple foliage. A quick bloomer, used as an annual or container specimen. 12-36" tall. Full sun. Zone 9. (5" and larger pots, priced as marked)

Pennisetum setaceum rubrum 'Fireworks'--A rubrum with flair!! The first variegated purple fountain grass. The foliage has midveins of burgundy with hot pink margins. This sport was discovered by accident and had been in very short supply until very recently. Grows to 2-3'. Zone 9. (5" pot and larger pots, priced as marked)

Pennisetum setaceum rubrum 'Sky Rocket'--A terrific companion to the temperennial grass 'Fireworks', this green and white sport is a strong grower that exhibits stable variegation all season long. Green leaves with white striped margins form a beautiful vase-like clump topped with smoky pink, arching plumes that turn cream as they age. Since the plumes are sterile, the plant blooms from midsummer all the way into mid-fall. This tender grass is perfect for adding height and structure to combination container plantings. Grows to 2-3'. Zone 9. (5" deep pot and larger pots, priced as marked)

Scirpus cernus (a.k.a. Isolepsis cernus) (Fiber Optic Grass)--Mounded. This bright green grass-like plant gets its name from the small flowers on the tip of each stem. Grows as a marginal plant or moist soils. Great in container gardens. 12" tall. Zone 9. (5" pot)

Stipa tennuissima (a.k.a. Nasella tenuissima) (Mexican Feather Grass)--Mounded. Needle-like flexible leaves form dense, bright green clumps. The flowers are silky plumes that appear in June and change from bright green to gold as they mature. Spectacular when backlit at night, they are striking alone, or in large masses or drifts. A flower arranger's dream. Grows to 12-18". Zone 7. (5" pot)

HEATHER, MEXICAN: See Cuphea

HEDERA HELIX (English Ivy): A lovely, trailing accent for mixed containers and hanging baskets. Many varieties are actually hardy in the Wisconsin garden, but most are common houseplants during the winter. Excellent for lower light situations, but some are quite sun tolerant.

'Glacier'--Has medium, almost triangular, 3-5 lobed, mid-green leaves with silver-gray variegations and white margins. Excellent in mixed shade containers or as a houseplant. (4" pot)

'Golden Child'--The American Ivy Society selected 'Golden Child' as the ivy of the year for 2008. This beautiful gold variegated ivy, has proven to be a very useful ivy, whether in the home or in the garden. The variegation is a bright gold margin with a green to green gray center. The brightness of the variegation is temperature dependent. In cooler temperatures the color is a very intense gold but in warmer weather the color can fade to butter yellow. (4" pot)

'Golden Ingot'--Has medium, 5 lobed, curly or flat, bright yellow leaves, with irregular, mid-green margins and yellow-splashed centers. Excellent in mixed shade containers or as a houseplant. (4" pot)

Ripple Series--This more vigorous variety is actually Zone 5 hardy. Leaves are larger than most English ivies with bold margins. Can grow to 6" tall. Available in white and yellow. (4" pot)

HELICHRYSUM PETIOLARE (Licorice Plant): A very popular foliage plant. Color and growth habit varies greatly by variety. All are excellent container and bedding plants for full sun to part shade. Unbelievably, they are closely related to strawflowers.

'Lemon Licorice--Chartreuse-yellow foliage and vigorous growth highlight this foliage plant. Velvety foliage. Great with warm color combos. Use in containers or beds. Keep moist, but not soggy and trim as needed. Grows 14-18" tall. (5" pot)

'Silver/White Licorice'--Vigorous foliage plant with roundish silver leaves and fuzzy texture. A very popular component plant. Grows 14-18" tall and spreading. Plant in full sun. Keep moist. Use in baskets, beds and combination planters. (5" pot)

'Silver Star'--Helichrysum 'Silver Star' has silvery white foliage with a semi-upright to trailing habit. Licorice Plant provides a cool backdrop for pastels and contrasts well with jewel toned blooms and foliage. It is also drought tolerant and very easy to grow. Great texture for mixed containers, hanging baskets and borders. Grows 12-15" tall and spreads to 18-20". (5" pot)

HELIOTROPIUM ARBORESCENS (Heliotrope, Cherry Pie): A lovely, old-fashioned garden plant with a strong vanilla fragrance. Very attractive to bees and butterflies. Wonderful in the border or in containers. Blooms are large clusters of deep violet-blue. Foliage is rich green and deeply ribbed. Plant in full sun and keep moist. Loves summer heat. Cell pack selections based on outside vendor availability.

'Marine'--Giant umbels of deep violet-blue forming 4" heads on 8" plants. Among the most popular cultivars available. (4-pack)

HIBISCUS ACETOSELLA (Coppertone Mallow): Unlike most hibiscus, which are grown for their large, almost gaudy flowers, this species is grown for it's stunning foliage. The large plants, if left unpinched, resemble a Japanese maple and can be used in much the same way in the landscape or in containers. Flowers tend to be deep purple, but come sporadically and are insignificant. Like all hibiscus, it requires deep watering and does best in full sun.

'Mahogany Splendor'--Features deep burgundy, maple-shaped leaves with serrated edges – an attractive look similar to a Japanese Maple. Ideally suited to the landscape, this drought and heat-resistant variety also combines well in containers with other

vigorous sun-loving plants. Can be grown directly in the water as a pond plant. Deer resistant. Grows to 36-60" tall. (5" pot from outside vendors)

HIBISCUS ROSA-SINENSIS (Tropical Hibiscus, Chinese Hibiscus): Rounded, bushy shrubs or small trees with ovate to broadly lance-shaped leaves, up to 6" long, with toothed margins. Solitary, 5-petaled flowers, 4" across, with yellow-anthered stamens are produced from the leaf axils from summer to autumn. We carry a wide assortment of colors from red to rose to apricot to orange. Flowers are both single and double. A relatively easy to grow plant for containers on a sunny deck or patio. Flowers last only a day but put on quite a show with sheer size. Pots should remain moist, but not soggy. Do not allow to wilt. (Assorted sizes in 6, 8 and/or 10" pots available from spring through fall)

HYACINTH BEAN, Dolichos lablab: Annual vine. Ornamental and edible! A colorful, quick-and-easy vine will cover a trellis or arbor quite quickly. Purple stems and cascades of lovely lilac flowers. Pods are ruby-purple, delicious when young, and a popular specialty for Oriental, Indian or Indonesian cuisine. All parts are edible. Grows best in a warm, sheltered, sunny spot. Height reaches 10-20'.

'Ruby Moon'--This dazzling ornamental, grown by Thomas Jefferson, has stunning lilac purple flowers and shiny, dark purple pods that stand out against the purple-green foliage. Twining stems quickly climb a fence or trellis, or will trail across the ground for an attractive ground cover. Can also be grown in containers. (3" fiber pot).

HYPOESTES PHYLLOSTACHYA (Polka Dot Plant): Until recently used exclusively as a houseplant, it has found its way as a lovely foliage plant for the shady garden. Mixes well with impatiens and begonias to brighten a shady spot in the garden or in mixed containers. Plant in rich, moist soil.

Confetti Series--Leaves of this compact, 8-10" series have large, uniform spots. Available in pink and red. (4-pack)

Splash Select Series--Leaves of this dwarf, 8-10" series have large, uniform spots. Available in pink, red and white. (3 and/or 4-pack and usually available in 3" and/or 4" pots with our houseplants)

HYSSOP: See Agastache

ICE PLANT: See Dorotheanthus

IMPATIENS HAWKERI (New Guinea Impatiens): Far more sun-tolerant than their cousins, although some shade, especially during the heat of the afternoon, is required. Because they are not susceptible to impatiens downy mildew, many newer types are being bred for shade tolerance to replace I. wallerianas. Plant in an area protected from harsh winds. Flowers tend to be larger and the plants tend to be more upright with stiffer stems and larger leaves than the wallerianas. Like all impatiens, they prefer rich

soil that is moisture-retentive. Plants require a lot of water once they are mature. Space 9-12" apart. Like all impatiens, fertilize minimally. Many varieties have dark or variegated foliage which set off their stunning flowers. We receive most of our New Guinea selections from various vendors throughout the season based on availability.

Petticoat Series--This series has a medium growth rate that tends to be very uniform. Bold colored blooms of over dark green foliage. Available in a wide range of colors from outside vendors. (5" pot)

SunPatiens Series--Transform your garden with easy-to-grow, easy-to-enjoy SunPatiens, the revolutionary new hybrid impatiens that loves the sun as well as the shade and flaunts brilliant flowers from spring to frost. These remarkable annuals represent a breakthrough in breeding: sun-loving, heat-thriving New Guinea impatiens that are tough and will prosper virtually anywhere. Use them in containers, baskets or the garden and you'll be blessed with massive flower power and season-long enjoyment; whether planted in sun or in shade. Available as 'compact types' and as 'spreading types' in a large assortment of colors including in 2023: blush pink, coral pink, deep red, electric orange, hot pink, lavender splash, orchid blush, purple, red candy and white arriving mostly from outside vendors. (5" pot)

IMPATIENS WALLERIANA (Busy Lizzy): Until recently, impatiens were America's #1 selling bedding plant. They have become the standard in the shade garden and are becoming available in an infinite number of colors. There are many varieties to choose from based on plant form, blossom size, flower patterns, foliage color, heat tolerance, sun tolerance, vigor, etc. and new ones enter the market each year, making the choices even more difficult. They do well both in the garden as well as in containers and hanging baskets. Plants should not be placed outdoors until nighttime temperatures are consistently 50 degrees or above. Soil should be rich and moist. They do best in shade to part shade, although more sun-tolerant varieties are becoming available. Impatiens also make a nice blooming plant during the winter on a bright windowsill. No pruning or deadheading is necessary.

Due to impatiens downy mildew in the Madison area we are encouraging gardeners to use alternative plants or alternative impatiens types in their shade gardens. Impatiens downy mildew is a relatively incurable fungal related problem (though not a true fungus) that also infects balsam and our native jewelweeds. Resistant I. walleriana are being tested for future sales. For more information, please visit the UW Extension website.

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Accent Series--Early flowering and uniform compact habit. Larger than average flowers. Usually available in a rainbow of colors from outside vendors. 8-10" tall. (4-pack)

Beacon Series--Fill your gardens with bright, long-lasting color. NEW Beacon Impatiens from PanAmerican Seed offers high resistance to Impatiens downy mildew for healthy gardens all season. Grows 14-18" tall and 14" wide. Available in bright red, coral, orange, rose, violet, white, a red/white mix and a formula mix. (4-pack from outside vendors)

Imara Series--Syngenta Flowers is proud to announce the return of impatiens walleriana with the new series, Imara®. Launched in the U.K., Germany, France and the Netherlands, this breakthrough impatiens walleriana is stronger and more resistant to downy mildew than ever before. Available in coral, orange, pink, purple, red, rose, salmon, white, a 'Hot' mix and a formula mix. (4-pack)

Super Elfin Series--The most popular series of impatiens on the market. 10-12" tall. Compact and free-flowering with excellent basal branching. One of the best choices for bedding. Excellent in containers and hanging baskets. Usually available in a rainbow of colors from outside vendors. (4-pack)

Super Elfin Xp Series--Released in 2008 from Ball Seed, the Xp series is an improvement on the standard Super Elfin series with a more uniform habit, increased plant vigor, consistent early flowering and larger blooms. Usually available in a rainbow of colors from outside vendors. (4-pack)

IMPATIENS WALLERIANA, DOUBLE: Culture is the same as above with a bit more wind protection.

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Fiesta Series--Fully double blooms in vivid and intense colors. Naturally self-branching, compact and free-flowering. Great in hanging baskets and containers. Plant in shade to part-sun. Keep moist. Available in apple blossom, burgundy, cherry, lavender, pink, rose, red and white. (5" pot from outside vendors)

IPOMOEA, **FLOWERING** (Morning Glory, Moonflower, also see Cardinal Climber and Cypress Vine): Annual vine. Fast growing climbers with large 4-6" trumpet-shaped blooms. Climbs by spiraling around a support such as twine, a trellis or a fence. Plant in average, well-drained soil after the soil has warmed thoroughly (late May).

Grows heart-shaped foliage. Best in full morning sun with a little bit of shade during hot afternoons. Keep well watered. Grows 10-15'.

'Flying Saucers' (I. tricolor)--Large sky-blue flowers that are uniquely striped. The blue shade from the Mt. Fiji mix. (3" fiber pot)

'Grandpa Ott's' (I. purpurea)--One of the original Bavarian varieties that started Seed Saver's Exchange in Decorah, IA. Beautiful deep purple flower with a red star in its throat. Reliably self-seeds each year. Plants will climb 15' or more, if given support. Blooms earlier and more prolifically than most morning glory types. (3" fiber pot)

'Happy Hour Rose'--A perfect choice for hanging baskets with pretty rose-red flowers, each with a white throat, over variegated foliage. Plants climb to 6-9'. Flowering starts at 3'. (3" fiber pot)

'Heavenly Blue' (I. tricolor)--Sky blue with a creamy white throat. A classic heirloom. Please note 'Heavenly Blue' is a very late season bloomer that may not bloom at all if cold weather arrives early in the fall. Blooms in September. (3" fiber pot)

Moonflower (I. alba)--Big white flowers, 6-8" across, open in the evening and fill the air with perfume. Grows to 20'. Full sun to part-shade. (3" fiber pot)

'Split Second'--The best double-flowered morning glory we have ever seen, Split Second is a big, full, peony-like bloom of rosy pink that looks nothing like its single cousins. This is the most exciting breakthrough in morning glories in a long time. More compact vines grow to 6' tall. (3" fiber pot)

'Sunrise Serenade' (I. purpurea)--Big and beautiful double flowers highlight this outstanding Imperial Japanese morning glory. Each of the wavy-edged, 2 1/2-3" blooms shows off a rich cherry red color with a contrasting white base. Flowers remain open longer than standard morning glories. (3" fiber pot)

IPOMOEA BATATAS (Sweet Potato Vine): Grown for their attractive foliage these trailing vines are great choices for trellises, hanging baskets or containers especially in combination with blooming plants. They actually form small, edible sweet potatoes. Keep constantly moist. Best color occurs in full sun. Varieties other than those listed below are usually available as the spring season progresses based upon wholesaler availability.

'Marguerite--Bright yellow-green (chartreuse) leaves put on quite a show. Excellent with bright annuals. Grows to 12" tall and spreading. Full sun to part-shade. (5" pot from outside vendors)

SolarPower Series--Densely branched SolarPower holds its shape and color in landscapes and mixed combos all summer long. A more restrained growth habit than

the rapidly spreading varieties that have been on the market, making SolarPower useful in the ground, containers and baskets. Available in black, lime and red. (5" pot)

Sweet Georgia Series--Available in 'Black Maple', bronze, deep purple, green splash, light green and heart-shaped deep purple and light green. (5" pot)

IRESINE HERBSTII (Beefsteak Plant): Once a star of the Victorian garden, this old-fashioned favorite has been passed from gardener to gardener primarily as a houseplant. Few plants are as colorful or easy to grow. Take cuttings and root in water to propagate. Plant in humus-rich, evenly moist soil.

Blazin' Series--Striking multi-color leaves and strong vigor assure that the plant won't get lost in large mixed plantings; also ideal for landscapes. Does well in both shade and sun. 18-30" tall. Available in lime (green with yellow highlights) and rose (red with green highlights). (5" pot from outside vendors)

'Bloodleaf'--Dark red leaves with pale red veins provide eye-catching contrast. Perfectly suited for containers, landscapes and hanging baskets. Grow in fertile, moist but well-drained soil in full sun. Height is 36". (5" pot)

IVY: See Hedera, German Ivy, Glechoma, Senecio or Vinca Vine.

JAMESBRITTENIA GRANDIFLORA: Rather new to American gardeners, this group of plants from South Africa is very closely related to bacopa and actually falls into the Sutera genus. The first cultivars to appear in garden centers were actually called bacopa just a few years back. Plants are low growing and trailing. The foliage has a strong citrusy scent. Use plants as one would use bacopa; in hanging baskets, in mixed containers or as edging. Plants from the jamesbrittenia group of plants are referred to as wild phlox in their homelands.

Stardom Series--Plants are compact and very well-branched. Early and continuous flowering with an abundance of large, vivid flowers. Thrives in full sun or part shade and are more heat tolerant than bacopa. Ideal for hanging baskets. Grows 6-12". Available in 'Goldstar' (chiffon yellow with a brighter yeller center) and 'White Fusion'. (5" pot)

JASMINE: Also see Trachelospermum for Star and Confederate Jasmine.

JASMINE, TRUE (Jasminum): Whether vining or shrub-type, nearly all jasmine are an intoxicating addition to the garden. The fragrance can be overwhelming. All varieties can be pruned and be brought indoors for year round enjoyment, but check on the growing conditions. Some bloom better during winter with cool temps and short days, others bloom best in the heat and humidity of summer. Most varieties bear white, starshaped blooms. Grow in fertile, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. The varieties we carry changes seasonally and are usually available special order. Priced as marked.

Jasminium sambac (Arabian Jasmine)--A twining climber or scrambler with angular stems and bushy growth. Leaves are lustrous and dark green. Bears cymes of 6-12 strongly scented white flowers, mainly in summer, but anytime during the year. From tropical Asia and the national flower of the Philippines. Grows to about 2-4' in containers. Easily controlled by pruning. (Gallon pot)

JEWELS OF OPAR: See Talinum

JOHNNY JUMP-UP: See Viola

KALE (Ornamental): See Flowering Kale

LAMIASTRUM GALEOBDOLON (Yellow Archangel): Though a vigorous garden perennial, lamiastrum looks lovely when cascading over mixed containers.

'Silver Frost'--Lovely heart-shaped leaves touched with silver add sparkle to lifeless shady locations. This is a vigorous spreader that fills in quickly and thrives in shade. Yellow flowers add a bright spot of color in the spring. Best then transferred to the garden at season's end where it is fully hardy to Zone 3. For part shade to part sun. 12-18" tall. (5" pot)

LAMIUM MACULATUM (Spotted Deadnettle): This very common garden perennial is one of many that can be used in mixed annual containers. The striking foliage and vigorous demeanor works perfectly at the front of large mixed containers. Flowers early in the season. Therefore, use only as a foliar accent for the rest of the season.

'Lami™ Dark Purple'--Shimmering silver leaves with emerald green edges form a lush groundcover that blooms earlier than other dead nettles with large, abundant, deep purple flowers from spring to summer. Perfect for brightening shady areas, or trailing from mixed containers. Grows to 6". Zone 4 hardy. (5" pot)

LANTANA CAMARA: An old-fashioned annual related to the mints--obvious by its fragrant foliage. It thrives in hot sun and high temperatures, but does not like to dry out. Flowers all summer and is a magnet for butterflies. Flowers are in clusters at the ends of woody stems. Ideal in containers or in hanging baskets. Some varieties are also available as upright standards and priced as marked in 10" pots and merchandised with our tropicals.

Bandana Series--A relatively newer choice selected for it's excellent branching habit. They have the largest flowers of any lantana on the market and make full, bushy mounds in the landscape. They thrive in summer heat. Available in mango. (5" pot and/hanging baskets)

Bandolero Series--An improvement of the Bandana Series, boasting 30-percent more vigor and size. Available in lychee (a mix of hot pink and yellow) and pink. (5" pot)

Bandolista Series--This new series of vegetative lantana loves the heat and is great in baskets. It is a summer performer that has exceptional vigor, habit and color coverage. Available in 'Pineapple' (yellow) and 'Red Chili' (open a deep orangey yellow and mature through orange tones and finally to deep fiery red). (5" pot)

Bloomify Series--The first certified sterile lantana series on the market! Completely sterile, so it won't go out of flower in the heat of summer. Features better branching than the competition. Available in mango (golden coral), pink and red. (5" pot)

Hot Blooded Series--Well-branched, very vigorous and sterile for better blooming in trial beds. Available in red. (5" pot)

Landmark Series--A vigorous series that works well in the landscape. Each grows 15-20" tall and spreads up to 2'. Excellent branching and uniform habit. Dark green foliage. Also works well in containers. Available in gold, red, 'Rose Glow', 'Sunrise Rose' (pink with hints of yellow) and yellow. (5" pot)

Luscious Series--Known for vibrancy, flower power and exceptional garden performance in hot and dry conditions. Colors within the series range from 10-20" in height. Available in 'Basket Tangelo' (shades of peach, orange and yellow). 'Berry Blend' (pink, red, orange and yellow all in one flower), 'Citron' (bright yellow), 'Citrus Blend, (orange and yellow shades), 'Marmelade' (yellow orange with yellow highlights) and Pinkberry Blend (pinks, yellows and cream; all in one flower). (5" pot)

'Samantha'--A classic variegated green and yellow variety with bright yellow flowers. Semi-trailing and not very vigorous. Grows to 12". (5" pot from outside vendors)

LAURENTIA AXILLARIS, Syn. Isotoma axillaris (Blue Stars): This terrific native of Australia is finally catching on in American gardens. Plants are well-branched with finely divided leaves. Plants require full sun. The small, star-shaped blooms are usually in shades if pastel blue, pink or white. Most varieties grow to about 1' tall. It may stop flowering during the hottest part of the summer.

'Beth's Blue'--Excellent branching habit results in a globe-shaped plant that will be filled with flowers the entire summer. Flowers are a blue purple. Grows to 12-14". For full sun. (5" pot)

LEONOTIS LEONURUS (Lion's Ears): Native to South Africa. It is a tropical shrub that can grow rapidly to 3-6' tall in a single season from seed planted in the garden in early spring. Tubular two-lipped orange flowers (typical mint family) appear in tiered whorls that encircle the square stems. Flower petals purportedly resemble lions' ears. Flowers bloom in fall from plants placed out in early spring. Plant in full sun in well-drained soil.

'Staircase'--Majestic and handsome, this highly decorative plant contains whorls of "steps" of bright orange flowers on 6-10' plants. Makes a great and unique cut flower. Pot size to be determined.

LICORICE PLANT: See Helichrysum

LILY-OF-THE-NILE: See Agapanthus

LISIANTHUS, Eustoma grandiflorum (Texas Blue Bell, Prairie Gentian): A native of the American prairies and Midwest and a must in any cut flower garden. Elegant blooms borne on long stems resemble roses as they unfurl. All, and especially shorter varieties, make excellent container plants. Best when staked, especially the double-flowered varieties. Plant in full sun. Loves the heat and humidity of summer. Pinch the tip of the main stem immediately upon planting. A few weeks of bloom time will be lost, but it will pay off with many more flowering stems later. Susceptible to few pests or problems except overwatering. Can be planted quite close because there is little shade-making foliage. Unopened buds will open no further once cut, but will look beautiful in a vase for up to a week!

ABC Series--A consolidated series offers the best of the original Avila, Balboa and Catalina varieties. Outstanding double flower form with high petal count. A fantastic cut flower series. Some colors grow to 36" tall and will need staking. Available in blue rim, misty blue, purple, rose and yellow. (Large 6-pack)

Echo Series--100% fully-double, 3 1/2" blooms, freely produced on uniform 22" plants. Excellent cut flowers! Available in blue, champagne, lavender, pink and white. (Large 6-pack)

Florida Series--Single flowers on very compact plants. Only 12" tall--a little taller than most dwarf varieties like Lisa or Mermaid. Available in blue. (Large 6-pack)

Mariachi Series--Striking double flowers on strong stems. Use for cutting. Grows to 20-36". Available in lime green, misty blue and misty pink. (Large 6-pack)

Rosanne Series--This series of lisianthus has very unique flower colors and color patterns as well as an excellent vase life with more useable buds. Flowers are double and plants that grow to 24-30" tall. Available in black pearl and brown. (Large 6-pack)

LOBELIA ERINUS: Ideal for beds, edging, containers, baskets, rock gardens and terraces. Does best in part-shade, but will tolerate a full east sun or during cooler times of the year. Space 4-6" for good cover. Keep the soil moist. Tends to burn out during hot summers. To achieve the best flowering, reduce the watering after the first blooms appear. Most grow about 5" tall. **Selection may change throughout the season based on availability from outside vendors.**

'Crystal Palace'--Brilliant, deep blue, dainty blooms smother these dwarf, compact, yet upright plants. Bronze-green foliage (more bronze the more sun). A very old and popular variety. (4-pack)

Hot+ Series--Exceptional heat tolerance, heavy basal branching, and season-long flowering, the new Hot+ series adds larger flowers and more uniform growth habit to make it one of the best lobelia varieties on the market. Grows 8-12" tall. Available in 'Aqua' (blue splashed with white), dark blue, electric purple and white. (5" pot)

Regatta Series--A very early blooming trailing series. Usually available in blue splash, rose, sapphire blue, sky blue and white from outside vendors. (4-pack)

Riviera Series--A unique early-flowering variety with a bushy habit. Good landscape performance. An upright lobelia. Usually available in shades of blue and rose. (4-pack)

Techno Heat Series--Exceptional heat tolerance for a lobelia! Will flower throughout the summer. Very well branched. Available in dark blue, electric blue, light blue and white. (5" pot and hanging baskets)

LOBULARIA: See Alyssum

LOPHOSPERMUM ERUBESCENS (Creeping Gloxinia): Originating from the Mexican mountains, lophospermum is a genus spanning eight species and is deciduous and evergreen – perennial climbers and shrubs from the slopes of North and Central America. It has been cultivated as an ornamental plant since at least 1830. Although not frost-hardy, it will survive if its base and roots are protected from freezing in the winter; therefore very easy to winter over. This marvelous vine blooms early and continues through most of the year. Trumpet-shaped flowers and grapevine leaves bring elegance to hanging baskets and patio containers. Attracts hummingbirds.

Lofos Series--Compact yet vigorous floriferous hybrid variety with lovely rose tubular blooms. The vining plants reach to just 2'; very unlike the aggressively vining species. Plants are self-cleaning so no deadheading is required. Available in compact rose and white. (5" pot)

LOTUS MACULATUS (Lotus Vine, Parrot's Beak)--A spreading, trailing component plant with soft, silvery foliage. Flowers resemble tiny Birds-of-Paradise. Excellent in baskets, window boxes and mixed containers. Foliage is evergreen-like. Plant in full sun.

'Parrot's Beak'--As above with yellow flowers tipped orange. Requires cool temps to bloom so makes a great foliage edging plant where flowers aren't needed. Same growth habit as above. (5" pot)

LYSIMACHIA CHRISTIANIAE (Dense-flowered Loosestrife): A perennial evergreen plant, which grows in a tropical climate. The whole plant is sparsely pubescent. The stems are soft and weak, prostrate. The leaves, calyx and corolla are covered by black dots and stripes. The leaves are opposite, ovate or cordate. The length of petiole and leaves is approximately the same. The flowering period is in summer. Source plant of the Chinese herbal extract Jin Qian Cao.

'Sunburst'--This plant was built for hanging baskets! A very vigorous lysimachia with large, dark green leaves marked with red veins and stems. Despite the vigor, this plant plays well with others and just trails straight down, making a lush accent to the rest of the combination. As a bonus, the plants are loaded with large yellow, star-shaped blooms in late summer and autumn. Just 2-4" tall but spreads to 2 feet. (5" pot)

LYSIMACHIA CONGESTIFLORA (Dense-flowered Loosestrife): Lysimachia congestiflora (sometimes commonly called golden globes) is a mat-forming perennial that grows to only 4" tall but spreads in the garden to 12" wide or more forming a floriferous ground cover. Ovate to lance-shaped medium green leaves (to 2" long) are opposite or in whorls. Cup-shaped yellow flowers (to 3/4") bloom in dense terminal clusters from spring to late summer. Synonymous with L. procumbens. Native to China.

'Midnight Sun'--The purplish chocolate foliage is covered with golden bell like flowers in spring. Great on slopes or container gardening. Grows 2" tall and spreads. Likes sun to part shade. (5" pot)

Variegata--A cheerful groundcover, rock garden or container plant with charming bright yellow flowers all through the season. Very low-maintenance and it grows quickly to form a spreading mat of green and gold foliage. Sure to bring bees and butterflies to the garden. Yellow flowers early in the season. (5" pot)

LYSIMACHIA NUMMULARIA (Creeping Jenny): This fantastic, creeping perennial for the shady to semi-shady garden is equally versatile in containers, window boxes and mixed hanging baskets. Though it blooms (small yellow flowers) only in the spring, the foliage adds interest all season long. At season's end, container plants can be added to the front edge of the wooded perennial garden. Plants grow nearly flat to the ground at only 4" tall, but mixed among other plants, stems will grow up and through it's neighbors then cascade. Stems root wherever they touch the soil. Never allow to completely dry out or expose it to hot afternoon sun. Though the invasive plain green species is now banned from Wisconsin gardens, the non-aggressive golden and chartreuse cultivars are still readily available.

'Goldie' (Syn. Goldii)--Until recently used exclusively as a hardy perennial groundcover. Now often used as a cascading component plant for both semi-sunny and shady areas. Has shiny, round chartreuse leaves with yellow flowers in the late spring. Creeping, growing only 4" tall. Looks particularly nice when mixed with oranges, reds, blues and bronze. (5" pot)

'Goldilocks'--See 'Goldie' above. (5" pot)

MALABAR SPINACH, **Basella rubra**: A fun, fast growing and gorgeous annual vine. Because it grows so quickly, it's a great choice to cover a trellis or an arbor. Interesting lavender flowers appear in late summer. Malabar spinach is not only beautiful, but completely edible. The large, glossy leaves can be used fresh in salads or added to

mixed green sautes and soups. The tender stems and flowers are also edible. Will easily grow to 12-20' in a single summer. Unlike real spinach, malabar thrives on heat and humidity. For full sun. (3" fiber pot)

MANDEVILLA (assorted species): A stunning tropical vine that will coat an entire trellis in one summer. It is frost tender so needs to be overwintered indoors near a bright south or west window. It is easy to care for and does not like to dry out completely. Fertilize regularly. Lovely in large hanging baskets, but will need additional support over which to grow. Does best planted in a large container next to a trellis or arbor. Usually available in pink, red, white and/or yellow. Available in assorted pot sizes and baskets, all priced as marked. Also see Dipladenia for Mandevilla sanderi.

MANETTIA BICOLOR (Candy Corn or Firecracker Vine): A member of the same flower family that includes pentas and coffee. A fast-growing, twining climber. It has broad, shiny, ovate leaves and tubular flowers that are bright red at the base and yellow at the tip. Does best in part shade. Excellent as a trailing container component and does well in hanging baskets. Can grow to 6'. (5" pot)

MARIGOLD, Tagetes erecta (African), patula (French), tennuifolia (signet) and anisata (sweet mace): Marigolds are among the most popular annuals and among the easiest to grow. There are two types of marigolds: African (or American) and French. French marigolds are free-flowering, trouble free plants excellent for bedding, edging or containers. They are shorter and bushier. Flowers can be double or single and are available in all the marigold colors including red. African marigolds are taller and best used in backgrounds and borders. They take longer to bloom and do not have red in their color range. Flowers can be up to 4" across. There are now also triploids, which are a combination of the two. Marigolds thrive in full sun in average garden soil. Deadheading is necessary to keep a neat appearance. Almost all marigolds have a distinctive, pungent fragrance. Tall varieties make great cut flowers. Selection may change throughout the season based on availability from outside vendors.

Bali Series--Perfect for the back of the border. Big 5 inch blooms stand tall and upright through wind and rain. This tall African-type makes the perfect cut flower at 24-32". Available in gold and orange. Available from outside vendors. (Large 6-pack)

Bonanza Series--This series is faster to flower than other crested French marigolds. In the garden, the plants are excellent performers. Free flowering, this marigold will reach 8 to 12 inches tall and spread about 12 inches. Available in 'Bee' (mahogany with yellow edging), orange, yellow and a mix from outside vendors. (4-pack)

Disco Series--French. Early and free-flowering, 10-12" marigolds produce 2-2 1/2", single blooms. Has an extended bloom season. Usually available in a mix from outside vendors. (4-pack)

Durango Series--French. Large 2-2 1/2" anemone-type flowers on strong stems. Early and free-flowering plants have a uniform height of 10-12" and good branching. Available in Bolero, Flame, red, yellow and Outback mix from outside vendors. (4-pack)

'Flamenco'--This compact French marigold is stunning. Each picotee flower flaunts bright yellow pastels bordered in reddish orange. 10-12" tall. (4-pack from outside vendors)

Gem Series--Signata type. Many small, single flowers on 10-12" plants. Unique fragrant, lacy foliage. Wonderful in salads. Available in lemon yellow and tangerine (4-pack, large 6-pack and/or 3" pot by color)

Hot Pak Series--Extend the marigold season with the first French Marigold series bred to bloom all summer long, even in the highest humidity and temperatures. Hot Pak was developed in the heat for the heat. Extra dwarf plants stay compact, proudly displaying loads of 1-3/4 to 2" blooms, without stretching or falling open. Available in deep orange, Flame, gold, Spry, yellow and a mix from outside vendors. (4-pack)

Inca II Series--African. Remains covered with huge 4-5" flowers all summer long. Flowers are fully-double, solidly packed, appear early and keep going until the first hard frost. Plants are very appealing at 14-18" tall with handsome, rich green foliage. Very heat resistant. Probably our most-requested marigold. Usually available in orange, yellow and mixes from outside vendors. (4-pack and/or large 6-pack from outside vendors)

Marvel Series--African. Large, 3-4" flowers top 18" plants. Usually available in orange, yellow and a mix from outside vendors. Replaces the Lady Series. (4-pack)

Safari Series--French. Extra-large blooms enhance this 10-12" series. Usually available in 'Bolero', red, tangerine, yellow, yellow 'Fire' and a mix from outside vendors. (4-pack)

Taishan Series--African. A fantastic newer series that is very thick stemmed and extremely well-branched. Plants hold up very well in the landscape and were featured at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. Flowers are very large and consistently double and hold up very well during periods of adverse weather. This may be the perfect marigold! 10-12" tall. Usually available in gold, orange, yellow and a mix from outside vendors. (3-pack and or large 6-pack)

'Vanilla'--African. A refreshing departure from the conventional marigold orange and yellow, here's a milky colored morsel. Vanilla's subtle shade blends beautifully with its marigold cousins and equally well with pastel and jewel tone flowers. Sturdy plants grow a bushy 16 inches tall and 10 inches wide, providing lasting color in the landscape and planters. Usually available from outside vendors. (3-pack)

MECARDONIA HYBRIDS:

'GoldDust'--Small green leaves are covered with yellow nemesia-like flowers from May through October, excellent heat tolerance and no deadheading necessary. Very low maintenance. Habit is trailing so a great spiller for container edges. Grows to just 2-5" tall. For full sun. (5" pot)

MEXICAN FLAME VINE (Senecio confusus, syn. Pseudogynoxys

chenopodioides): Brilliant orange, daisy-like blooms appear almost constantly throughout the summer on this tame Central American native that is equally at home in hanging baskets or clamoring over the sides of mixed containers. Monarch butterflies are lured to its intoxicating nectar. Mexican flame vine is, after all, one of their host plants as they overwinter in Mexico. Vines climb or cascade to just 3' so are at home in any garden. Propagates easily from tip cuttings. This plant is closely related to dusty miller, cineraria and the houseplant, purple passion vine. For full sun. (5" pot)

MEXICAN HEATHER: See Cuphea

MEXICAN SUNFLOWER: See Tithonia

'MEZOO': See Dorotheanthus

MILKWEED (Annual): See Asclepias

MILLET, ORNAMENTAL: See Pennisetum.

MILLION BELLS: See Calibrachoa.

MINA LOBATA, syn. Ipomoea lobata, (Spanish Flag, Firecracker Vine): A close relative to morning glories, though they look nothing like each other. Flowers are produce on thin, red-stemmed, arching sprays.

'Jungle Queen'--A robust annual vine that grows up to 12 ft. or more in a single season, producing blooms in shades of crimson orange to yellow. For full sun. (3" fiber pot)

MING FERN: See Asparagus Fern

MIRABILIS: See Four O'clocks

MONDO GRASS, Ophiopogon japonicus 'Nana': Noted for its small size and attractive evergreen foliage, Nana is a dwarf mondo grass forming dense tufts of arching, strap-shaped, dark green leaves. Racemes of insignificant white flowers emerge among the leaves in summer before giving way to blue berries. Hardy to Zone 5, but best treated as an annual this far north. Lovely in mixed containers. Grows 3-6" tall. (5" pot)

MOONFLOWER: See Ipomoea (vine) or Datura (bushy and super fragrant)

MORNING GLORY: See Ipomoea

MOSQUITO PLANT, CITRONELLA, Pelargonium citrosum and/or P. citron

crispum: Types of scented geraniums which apparently repel mosquitoes when the leaves are bruised or the juice from the crushed leaves is rubbed over the skin. Like all geraniums, the mosquito plant requires full to partial sunlight. Ideal if transplanted to an 8" pot or larger. The soil surface must be allowed to dry out between waterings. Fertilize regularly. Easy to keep over winter indoors in a sunny window. Grows to 24". Ideal for containers. Has insignificant flowers during early summer. There are three or more different scented geranium varieties that are referred to as 'mosquito plants'. True citronella oil is produced from lemon eucalyptus and has been found far more effective at repelling mosquitoes than the geranium types. (5" pot from outside vendors)

'Lemona' (Pelargonium crispum)--Similar in fragrance to the Citronella, the oil in Lemona is useful for repelling mosquitos. (5" pot)

MOSS ROSE: See Portulaca

MUEHLENBECKIA axillaris (Wire Vine): Creeping wire vine is a low-growing, twining plant that originated in Australia and New Zealand. The small, dark-green leaves and reddish or brownish stems remain attractive throughout the season. Creeping wire vine is an uncommon garden plant that can grow equally well as a houseplant, in an outdoor container, or as a mat-forming ground cover. It's often found in terrarium and fairy garden plant mixes. Muehlenbeckia grows only 2 to 6 inches tall. Wire vine will be happiest growing in full sun or partial shade. Well-drained soil is a must. (5" pot)

MUSA (Banana Tree): Easy to grow tropical that does equally well as a houseplant, in the border or in containers. Due to our hot, humid summers, they actually grow quite quickly, but need to be brought indoors before killing frost. Some varieties can grow up to 12' in a single summer. Protection from strong winds is essential so foliage doesn't shred. Prefers humus-rich moist soil in full sun. To store, simply cut off the foliage in the fall--before frost--leaving the growing spike intact. If planted in the garden, dig up and store the uprooted plant in moist peat moss in a warm basement. Keep dryish through the winter, increasing watering by mid-February. Replant into the garden in late May or after the soil has thoroughly warmed. Container specimens simply need to be brought in and stored, or allowed to grow as a houseplant in a bright, warm location. Bananas are heavy feeders so fertilize often. Will not produce bananas if grown outdoors in the northern states! Also see Ensete.

'Basjoo', Musa japonica (Hardy Banana, Japanese Banana)--The hardiest of all musa varieties! Some claim it's actually Zone 4 hardy if grown in the right place with adequate winter protection--we're Zone 5. Clump-forming. Will grow to 12-14' in a single season. Beautiful bright green leaves with a reddish main vein. Per Logee's Greenhouse catalogue simply cut back to 12" after the first hard frost and immediately

mulch with 3 feet of marsh hay. In spring, remove the hay after nighttime temps are consistently above 40 degrees. Note that after being cut back, the original stems will essentially turn to mush. That's OK! They will separate themselves from the protected crown from where the new growth starts come spring. (6" pot)

'Zebrina', syn. 'Rojo', Musa sumatrana (Sumatran or Bloodleaf Banana)--Large leaves are striped or stained with burgundy. Plants can grow 6-8' tall, but more commonly 4' in containers. (Large #5 pot)

NASTURTIUM, Tropaeolum majus: All parts are edible--the leaves giving a peppery flavor to salads. The flowers less so, but adding a lot of color. Very easy to grow and excellent for children. Plants do best while the weather is cool and thrive in poor, sandy, dry soil for best flowering. Do not fertilize. Blooms are trumpet-shaped, 2" across and come in warm shades of orange, yellow, apricot, red and rose. Plant in full sun to part-shade. Plants tend to tumble rather than growing upright. Ideal for beds, hanging baskets and containers.

Alaska Mix--Unique green and white variegated foliage with brilliant colored, single 2" flowers in yellow, crimson, orange, salmon and cherry on 10-15" plants. Compact plants. (3" fiber pot)

'Jewel Mix'--These easy-to-grow plants produce colorful double blooms in light yellow, orange and deep red, and bloom until frost. A nice 15-18 inch, compact nasturtium for smaller yards and flower boxes. (3" fiber pot)

Tip Top Series--This series holds their upward-facing blooms above the foliage. Plants are compact and mounded. Available in rose--a past AAS winner. (3" fiber pot)

NEMESIA FRUTICANS: An intriguing annual that looks a bit like an edging lobelia but with larger flowers and a wider range of flower colors. It forms a low, mounding plant of narrow green leaves that are usually hidden by masses of somewhat orchid-like flowers. They have a curious, tubular shape, with a hidden spur at the back and two lips of often contrasting color. The effect of nemesia in bloom is spectacular, as long as cooler temperatures can be provided. Cool nights are especially vital for this South Africa native to do well. Avoid hot afternoon sun to prolong bloom time. Prune back by 1/3 after initial flush of bloom. Excellent in containers and especially beautiful in the woodland garden.

Aromance Series--Color up your spring and fall baskets and planters with the Aromance™ series of nemesia. This cool weather loving annual features bright bicolored blooms with a yellow eye. Standing 12-18 inches tall and wide, this upright annual is a great filler for your combinations. Available in Mulberry (fragrant plum colored flowers all season). (5" pot)

Escential Series--The 'Escential' Series are extremely scented early spring bloomers. The large, Linaria-like flowers that are bold and full of color! Heat and cold tolerant.

Good in containers, hanging baskets and borders. 8-12" tall and wide. Available in Blueberry Custard (bicolored dark violet=blue and yellow), Pinkberry (bicolored pink) and Raspberry Lemonade (deep magenta). (5" pot)

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Angelart Series--A semi-trailing variety and very free-flowering. Blossoms are large and fragrant. A large selection of colors (including almond, banana, orange, peach, pineapple and raspberry) may be available from outside vendors. (5" pot)

Sunsatia Series--A heat-tolerant, large-flowered nemesia, that blooms almost nonstop. Use in beds, containers or hanging baskets. 10-16" tall. Available in Lemon (bright yellow). (5" pot)

NEW GUINEA IMPATIENS: See Impatiens hawkeri

NEW ZEALAND FLAX: See Phormium

NICOTIANA (Flowering Tobacco): A very old-fashioned and fragrant garden favorite. Fragrance is especially strong in the evening although modern hybrids devote more energy in flower size, color and the fact that they stay open all day, rather than the fragrance. Blossoms are star-shaped and perform all summer long. Performs best in fertile, well-drained, moist soil and tolerant of a bit of shade. Fertilize regularly and deadhead spent blooms. A native of South America and a close relative of petunias, nicotianas are hummingbird magnets.

'Lemon Tree' (N. langsdorfii)--Well-known green flowering nicotiana for tall borders. This species from Brazil and Chile produces lovely apple-green blooms that add a unique splash of color to any garden. The long sprays of flowers are great for arranging. Grows to 3-5'. (3-pack)

'Only the Lonely' (Nicotiana sylvestris)--Makes an impressive statement in the garden! Towers above all other plants in the border. Large rosettes of bright green leaves 2' long and up to a foot across develop tall bloom stalks that bear clusters of fragrant, white, drooping, tubular flowers 3 1/2" long and 1 1/2" across at the mouth. Blooms open in the early evening and bear a rich jasmine-like perfume. Blooms late summer till frost. Height 48-60". Partial shade. (2 pack and/or 3-pack)

Perfume Series--Produces an abundance of 2" blooms held upright above the 16-20" plants--the flowers are highly scented at night. Beautiful in the landscape or in containers. Colors and availability from outside vendors may vary. Usual available in deep purple, green, lavender, red and a mix. (4-pack)

OLEA: See Olive.

OLEANDER, Nerium oleander--A very long-lived and easy-to-grow subtropical shrub native from the Mediterranean to China. Lance-shaped leaves are long, narrow and leathery. Plants are commonly grown in the landscape throughout the southern United States. In the north, they make an excellent container specimen, but must be moved indoors at season's end to a very bright and cool location. Leaf drop may occur, similar to a ficus tree. Flowers can be single or double and range from white to pink, lavender, purple, red and apricot. Flowers can be lightly fragrant and are usually about 2" across. Plants can grow to 4-6' in containers. Best grow in full and hot sun for best blooming. Water sparingly during the winter months. All parts are highly toxic if ingested and the sap is a skin irritant so care should be taken around children and pets. (10" pot)

OREGANO, ORNAMENTAL: See Origanum

ORIGANUM ROTUNDIFOLIUM (Ornamental Oregano): Rhizomatous, woody-based subshrub with blue-green leaves. Throughout summer, produces nodding, hop-like whorls of tubular pink flowers among pale green bracts. Native to the Eastern Mediterranean. Requires very well-drained soil in a warm and sunny location. The species grows to 4-10" tall.

'Amethyst Falls'--Masses of hop-like, bright pink blooms with chartreuse flower bracts. Lightly scented, gray green foliage. Blooms July to October. Grows up to 15" tall. (3 1/2" pot)

'Kent Beauty'--The most widely available variety. Striking coral-pink and green, hop-like blooms cascade from this mounding and very short beauty. Looks great at the edge of a container or tumbling over a stone wall. Zone 6 hardy. Extremely well-drained soil is a must for survival! (5" pot from outside vendors)

'Kirigami'--The perfect patio plant, this eye-catching, non-culinary oregano features large purple-green bracts, rose flowers and clear, light green foliage, with a delicious fragrance to attract pollinators. Dense, mounded, slightly trailing plant has a tighter and fuller habit than standard vegetative varieties. Perfect for hanging baskets, or in borders and rock gardens; can also be dried for use in dried flower arrangements. Mounded habit at 8-10" tall. (5" pot)

ORNAMENTAL CABBAGE AND KALE: See Flowering Cabbage & Flowering Kale

ORNAMENTAL MILLET: See Pennisetum

ORNAMENTAL OREGANO: See Origanum

OSTEOSPERMUM HYBRIDS (African Daisy): Grown for their beautiful, daisy-like flowers. Foliage is a medium green and toothed. Blooms best during cool summers and again during the fall. Plant in borders or in pots in full sun. They are very drought tolerant, but require moister soil when grown in containers. Deadhead regularly to promote flowering.

'Blue Eyed Beauty'--Buttery yellow blooms with a contrasting blue eye smother this stocky little African Daisy from June to September. This early flowering variety has a compact, branching habit that is perfect for filling beds and containers, or edging sunny borders. Thrives in hot and sunny conditions, performing beautifully, even in difficult dry soils. Height and spread: 16". (5" pot)

Voltage Series--A unique series that will stop traffic. It's the first osteospermum to bloom in the spring and the last one to bloom in the fall. Flower stems are long and flexible. Excellent in hanging baskets and mixed containers. Full, well-branched and compact. Very nice in the landscape. 10-16" tall. Available in yellow. (5" pot)

OXALIS TETRAPHYLLA (Shamrock, Lucky Clover): Clump-forming plant with four strapped, triangular straight edged or notched leaves. Produces funnel-shaped, reddish-purple flowers in mid-summer with yellow or greenish throats, about a dozen per flower stalk. The small bulbs must be dug in the fall or potted plants brought indoors. Keep on the dry side while bulbs are dormant. Plants grow to about 6" tall and wide. Native to Mexico. Best grown in a shady to semi-shady location.

'Iron Cross'--Each of the leaflets has a V-shaped, dark purple band at the base, combining to form a distinctive cross over the four leaflets. (25/pkg. in our bulb area)

OXALIS TRIANGULARIS (Shamrock Plant): The same species of shamrock sold each year around St. Patrick's Day also makes a great garden or container plant. The plant is actually a mass of tiny bulblets that, if desired, can be allowed to go dormant at the end of the season. Allow to stay moderately dry for a few months, then pick up on the watering and in a few weeks growth begins for the new season. In the garden, plants like to stay moderately moist. Dark leafed varieties are tolerant of more sun, but all are tolerant of fairly deep shade. Flowers range from white to pink to lavender, depending on the cultivar and continue nonstop all summer. Excellent alone in a pot or in combinations. Most varieties stay under 10". (5/pkg. in our bulb area)

PANSY x WITTROCKIANA: Long a standard in most spring gardens, pansies are now appearing in the fall garden, blooming long after the first frosts have killed most garden annuals. Excellent in containers and mass plantings. Traditionally pansies burned out with the onset of summer heat, but new hybrids have become extremely heat-tolerant and will bloom summer-long during rare cool, damp summers. Blossoms are edible and taste faintly of wintergreen. Grow in moist soil, rich in humus in part-shade. Plants grow only 4-6" tall. Space about 8". Available again in August for fall sales including

winter hardy varieties. Selection may change throughout the season based on availability from outside vendors.

Colossus Series--Giant 3 1/2-4" blooms over dense, small foliaged plants. A very early variety for such large flowers. Very short internodes and a high bud count mean even more color from this workhorse, which reaches just 4-6" tall. Blooms are upright facing. Available in assorted colors from outside vendors. (4-pack)

Delta and Delta Premium Series--A very early spring flowering series. Large flowering, compact and spreading. Holds its flowers upright on sturdy, short stems. Heat and stress tolerant. Selection changes based on availability. (4-pack)

Matrix Series--A new very well-branched and compact variety that is very uniform among the colors. Large flowers are held beautifully strong on short stems. Selection changes based on availability from outside vendors. (4-pack)

PASSIFLORA HYBRIDS: A huge family of vining plants native to the tropics and subtropics. Plants cling to structures with tendrils, not by twining. Flowers are usually huge and quite intricate and oftentimes very fragrant. Many produce edible fruits. Older varieties tend to flower with the cooler, shorter days at the end of summer, but newer cultivars can bloom nearly year round, given enough light and proper temperatures. An easy-to-grow plant both indoors and outside. Passiflora caerulea is actually hardy in the Madison area if sited properly and with some protection, especially near the foundation of a house. Choices are endless. A good mail order source is Logee's Greenhouses, located in Danielson, CT. In addition to the varieties listed below, we usually carry a nice assortment in 10" pots on a trellis.

'Aphrodite's Purple Nightie'--This prolific blooming passion vine, a sterile cultivar, bears showy lilac-purple flowers along its spreading stems of lush green foliage starting in mid-spring and continuing throughout summer. A vigorous grower, it performs well in full sun to part shade, in moist but well-drained, fertile soil. It needs adequate space to grow and looks great trained to a trellis or fence where its stems can reach 4 to 12 feet in length. (5" pot)

'Blue Bahama'--A Danish variety with gorgeous blue and green-white flowers. A tried and true variety sure to please. (5" pot)

PASSION FLOWER, PASSION VINE: See Passiflora

PENNISETUM GLAUCUM (Ornamental Millet): A rather new addition to the flower garden with the addition of AAS Winner 'Purple Majesty' a few years ago. Millet provides strong structure to beds and containers. Cattail-like seed heads provides interest from late summer well into winter and are a great addition to both fresh and dried arrangements as well as a magnet for hungry birds in the garden. Corn-like foliage is bold and colorful. Must be grown in full sun for best color. Young plants tend to be green, turning color as the season progresses.

'Jester'--Colorful green to rose to burgundy foliage that is more compact than previous millets. Plants have wide leaves with exceptional basal branching. (5" pot)

'Purple Baron'--An ideal choice for mixed containers. This compact yet robust variety grows to only 3'--about 2/3 the height of 'Purple Majesty', but with the same gorgeous dark purple foliage and large, thick flower spikes. (5" pot)

PENSTEMON BARBATUS (Beardlip Penstemon): Recent additions to the "annual" flower garden, most of the beardlips are actually short-lived Zone 5 or 6 perennials. They are native to the United States and Central America, occurring primarily from the Great Plains through the Rocky Mountains. Plants tend to be upright and bushy with many lance-shaped leaves. Flowers are tubular, with lips on the top and on the bottom. New cultivars bloom far longer than the species and the flowers have been bred to be larger and and very colorful. They have also been bred to branch well, giving more blooms and extending the season. Grow in full sun and be careful of overwatering. If used in containers, plant into the garden at the end of the season and mulch during the winter.

Cha Cha Series--Bred for a more compact size with increased hardiness, while maintaining durability and an extremely long bloom period. A real stand out in the garden, or showy in a combo. It can be seen easily from a football fields distance. Healthy and vigorous. Loved by hummingbirds. Grows to 18-20". Available in cherry and lavender. (5" pot)

PENTAS LANCEOLATA (Egyptian Star Flower): Relatively new for northern gardeners, long a staple in the South. Bright star-shaped flowers love the heat and humidity. Foliage is a rich deep green that always looks great. Flowers are in large, rounded clusters and are butterfly magnets. Great container plants. Full sun. Size and spread depends on variety. Keep soil evenly moist. A great substitute for the customer who doesn't like geraniums because plants have a similar appearance and are available in the same shades of red, pink, violet and white. Native to eastern Africa, Arabia and Madagascar.

Beehive Series-- Loads of dainty florets form clusters that cover plants, presenting a stunning display. Plants have dark-green, shiny foliage and a mounded, spreading habit. Great for hanging baskets and landscapes. 12" tall and wide. Available in white. (5" pot)

Graffiti--Compact and bushy series blooms early and very uniformly, producing brightly colored mounds of flower heads. Taller than 'New Look' producing larger florets and flower heads. Secondary flower heads retain the larger size. Very free-flowering, 10-12" tall plants make long-lasting displays in baskets, planters and landscapes. Very well-branched. Available in 'Lazer Lipstick, pink, ruby, violet, white and a mix. (Large 6-pack)

Lucky Star Series--Lucky Star pentas are grown by seed and are more compact than most other pentas, typically growing to only 10 to 16 inches tall, yet they still provide nonstop color throughout the growing season. Available in dark red, pink and violet from outside vendors. (2-pack)

'Ruby Glow'--Large clusters of rosy red flowers atop bright green foliage. A taller variety at 18-24". (5" pot)

PEPPERS, ORNAMENTAL, Capsicum annuum: One of the rare annuals with truly attractive fruits, ornamental pepper is a startlingly beautiful plant, yet all too often relegated to the vegetable garden. They are shrubby plants with simple, mid-green leaves (deep purple or variegated on some cultivars) and small, pendant, star-shaped flowers that are usually white, but sometimes purple. The flowers are followed by fruits, which usually start out green and pass through several colors before maturing to their final shade of orange, red, yellow, purple or chocolate brown. Heights can range from 8-36", depending on variety, and some are sprawling--wider than they are tall. Excellent in containers. Need full sun. Fruits are always edible with varying degrees of heat, but most tend to be quite hot.

'Black Pearl'--A 2006 AAS Winner! A unique ornamental pepper with pure black leaves and fruit when grown in full sun. Vigorous, upright plants grow to 18". Gorgeous in containers with other mixed annuals. Peppers are fiery hot! (5" pot)

'Harlequin'--Multi-colored, oblong fruits on extremely compact plants at just 8" tall. Beautiful on their own in small pots. (5" pot)

'Hot Pops Purple'--Small, round peppers of both purple and orange simultaneously make a high-impact display for outdoor and indoor decorating. Compact, heavily branched plants. Grows to just 6" tall. (5" pot)

'Midnight Fire'--Distinctive dark black foliage accented by purple fruit which mature bright red. 9-12" tall. (5" pot)

'Onyx Red'--An AAS Award winner. Compact and uniform with dark purple foliage (in high light conditions). It produces round fruit that starts purple/black and matures to red. Plants are 6-12" tall. (5" pot)

'Purple Flash'--Striking coloration, almost black with bright purple flashes. Compact, mounded plants have a layered scaffolding growth habit. Extremely drought tolerant. Great for pots, combos and landscapes. The fruit is extremely hot. 13-15" tall. (5" pot)

PERILLA FRUCTESCENS (Shiso, Beefsteak Plant): Also called Chinese basil, perilla is a fantastic ornamental edible. Leaves have a mild mint/basil aroma. Use young leaves in salads and large leaves as sushi wraps and plate garnishes. There ae many varieties available and all are lovely in the border or mixed annual containers. Grow in full sun to fairly deep shade.

'Magilla'--A close relative to coleus, this stunning foliage plant offers striking contrast to flowering annuals in beds or containers. Growing in sun or shade, the leaves are a striking combination of burgundy, magenta and green with hints of cream. Grows to 24" (5" pot from outside vendors)

'Tricolor'--Rose and green multicolored leaves; resembles a coleus. An extremely fast and easy to grow annual, prized for its handsome foliage which is scented like cinnamon. Grows to 18-24" tall. (5" pot)

PERIWINKLE: See Vinca (Catharanthus), Vinca major and also Vinca minor in Perennials

PETCHOA HYBRIDS: It was inevitable--combining the growth habit of petunias with the flower form of calibrachoa. These close relatives were destined to become one through hybridization. Excellent garden performance as well as unsurpassed beauty and vigor in hanging baskets and mixed containers. Many past calibrachoa varieties have been recategorized as petchoas. Culture is the same as both petunias and calibrachoas. Fertilize regularly, using an acid fertilizer with every third watering to prevent yellowing and woody stems. Pinch as needed to encourage branching and longer flowering. More weather tolerant than standard petunias. Flowering is virtually nonstop. For full sun (of course) and plants generally grow to about a foot tall.

SuperCal Series--Stunning flower colors on floriferous plants. Available in blue, neon rose and 'Snowberry' white. 10-12" tall. (5" pot and hanging baskets)

SuperCal Premium Series--Offers the same excellent performance as SuperCal, with larger flowers, an improved habit and a more mounded, refined growth. Available in Bordeaux (rich red), Caramel Yellow, Cinnamon (orange, yellow and pink all in one bloom), French Vanilla (creamy white with a yellow center), Pearl White, Purple Dawn, Royal Red, Sunray (bright pink with yellow center), Sunset Orange (orange-red) and Yellow Sun (bright golden yellow). 14-20" tall. (5" pot and hanging baskets)

PETUNIA HYBRIDS: This most popular annual is famous for its dependability and variety of color. Plant in the garden when the soil is warm, usually late May. Prefers a well-drained, light sandy soil. Space about 12" in full sun; shade discourages flowering. Pinching of the blossoms is necessary for most varieties. Pinch 1/3 of the growing tips each week for continuous blooms all summer and well into fall. Many are very fragrant, especially in the evening and especially the blue shades. Water moderately and fertilize often. Use an acid fertilizer periodically for best results.

Petunias are divided into categories:

Millifloras--A newer class of early, miniature flowered petunias, best represented by the 'Fantasy' and 'Picobella' series. We no longer carry these types. They are covered in blooms all season.

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Multiflora/Floribundas--Generally better garden performers than the more popular grandifloras. Flower size is smaller, but what they lack in size, they make up for in vigor and profusion of blooms. They also tend to recover better in rainy weather. Best represented by the 'Madness' series--our most popular bedding petunias.

Grandifloras-- Blossoms are up to 4" across. Blooms early. Plants tend to be less compact, therefore requiring more pinching. Losing popularity as new types are being developed. Blooms do not hold up well in wet or humid weather. Examples include the 'Daddy' and 'Ultra' series.

Hedgifloras--A newer type that can grow up to 3' tall with support or if the plants are spaced close together. Spaced further apart, they sprawl--more like the spreading types. Best represented by the 'Tidal Wave' and 'Supertunia Vista' series.

Spreading--Quickly becoming the most popular petunias nationwide and certainly one of our most popular types. Because a single plant can spread up to 3' they make glorious hanging baskets and are unbeatable and economical in the landscape. Plants remain short, often growing only 6-8" tall. This type is best represented by the 'Wave' and 'Supertunia' series among many, many others.

Double Petunias--May be either multi-, grandiflora or spreading. Blossoms are more fragile in inclement weather.

PETUNIAS, SINGLE-FLOWERED:

Selection may change throughout the season based on availability from outside vendors.

Blanket Series--Spreading. A small flowered, vigorous series well-suited for beds, containers and hanging baskets. The flower power is quite unbelievable! Available in midnight velvet and violet. (5" pot and/or hanging baskets)

Crazytunia Series--With exciting flower colors and patterns, this new collection is shaking up the world of petunias. Uniform and compact growth habit. Available in 'Black & White' (white with a dark eye), 'Blue Ice' (shades of blue with a white star) and 'Cosmic Pink' (intense shades of pink and white all in one bloom). (5" pot and/or hanging baskets)

Daddy Series--Grandiflora. All veined-rich pastel or clear, ruffled colors with contrasting darker veins of a similar color. Flowers are extra large, averaging 4 1/4" across. Early and compact. Suitable for beds, baskets and window boxes. Usually available in 'Sugar' (lavender-purple with dark veins) from outside vendors. (4-pack)

Dreams Series--Grandiflora. Free-flowering, tightly branched petunias, An older and tried-and-true variety. Colors are proven and very stable. Very weather tolerant with

--Petunias continued--

3-4" flowers. 10-15" tall and wide. Usually available in a variety of colors from outside vendors. (4-pack)

Durabloom Series--This is the first interspecific series of petunias that have had the traditional floriferous types crossed with a new wild species with a very robust root system that is heat and drought tolerant. The results are strong plants which are both "tough and pretty." Daylength neutral. Available in blue vein, hot pink, purple, red and royal pink. (5" pot)

Easy Wave Series--Compact spreading. More mounded with more controlled spreading than the regular 'Wave' series makes this series better suited for mixed containers and some beds. High impact plants with minimal maintenance. Grows 6-12" with a spread of only 2 1/2-3'. Available in blue, burgundy velour, lavender sky blue (new in 2020), pink, Pink Passion, red, red velour, 'Rosy Dawn' (a 2006 AAS Winner of deep rose with a white eye), violet, white, yellow and a formula mix. (Available in giant 6-packs)

Flower Shower Series--Grab your umbrella because these bright, eye-catching blooms absolutely pour over beds in a deluge of color. A series made for hanging baskets or the garden with semi-trailing, highly weather tolerant plants and non-stop performance. Available in Mayan Sunset (gold-throated pink blooms), Patrick Star (magenta and white stripes) and Hell's Heat. (5" pot and/or hanging baskets)

Funhouse Series--Step right up to thrilling color! Dynamic petunias with unique flower colors and patterns. Great habits for a fun addition to hanging basket and patio pots. Available in 'Amethyst Sunshine' (purple with a yellow eye). (5" pot and/or hanging baskets)

Glamouflage Series--The must-have for any container! This exclusive variety is totally stable, with brightly colored variegated foliage. Perfectly placed flowers are a complement to this fine foliage. Mounded trailing habit spills over containers and hanging baskets. Available in 'Grape' (bright purple). (5" pot)

Hulahoop Series--Features the large colorful blooms typical of Grandiflora hybrids. The ruffled single flowers all have a white picotee edge surrounding deep colors. The plants are productive and the blooms heat and weather resistant. This petunia is an excellent garden and container selection. Very old-fashioned. Usually available in blue and red from outside vendors. (4-pack)

Itsy Series--This spreading varieties are great in hanging baskets and containers. Flowers with a yellow-green center are about the size of a silver dollar, but cover the plant as it spreads out. Blooms and blooms from spring until frost. Just 6" tall but spreading. Available in white. (5" pot and/or hanging baskets)

Madness Series--Multiflora. Our most popular bedding petunia series. This series features big flowers-up to 3" across-along with a compact habit. These floriferous

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plants put on an outstanding show in the garden. The flowers bounce back very quickly after a rain and continue to flower all summer long. Our most popular bedding series. Available in a variety of colors from outside vendors. (4-pack)

'Prism Sunshine'--Grandiflora. 1998 AAS and Fleuroselect Gold Medal Winner. Early, compact, yellow-centered that edges to a creamy yellow. Best performing yellow grandiflora available. 3" blooms. Usually available from outside vendors. (4-pack)

Ray Series--Rays have a natural compact habit, superior center branching making for endless possibilities in patio combinations, borders, landscape, hanging baskets, window boxes and pots of all sizes. Rays are self-cleaning, easy to grow, sun-loving and self-maintaining. Available in black and 'Pistachio Cream' (soft green with a creamy-white center). (5" pot and/or hanging baskets)

Shock Wave Series--Now firmly established in the marketplace, the Shock Wave petunia series has found its niche as the only small-flowered spreading series from seed. They are one of the earliest to flower in the spreading petunia class, and they yield a proliferation of 1 1/2 - 2" blooms that blanket the mounded plants, making them superb for hanging baskets and containers. 7-10" tall and spreads to 3'! Available in coral crush, deep purple, denim blue and pink shades. (Available in giant 6-packs)

Shortcake Series--Something to sweeten up the garden! Shortcake turns the table and brings novelty color in a package that also excels in the garden. A versatile habit that works well in small pots and combos, but will still size up for an impressive display in the garden. Available in Raspberry (raspberry purple and white blooms). (5" pot)

Sophistica Series--Grandiflora. An abundance of large blooms highlight this new series. Grows to 10-15" tall. Available in blackberry (black with reddish undertones). (4-pack)

Splash Dance Series--A brand new speckled petunia series. Spreads to 2' tall and wide. Available in 'Bolero Blue' (blue/purple blooms sprinkled with white), 'Calypso Cherry' (large fuchsia blooms joyfully speckled), 'Moon Walk' (blue speckled with white), 'Rumba Rose' (rose-pink speckled white) and 'Violet Vogue' (violet-purple speckled white). (5" pot)

Supercascade Series--Grandiflora. An early flowering improved Cascade. Very large flowers and more compact than earlier Cascades. Blooms are 4" across. Great in hanging baskets. Usually available in blue, burgundy, pink, red, white and a mix from outside vendors. (4-pack)

Supertunia 'Charm' Series--Spreading. Diminutive beauties that pack all the punch of the original Supertunia series in a compact, dense habit. The Proven Winners Charm series stands out for their small to very small flowers that are similar in size to a large Superbells (Calibrachoa). Plants are weather resistant and vigorous. 5-7" tall. Great

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substitutes for Calibrachoa in landscapes Available in 'Daybreak' (watermelon pink with a yellow center). (5" pot and/or hanging baskets)

Supertunia Mini Vista Series--The Supertunia Mini Vista series offers cute blooms that are smaller in size, but not quite as small as calibrachoa. Vigorous, mounded, spreading habit. Available in midnight, pink star, violet star and yellow (5" pot)

Supertunia Series--Spreading. A vigorous, everblooming, trailing petunia from Australia. Can grow up to an inch a day. Better suited for baskets, window boxes and containers than regular cascading petunias. They bloom profusely. Plant in full sun. One plant will spread to 3' across. Keep on the drier side. Conditions that are too wet will cause the foliage to yellow. Fertilize regularly with a high nitrogen fertilizer, supplemented with iron. Trim as desired, but deadheading is not necessary. Colors available include: 'Bermuda Beach' (salmon-pink), 'Black Cherry', 'Blue Skies' (sky blue), 'Bordeaux' (soft lavender with deep plum veins), Giant Pink', 'Honey' (orange yellow melange), 'Latte' (ivory with a dark eye), 'Persimmon' (vibrant yellow in the center and transition to a bright pink), 'Raspberry Rush' (raspberry pink with white markings), Really Red', Royal Magenta, Royal Velvet (deep blue) and white. (5" pot and/or hanging baskets)

Supertunia 'Trailing' Series (formerly Supertunia 'Mini' Series)--Spreading. Diminutive beauties that pack all the punch of the original Supertunia series in a compact, dense habit. Flowers are petite and abundant. Plants are weather resistant and vigorous. 5-7" tall. Available in blue-vein. (5" pot and/or hanging baskets)

Supertunia 'Vista' Series'--Hedgiflora. A landscape series with a taller habit than 'Supertunias'. Not suitable for hanging baskets, but excellent in large containers. Early to flower and self-cleaning. 16-20" tall. Available in 'Bubblegum' (large pink flowers), fuchsia (smaller purplish-pink flowers), 'Paradise' (watermelon pink), 'Silverberry' (silver with rosy veining) and 'Snowdrift (true white). (5" pot)

Surfinia--Spreading. Everblooming, heat-loving and extremely vigorous. Perfect for tubs, baskets, beds or window boxes. Plant in full sun areas. Avoid wet, soggy, shady areas. In containers, keep slightly moist. Water sparingly if planted in the ground. Use a high nitrogen fertilizer with iron regularly. Prune as desired, but not necessary. Available in deep red and salmon vein. (5" pot and/or hanging baskets)

TriTunia Series--Consider this rather new petunia series the 'Best of the Best' of three long standing popular single flower grandiflora series! The breeders have combined the best performing varieties of Ultra, Storm and Bravo into one high performance TriTunia Petunia series. All varieties match for uniformity in habit and flower timing, with excellent performance from the grower bench to retail to the garden. 12-14" tall. Usually available in blue, blue star, burgundy, crimson star, pink, red, red star, sky blue, white and mixes from outside vendors. (4-pack)

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Wave Series--Spreading. The original!! Ground hugging plants spread to 4'. Excellent garden performance. Height varies by color-4-6" tall. Ideal for baskets, large pots or as a groundcover. Unlike standard petunias, the 2-3" flowers continue to bloom freely all season without being trimmed back. Available in purple (1995 AAS Winner). (Available in Giant 6-packs)

PETUNIAS, DOUBLE-FLOWERED:

Selection may change throughout the season based on availability from outside vendors.

Double Cascade Series--Excellent habit and good branching. Usually available in burgundy and a mix from outside vendors. (4-pack)

Pirouette Series--Grandiflora. Large, violet-blue ruffled flowers with broad white edging. A past AAS Winner. The first picotee double petunia. Blooms are 2-2 1/2" across. Very early for a double petunia. Usually available in purple, red and/or rose from outside vendors. (4-pack)

'Valentine'--A bright red Grandiflora. (4-pack)

PHORMIUM TENAX (Water Lettuce): A clump-forming member of the agave family used as a focal foliage plant in mixed containers. Loves sun in moist, but well-drained soil. It will tolerate some light shade at the expense of intense coloration. Overwinter indoors as a houseplant. Very long-lived and will eventually fill a good-sized pot and reaching heights of 3-6' depending on variety. Very cold and drought tolerant. A fantastic alternative for the focal point of any container arrangement.

'Purple Mountain'-- A fantastic, deep burgundy/black colored Phormium. As a cookianum type phormium, its leaves are upright but not stiff and spiky like the tenax types. Black Adder's narrow leaves stand tall, with a charming drape at the tips. When mature, it grows up to three foot tall by three foot wide, medium-sized in the world of phormiums that can reach ungainly heights of 10 feet or more. (6" pot from outside vendors)

PLECTRANTHUS AMBOINICYUS, VARIEGATA (Cuban Oregano): Thick, succulent leaves on an upright plant. Fresh, the foliage has a pungent, mild menthol-like fragrance. Used in Jamaican cuisine. Best used as a container plant. Makes an attractive houseplant (related to Swedish Ivy).

'Lemon Twist' (P. amboinicus)--Green leaves with white and yellow edges provides stunning contrast and makes an outstanding accent in combination plantings. Big plants. Use in bed and containers. Foliage is delightfully fragrant. 16-20" tall. (5" pot from outside vendors)

PLECTRANTHUS COLEOIDES VARIEGATA (Iboza): An immensely popular foliage plant for mixed containers or as a houseplant. A prostrate plant with stems that hang straight down, reaching as much as 30" or longer. Leaves are smallish and rich green with a white margin. Foliage is intensely fragrant when crushed and lies somewhere between oregano and thyme. It rarely blooms. For full sun to part shade.

'White Surf'--Trailing and vigorous habit with green and white foliage. Excellent in hanging baskets, containers and window boxes. Grows to 16-20" tall. (5" pot)

PLUMBAGO AURICULATA (Leadwort): Plumbago is an evergreen shrub with whip-like semi-woody stems that form a loose, rounded mound 3-10 ft. high with a similar spread. The 2 in. oblong leaves are a fresh, light yellowish green color. The sky blue flowers are 1 in. long tubes expanding into 5 petals spreading about 1 in across. The flowers are borne in rounded terminal clusters 6 in across and look quite a bit like phlox flowers. Plumbago blooms all year long except for the coldest winter months. Plumbago is native to South Africa, and is a popular ornamental.

Imperial Series-- Beautiful in large containers. Blooms from spring to fall. Plant in full sun to part-shade. Likes to be kept moderately moist but with good drainage. Attracts butterflies. Available in blue. (5" pot)

'Royal Cape'--Huge clusters of vivid deep blue flowers cover this sprawling, vine-like shrubby plant. Fantastic in large containers. (Gallon pot)

POLKA DOT PLANT: See Hypoestes

POPCORN PLANT: See Cassia

PORTULACA GRANDIFLORA (Moss Rose)--also see Purslane: This annual thrives in situations where most would not. Plant forms trailing stems with tiny succulent-like leaves and brilliantly colored silk-like blooms. Requires little care and will withstand drought. Full sun. Flowers do not open until late morning and will remain closed on cloudy days. Grows 6" tall and works best at the front of the border, in hanging baskets or in mixed plantings. Selection may change throughout the season based on availability from vendors.

Happy Hour Series--Celebrate success with the Happy Hour portulaca series that has been bred for reduced daylength sensitivity. Well-branched mounded plants that are less prone to breakage, flower uniformly and under shorter days than other leading portulaca series. The fuller plant habit with a vivid flower color range creates eye-appeal and performs admirably in hot, full sun garden conditions. Height: 8-10", 10-12" spread. Available in banana, fuchsia, orange, peppermint and a tropical mix. (4-pack from outside vendors)

PSEUDERANTHEMUM ATROPURPUREUM (Snow Bush): An erect, open shrub, primarily used as a foliage accent plant in mixed annual containers. Leaves are usually

a solid, rich, deep purple, though variegated forms are available. Tubular white flowers appear late in the season. They prefer moist, well-drained soil in full sun with some midday shade, or in partial shade. From Polynesia.

'Stainless Steel'--A very rare and unusual tropical plant with spectacular variegated foliage. Light green leaves with silver to white variegated markings. Each leaf is somewhat different and highly variegated. Makes a nice and interesting houseplant. Grows to 3' tall. (5" pot)

PURSLANE (Portulaca umbraticola, P. oleracea): Like moss roses, this cousin with wider leaves flourishes in heat, drought and sun. And like moss roses, flowers close late in the day. Like purslane-the garden weed-the foliage is edible, adding a refreshing flavor to salads. Plants seldom grow taller than 4-6", but may spread up to 2', making for lovely hanging baskets able to endure neglect.

Colorblast Series--This series is offered in single, double and striped versions. Flowers stay open longer than any others under low light conditions and thrive in the summer's worst heat spells. Available in 'Mango Mojito' (an orange and cream bicolor) and 'Pink Lady' (a pink and white bicolor). (5" pot)

Pazazz Series--Very well-branched, free-flowering and vigorous. Low spreading plants thrive on summer heat. Well-suited to baskets and containers. Just 2-4" tall. Available in fuchsia, Red Flare, tangerine and yellow. (5" pot from outside vendors)

RAIN LILY (Zephryanthes grandiflora): Zephryanthes is a genus of about 70 species in the Amaryllidaceae (amaryllis family) native to southern North America, Central America, and South America, with common names including rain flower, rain lily, and zephyr lily. Pink rain lily is an annual here in the north, with a tuft of outward-spreading grassy foliage growing from a tunicate bulb with reddish skin. The 4-6 long, narrow, strap-like green leaves are slightly glossy or shiny and may be reddish at the base. The foliage may be persistent or die back, depending on the conditions. The flowers open out flat at midday and close in the afternoon. Although each flower only lasts one to a few days (depending on temperature and sunlight), there can be multiple flushes of blooms throughout the season. Rain lilies make excellent container plants an are very long-lived. In their native habitat the flowers typically emerge a few days after a soaking rainstorm after being dry for a period of time. In cultivation they will bloom without being subjected to cyclical droughts, but even in containers outside during the summer flowering seems to occur more readily after thunderstorms. Cycles of drying and watering encourages the bulbs to bloom, but they will still bloom in bursts if kept evenly moist year-round. Indoors they can bloom at any time of year. Rain lilies produce offsets from the original bulbs, multiplying readily. (Bulbs are available in our bulb area)

RANUNCULUS ASIATICUS: Perfect double flowers bloom during the early summer in many bright colors. On stems reaching 18" high, the flowers nod for nearly 4 months. They demand plenty of sun and a well-drained but never dry soil. Soak the stiff tubers before planting. Best to start the plants indoors early with the side of the tubers with the

claws facing down. Tubers must be dug and stored in the fall. (Available in our bulb area)

RUDBECKIA HIRTA (Gloriosa Daisy, Black-eyed Susan): A Zone 5 perennial best raised as an annual in Wisconsin. Though they make it through mild winters, plant vigor and flower size tend to deteriorate over time, seldom making it through two seasons. Excellent for mass bloom in the garden and for cutting, from early summer till frost. Very heat tolerant and easy to grow. Plant in full sun. Will not need staking. All varieties self-sow if allowed to go to seed.

'Cherokee Sunset'--2002 AAS Winner. A blend of sunset colors--golden yellow, orange, bronze and mahogany shades on double to semi-double 4" flowers. Outstanding branching habit and garden performance. Ideal cut flower. (2-pack and other larger sizes as the season progresses)

RUNNER BEAN: See Scarlet Runner Bean

SALVIA COCCINEA (Texas Sage): The open, lacy effect of long flower spikes on bushy plants is effective for an extremely long bloom season from early summer till frost. In spite of its delicate appearance, this is one of the easiest and toughest annuals., very tolerant of heat, drought and a wide variety of soil conditions. A magnet for hummingbirds.

Hummingbird 'Forest Fire'--Stunning combination of fiery red flowers against black calyces. Heat and drought tolerant plants are earlier, slightly shorter and more free-branching than 'Lady in Red'. (4-pack)

'Lady in Red'--1992 AAS Winner. Brilliant scarlet, trumpet-shaped flowers are produced in loose spikes of flowers concentrated in whorls around the main spike. Earlier and shorter than other strains, the neat plants reach 20-24" in the garden. Adapts well to containers. Plant in full sun to part-sun. (4-pack)

Nymph Series--A very long-blooming cultivar that responds well to constant deadheading. Long flower sprays on bushy plants. Low maintenance and thrives in all climates. Lovely in wildflower gardens or in large containers. Grows to 24-26". Available in coral and 'Snow Nymph' (pure white). (4-pack from outside vendors)

Summer Jewel Series--Plants are densely branched producing a tidy plant habit that will excel in both garden beds and containers. Early to bloom by almost two weeks compared to other S. coccinea varieties. 18-20" tall. Available in lavender and red. (4-pack from outside vendors)

SALVIA ELEGANS (Pineapple Sage): Soft, smooth, pineapple scented leaves often used in cold drinks and fruit salad. Shrubby growth habit. Blooms usually during the fall and is a hummingbird magnet--probably the best you can buy! Loose spikes are bright

scarlet. Plant in full sun to part shade in average to rich, well-drained soil. A must for the wildflower and herb garden.

'Golden Delicious'--Fuzzy, bright yellow foliage provides a backdrop for fire engine red, tubular flowers that appear in spring (a rarity for pineapple sages) and again in the fall. Strong pineapple scent. Best in full sun. Short for pineapple sage at only 12-24" tall. (3 1/2" herb and/or and 5" pot)

SALVIA FARINACEA (Mealycup Sage): A native American tender perennial. Easy to grow, it has beautiful spikes of steely gray-blue or steely white. It grows wild in Texas and New Mexico from early summer to fall. With its persistent long bloom, it is valued as a cut flower and is easily dried for winter arrangements. Very disease resistant. Plant in full sun to light shade. Roots can be dug and stored in the fall like geraniums for planting the following season. **Selection may change throughout the season based on availability from outside vendors and may include any or all of the following:**

'Blue Bedder'--Produces vibrant deep blue flowers until hard frosts. Twice the size of the ordinary blue salvia (Victoria). At 30", this old fashioned, heirloom strain is nearly as tall as its wild Texas parent. It produces vibrant deep blue flowers until hard frosts. (4-pack)

Victoria Series--A Fleuroselect Winner. Attractive gray-green foliage. Plants are a compact 18". Available in blue. (4-pack)

SALVIA GUARANITICA (Blue anise sage, Brazilian blue sage): Shrub-like plant with wrinkled, fuzzy, medium green leaves. Blooms late summer to fall. Striking 2" long flowers in blue, purple or white, usually with darker purple calyces. Prefers a light shade instead of full, hot sun and evenly moist soil. Produces tuberous roots that are stored overwinter like a dahlia. Perhaps the one plant type that will draw the most hummingbirds to the garden! Most grow 4-6'.

'Black & Bloom'--Makes a big impact with a thicker leaf, bigger bloom and darker stem than the old 'Black & Blue'. Tough as nails – it thrives in heat, drought and humidity. Very fast to finish and easy to grow, requiring very little attention. Desirable deep blue color against a black stem stands out in every landscape or container. Grows to 36-48" tall. (5" pot)

'Black & Blue'--Beautiful in mixed containers or as a feature in the landscape. Intense blue flowers with black-purple calyces. Harvest and store roots in the fall. Grows to 4' tall. (5" pot)

'Blue Suede Shoes'--Features light blue flowers with a black calyx on tough upright growing plants that hummingbirds love! Use them as the center thriller in combinations or in the landscape. Grows to 40" tall. (5" pot)

'Purple & Bloom'--Selected for its exceptional flower power and smaller stature similar to Black & Bloom making it a good candidate for medium to large containers. This new salvia is 25% more compact than the leading competitor. Grows to 36-40" tall. (5" pot)

'Rockin' Series-Upright compact plants with green foliage. Blooms attract hummingbirds and butterflies all summer until frost. Plant in part to full sun for best performance. 30-40" tall. Available in deep purple and fuchsia (bright pink). (5" pot)

SALVIA INTERSPECIFIC HYBRIDS:

'Roman Red'--This is the only vibrant red, interspecific salvia on the market! Has a more compact habit compared to the leading competitor's red, along with medium green foliage. More similar in habit and performance to 'Black & Bloom', with a semi-mounded habit. Offers exceptional landscape performance when compared to Salvia splendens. 28-34" tall. (5" pot)

Skyscraper Series--Florets crowd the spires of this brand new compact and free-flowering salvia. A must for smaller gardens where other larger salvias won't fit. Nonstop blooms all summer. Blooms are reminiscent of a large Texas sage. Grows to 2.5'. For full sun. Available in dark purple and pink. (5" pot)

'Wendy's Wish'--Fascinating, jumbo, shrimp-like buds emerge from soft coral pink bracts and open to hot pink, tubular blooms. Attractive deep green leaves have dark maroon stems. Compact and slightly spreading. The plant appeared as spontaneous garden hybrid beneath a plant of Salvia mexicana 'Lolly' in the Victoria, Australia garden of salvia enthusiast Wendy Smith. The corolla appears to resemble S. buchananii in color and flower size, but the calyx somewhat resembles some Salvia splendens varieties For full sun. Blooms from summer through fall. Plant in fertile, well-drained soil in beds or borders. 30-40" tall and up to 30" wide. (5" pot from outside vendors)

SALVIA LONGISPICATA x S. FARINACEA:

'Indigo Spires'--An outstanding introduction. Large purple-blue flower spikes wave above the dark green foliage. Often 2' long, the spikes are slightly fuzzy. Overall, the plant looks like a giant 'Victoria' blue salvia. Unlike many salvias, it comes into bloom very quickly and flowers continuously until a hard freeze. Requires well-drained soil in full sun. Grows to 3-4'. Like all salvia, it's a bee, butterfly and hummingbird magnet. Excellent cut and dried. Roots can be easily stored overwinter. (5" pot)

'Mystic Spires'--An outstanding 2006 introduction. Large true blue flower spikes wave above the dark green foliage. Often 1' long, the spikes are slightly fuzzy. Naturally compact and well-branched, this is a dwarf version of the popular, but large, 'Indigo Spires.' Overall, the plant looks like a giant 'Victoria' blue salvia. Unlike many salvias, it comes into bloom very quickly and flowers continuously until a hard freeze. Requires well-drained soil in full sun. Grows to 2-3'. Like all salvia, it's a bee, butterfly and

hummingbird magnet. Excellent cut and dried. Roots can be easily stored overwinter. (5" pot from outside vendors)

'Playin' the Blues'--A fragrant thriller for your containers and landscape. Standing 24-48" tall, the purplish blue spikes of Playin' The Blues create a great focal point for mixed containers. This continuous blooming salvia is sterile which means more flowers for you. Planted in full sun you may enjoy the flutter of butterflies and hummingbirds checking out the blooms. Drought tolerant and deer resistant are just two of the great attributes. (5" pot)

'White Flame'--This salvia is covered in white blooms with excellent heat performance. It is perfect for landscapes and mixed containers. Grows to 18-24" tall. (5" pot)

SALVIA MICROPHYLLA, Syn. S. grahamii (Mexican Sage): A native to Mexico and the southwestern United States. Flowers, fragrance and plant structure are similar to Salvia greggii, but the species grows quite a bit taller. Like many salvias, it blooms best toward the end of summer and into fall. For full sun.

'Hot Lips'--A stunning bicolor red and white. Color is strongest in cooler temperatures. Broad, soft, aromatic leaves. Forms a wide, fast-growing mound up to 6' across! For full sun. Up to 30" tall. (5" pot)

SALVIA SPLENDENS (Scarlet Sage): Erect spikes of brilliantly colored blooms. The red varieties are especially attractive to hummingbirds. Very old-fashioned and versatile whether in beds or containers. Prefers a well-drained, moist soil in full sun or light shade. Spacing depends upon the size of the variety. **Selection may change throughout the season based on availability from outside vendors and may include any or all of the following:**

'Lighthouse Red'--The only tall S. splendens that will reach a height of 24-30 inches and up to a foot wide! The bushy plants display long-lasting color like a beacon in the garden. Makes an ideal low maintenance background plant in landscapes, with heat resistance and long-lasting color and will also work well in large patio containers. Grows in full sun and blooms spring through late summer. (4-pack from outside vendors)

'Mojave'--True red flowers on deep green broad leaf foliage. New spikes cover the old, giving an intense and prolonged display. 14". (4-pack from outside vendors)

'Sizzler Series'--Bright, clear colors on abundant flower spikes, only 10-12" tall, have made this series a multiple award winner. Early-flowering with dark green foliage. Available in a of colors from outside vendors. (4-pack)

Vista Series--12" tall. An improved carabiniere type that is earlier and more compact. Beautiful bright red flower spikes contrast nicely with the dark foliage. Available in purple, red, a red/white bicolor and a mix from outside vendors. (4-pack)

SCAEVOLA AEMULA (Australian Fan Flower): Of nearly 100 species of scaevola found in the South Pacific and Australia, only one (S. aemula) has found its way into gardens and in recent years has become very popular. This handsome plant, with stiff, succulent stems, forms a dense carpet of small, lightly-toothed, spoon-shaped leaves. The innumerable 3/4-1", tubular flowers each open into a broad, 5-lobed fan. Colors are in shades of blue, purple and white and deadheading is unnecessary. Plants grow only 4-8" tall and are wonderful in baskets or as edging. Grow in full sun in evenly moist soil. Scaevolas are very heavy feeders.

Scalora Series--No other series comes close to the performance of Scalora scaevola. Vigorous, well-branched plants are loaded with color that is simply impervious to the heat that summer can bring. Truly breakthrough breeding has not only the best blues that growers expect, but remarkable pink, white, yellow and bicolor varieties too. We're carrying 'Suntastic Yellow'. Grows 8-14" tall. (5" pot)

Scampi Series--Scampi has large flowers yet finishes with a compact, trailing habit. Scampi will perform in both full sun and shady conditions. Finished height is 4" to 6". Available in blue, pink and white. (5" pot and hanging baskets)

SCARLET RUNNER BEAN, Phaseolus coccineus: A hummingbird favorite! Scarlet flowers contrast with green, heart-shaped foliage. Vigorous climbers for a trellis or twine. Edible beans are delicious when young. Keep beans picked for continuous bloom. Grow in full sun. Grows to 72-96". (4" coir pot)

SCENTED GERANIUM: See Geranium.

SENECIO CANDICANS: See Dusty Miller.

SENECIO MIKANIOIDES: See German Ivy.

SETCREASEA PURPUREA, Syn. Tradescantia pallida 'Purpurea'--This native of eastern Mexico is a close relative of Wisconsin's own spiderwort and the houseplant, wandering jew. Leaves are long and pointed on this trailing plant and are a rich violet-purple. Flowers are pinkish lavender and can appear nearly year round. Leaf color is most intense in good sunlight and crowded conditions. Easy to winter over as a houseplant or propagate by cuttings. Prefers damp soil. Grows to about 8" tall and trailing. Use alone or in mixed containers. A fantastic and easy-to-grow houseplant.

'Purple Queen'--'Purple Queen' grows best in partial sun in moist, well-drained soils in the landscape. Containers should be kept slightly moist at the root level and slightly dry at the soil surface. The purple foliage is outstanding used in a large container or hanging basket. (Gallon pot)

SNAPDRAGON (Antirrhinum majus): The lavish color of modern hybrid snaps is provided over a long bloom time and in many sizes, from dwarfs ideal for bedding, to giants that are among the finest of all cut flowers. Flower colors tend to be bright and

clear and are sometimes fragrant. Snaps prefer full sun and average garden soil. They bloom all summer long, but less profusely during hot weather. They sometimes survive through mild winters or if well protected. **Selection may change throughout the season based on availability from outside vendors.**

Rocket Series--Long flower spikes with well-spaced florets on vigorous, heat resistant plants. Superior for backgrounds or cut flowers. Will bloom again once cut. Plants grow 30-36" tall. Available in various colors from outside vendors. (4-pack from outside vendors)

Snapshot Series--Bushy and compact plants have closely spaced, full flower spikes in a full range of colors. Strong garden performance. 6-8" tall. Available in various colors from outside vendors. (4-pack from outside vendors)

Sonnet --A very refined, early and extremely free-flowering snap, growing to a height of 20" The dense main spike is followed by numerous secondary spikes. Wind resistance and heat tolerance make this an excellent landscape candidate. Available in various colors from outside vendors. (4-pack from outside vendors)

SOLANUM JASMINOIDES (Potato Vine): This is a semi-evergreen or evergreen climber, to 20 feet tall. Leaves are slender, ovate to lancolate, shiny, deep green, to 2 inches long. Flowers are fragrant, pure white with yellow anthers, to 1 inch wide, held in axillary and terminal corymbs to 3 inches across, and borne in summer and fall. Fruit is black and ovoid. Native to Brazil. Protect from frost.

Variegata/Aurea--Colorful scrambler for patio trellises or in hanging baskets. Great a component plant in mixed containers. Related to plants as varied as eggplant and nightshade. 4' trailing vine is splashed with gold. Flowers are white & fragrant. Cut back hard to encourage new growth. Easy to overwinter. (3 1/2" pot from outside vendors)

SPANISH FLAG: See Mina

SPIKE: See Dracaena

STOCK, Matthiola incana: Hard to find just a few years ago, stock is again back in style as people are discovering heirloom annuals. Stalks are upright with an intense, clove-like scent. Easy annuals adapted to cooler conditions. We are offering an unnamed mix from outside vendors. (2-pack)

STRAWFLOWER, Helichrysum bracteatum: A must-have in the cut- or dried-flower garden. Harvest blooms before they fully open because they will continue to open once harvested. Plant in full-sun in rich, well-drained soil. Virtually pest-free and very easy to grow. Harvesting and deadheading stimulates more blooming. All are natives to Australia. Water frequently and thoroughly during hot weather; avoid drying out.

Dreamtime Series--A controlled, mounded series. Flowers do not beak open in the center. Free-flowering and sun-loving. Perfect for containers and hanging baskets. 10-12" tall and wide. Available in Jumbo red and yellow. (5" pot)

STREPTOCARPELLA: This excellent container, as well as houseplant, has succulent, arching stems and fleshy, rounded, somewhat fuzzy leaves. Slender, branching pedicels bear tubular flowers with flaring, fan-shaped lobes. Grow in full sun to part shade and water regularly, though it can tolerate some drought. Bring indoors in fall or take cuttings. Height is 8-12".

'Concord Blue'--Delicate, sapphire-blue flowers. Soft green foliage with a semi-trailing habit. (5" pot from outside vendors)

STREPTOCARPUS HYBRIDS (Cape Primrose): These close relatives of African violets were, until recently, sold exclusively as indoor blooming plants, usually available only in the spring. But cape primrose is actually a lovely garden annual for shade containers, either alone or in mixed plantings. Vigorous plants bloom profusely, but especially once the days begin cooling in late summer. Large flowers are borne on stalks. Leaves are textured and brittle, but unlike their fuzzy cousins, they are at home outside. Keep on the drier side to avoid root rot. Propagation is very easy, either by division or by doing leaf cuttings--exactly like their African violet cousins. Indoors, they tend to bloom best in late winter and early spring. A nice windowsill plant. Gorgeous hybrids have become available in recent years.

Ladyslippers Series--Ladyslippers selections have larger flower count per plant plus an improved plant form with more leaves per plant and shorter leaf length than most streptocarpus varieties. Available in blueberry ice, grape ice and strawberry ice. (5" pot)

STROBILANTHES DYERIANUS (Persian Shield): An old-fashioned houseplant that has made its way into the garden in recent years. The upright, branching stems bear elliptic, dark green leaves, up to 6" long, that are flushed purple with a silvery overlay. This plant thrives in hot, humid summers. Can grow up to 4' tall and spread 3'. (5" pot from outside vendors)

SUTERA: See Bacopa.

SUNFLOWER, Helianthus annuus (Annual Sunflower): Fun, easy-to grow and perfect for backgrounds and beds. Tolerant of heat and drought. Plant in full sun. For maximum height, fertilize weekly with a liquid fertilizer. Excellent to attract birds and great for a kids' garden. Flowers may be up to 12" across and can be single or double. Seeds of all varieties are, of course, edible. Many varieties make an excellent cut flower. Can grow up to 10' or more or as small as 18" depending on variety.

'Mammoth'--Plants are 7' feet tall with large 12" yellow heads. Excellent for background plantings or for screening purposes. Each plant produces one flower. Seeds are gray and white striped. Usually requires staking. (3" fiber pot)

'Miss Sunshine'--A short, pollen-free variety. The 3-4", sunny golden blooms are upward facing. Plants are well-branched and continue to bloom after the first flush of bloom. Perfect for containers and mixed pots. 10-16". (3" fiber pot)

'SunBuzz'--Clear, yellow petals make this beauty a real standout! Thanks to the big show of secondary flowers, it produces more 2 to 4" blooms on compact, smaller leafed plants. 12-20" tall. (5" pot)

Suncredible Series--Bright, 4 inch blooms from early season through the fall. This powdery mildew resistant variety forms a 24- 48 inch mound that continuously blooms all season without the need for deadheading. Available in yellow. 24-40" tall. (5" pot from outside vendors)

'Sunfinity'-A revolutionary new sunflower, Sunfinity will thrive and bloom continuously all season long. Traditional sunflowers bloom late in the summer and the single blooms are enjoyed for only a short time. Sunfinity comes into bloom in late spring and keeps on growing long after traditional single-stem sunflowers have bloomed and died. Sunfinity Sunflowers have lots of blooms that can be cut. Grows 3-4' tall. (5" pot)

'Suntastic'--2014 AAS Award Winner. This is the most floriferous dwarf sunflower to date, bearing up to 20 flowers on plants only 20 inches tall. The 5 to 6 inch blooms are cheerful golden-yellow with black centers, adding a burst of color to sunny gardens, containers and window boxes. (5" pot)

SWEET POTATO VINE: See Ipomoea or Solanum.

SWISS CHARD, Beta vulgaris: Chard makes a lovely addition to the mixed flower bed or containers. The stems of many varieties are brightly colored and the leaves offer delightful texture to the landscape and pots. This cool season edible green is a very close relative of the beet (whose foliage and stems are also delicious). Though more heat tolerant than most greens, chard is at its peak in early summer and again in the fall when the weather turns cooler. Though usually sown directly into the garden in early spring, chard transplants rather easily. Both the stems and leaves of chard are used in salads and sautees. When sauteed, the chopped stems should be added a few minutes before the leaves to ensure tenderness. The leaves can be used like and make a great substitute for spinach. Harvest as needed.

'Bright Lights'--Probably the most beautiful of the chards with stems in shades of gold, pink, orange, purple and white and hints of every color in between. The flavor is milder than many chards. Grows to 20" tall. A 1998 AAS Award Winner. (4-pack)

SWORD FERN, Nephrolepis species: Along with fuchsias, impatiens and begonias, ferns make a lovely addition to the shaded garden and add a bit of the tropics. They look especially lovely on an open covered porch, swaying in the wind or in an old wicker plant stand. Ferns contribute to the atmosphere of days gone by when potted ferns

were used extensively on the summer porch. Ferns require thorough and frequent watering to look their best and the occasional drenching from natural rainfall helps them greatly. Expect significant leaf drop when brought indoors for the winter. Given a harsh haircut, they will quickly rejuvenate themselves with fresh foliage. Potted ferns are usually available year round and are always available special order.

'Macho' (N. biserrata)--A great addition to any tropical garden. Lush, symmetrical, upright, erect fern fronds that grow 3 to 4 feet in length. Clumps can easily be divided. Also an ideal fern for large baskets. Part sun to full shade. (10" pot)

'Tiger' (N. exaltata)--If you really love color, here's a fern worthy of a hearty roar. Bright green leaflets striped with gold make this plant quite the conversation starter. A fast grower, 'Tiger' fern works very well alone or as a companion plant in both baskets and containers. (10" hanging basket).

TAHITIAN BRIDAL VEIL, Gibasis geniculata: Not only a classic houseplant, but a nonstop bloomer for the shade garden. It's cascading habit is lovely flowing over the edge of mixed containers or on it's own in hanging baskets. Flowers nonstop--even in the dead of winter. White flowers are dainty and persistent. Closely related to wandering jew. The small glossy, green leaves have purple undersides. Very easy to propagate from cuttings. (5" pot)

TALINUM PANICULATUM (Jewels of Opar): A very old-fashioned heirloom annual that is making a major comeback in recent years. It was all but forgotten just a few years ago. Through new breeding, individual cultivars are now hitting the market as interest in heirlooms increases. Jewels of Opar is a native to the southern U.S. and Central America. It is a tuberous rooted plant that in summer produces and abundance of small red flowers on long stems held high over the foliage. Prefers rather poor soil in full sun. Soil must be well-drained.

'Limon'--A must have for its brilliant display of mounded, bright lime-green leaves. Limon features airy inflorescences covered in tiny rose-pink flowers. Easy to grow and vigorous. The foliage color is even more vivid when the plant is stressed. An excellent cut flower--fresh or dried. Beautiful in both containers and beds. Grows to 28-30" with a spread of up to 4'! (5" pot from outside vendors)

TECOMA STANS (Esperanza, Trumpet Bush, Yellow Bells, Yellow Elder): Native to the southern U.S., Central and South America. A woody shrub or vine with bright green, toothed leaves and long panicles of funnel-shaped, bright yellow flowers. Blooms nonstop all summer. Quite large and vigorous so best in large containers. Overwinter in a cool spot indoors. Attracts bees and butterflies. Easy to train up a trellis or over an arch. Very eye-catching!! The species grows to 4-8' in a summer.

'Gold Star'--A fast-growing shrub valued for its large clusters of non-stop, golden yellow, bell-shaped flowers. Arching stems of dark green foliage form sprays of green and gold. Very heat tolerant and easy to grow. (Gallon pot)

'Orange Jubilee'--Lovely golden-yellow trumpet-shaped blooms on 4" with striking red and orange bases make it eminently garden worthy. This stand-out shrub is a marvel of tolerance, toughness and beauty and is delightful in containers. Easy to overwinter indoors. (5" pot)

'Red Hot'--A compact shrub to 3 to 4 feet tall and wide. It has dark green pinnately compound leaves with leaflets having dentate margins. Over a long period from early spring to late fall appear the lightly fragrant trumpet shaped flower that first emerge a deep crimson red color with yellow centers and mature to a lighter orange red. Likely involves heritage of both African Tecoma capensis and American Tecoma stans. (Gallon pot)

THUNBERGIA ALATA (Black-eyed Susan Vine): A Cheerful addition to hanging baskets and as a vine for fences and trellises. Prefers rich, moist, well-drained soil and a sunny to light shade environment. Space 12-18". Do not prune. Does not bloom well during the peak of summer heat, but will pick up intensely with the onset of cooler weather in the fall. The newer vegetative varieties tend to bloom better in summer heat, are more vigorous and have bigger flowers. Will grow to 6-10'.

Alata Mix--A special balanced blend of the most popular colors, with and without the black eye. (3" fiber pot)

Sunny--This vigorous series grows 5-8' tall and show larger, bright colored flowers all summer long. Loves the sun. Excellent in large containers. Available in 'Arizona Glow' (orange-red), 'Arizona Rose Sensation' (pink flowers with a dark eye) and Orange Wonder. (5" pot)

Susie--A good series for hanging baskets. Blooms early. Available in 'Blushing Susie', orange and a mix. (3" fiber pot)

TIBOUCHINA URVILLEANA (Glory Bush, Princess Flower): Large, bushy plants of South American origin. Leaves are beautiful alone in that they are fuzzy and give the plant an interesting sheen. But it's the gorgeous violet-blue flowers that are the real attention grabber. Begins flowering in late summer. Must be moved indoors before frost where it can be overwintered near a bright, cool window. (One and/or two gallon pot)

TITHONIA ROTUNDIFOLIA (Mexican Sunflower): A fast growing, easy-to-care-for annual that provides spectacular bloom over a long season. Tall and abundantly branched with dark green leaves and loads of orange and yellow zinnia-like flowers. Very heat tolerant. Attracts butterflies. Older varieties can grow up to 7'.

'Fiesta del Sol'--2000 AAS Winner. The first truly dwarf tithonia. Single, 2-3" daisy flowers on lush, green foliage, excellent for cut flowers and attracting butterflies. Pest-free. Thrives in summer heat and humidity. Plant in full sun. (2-pack)

TOBACCO, FLOWERING: See Nicotiana

TORENIA FOURNIERI (Wishbone Flower): A delicate looking annual for a morning sun location. Plants are generally compact with bright green glossy foliage. Newer varieties have been bred to spread (and root as they go). Flowers are snapdragon-like and always multicolored. Dislikes extreme heat and humidity. They prefer evenly moist, well-drained soil in at least part shade and are actually very shade tolerant.

Summer Wave Series--Large, snapdragon-like florets. Bred for hot, humid conditions, unlike regular torenia. Works well in containers or beds. Grows best in half day sun. Trailing. Extremely resistant to pests and diseases. Keep moist and water daily during hot weather. Trim as necessary. Available in blue. Grows 8-12" tall. (5" pot and hanging baskets)

TRACHELOSPERMUM JASMINOIDES (Star Jasmine, Confederate Jasmine): Woody, evergreen, twining climber with oval, glossy, dark green leaves. During the summer, fragrant, pure white, 1" flowers appear. Grow in containers in full sun to part shade. Will stay manageable in size here in the North. Prune hard and overwinter indoors. Native to Japan, China and Korea. (Gallon pot)

'Madison'--Lustrous green leaves highlighted by clusters of incredibly fragrant creamy white flowers reminiscent of orange blossoms.) gallon pot)

TRADESCANTIA: See Setcreasea or Wandering Jew

VERBENA HYBRIDS: Clusters of primrose-like flowers provide a striking colorful display for window boxes, containers and those hot, dry spots in the garden. Prefers full sun with good air circulation. Verbena is not a shade tolerant plant and will die of mildew if left in damp air. Newer varieties are extremely mildew-resistant. Among the finest low growing bedding plants. **Selection may change throughout the season based on availability from outside vendors.**

EnduraScape Series--The first verbena that's hardy in the hottest days of summer, but can take the cold down to the low teens. Superior branching and extremely mildew resistant. This hardy landscape verbena beats them all for summer performance - it takes the heat and stays in flower longer! Vivid colors that last! 8-12" tall and up to 2' wide. Available in pink bicolor. (5" pot)

Firehouse Series--A more compact series of verbena performs well in mixed containers and hanging baskets. Large, colorful flower clusters. Excellent powdery mildew resistance. 8-10" tall and up to 2' wide. Available in pink, purple, red and white. (5" pot and/or hanging baskets)

Lanai Series--Compact and extremely mildew resistant. Grow in full sun in beds and containers. Flowers are larger than many varieties. Sprawling habit and high mildew

tolerance. Grows 8-12" tall. Available in compact lime 'Green Apple', 'Twister Pink' (pink and white combo) and 'Twister Purple' (purple and white combo). (5" pot and/or hanging baskets)

Obsession Series--A very spreading series. 4" blooms arise and re-flower more rapidly on disease resistant plants that grow both up and out, reaching 8-12" tall and 2' wide. Available in apricot, blue with white eye, burgundy with white eye, red and a mix . (4-pack from outside vendors)

Obsession Twister Series--It's not just that every cluster of blooms is patterned differently, but every petal on every floret on every cluster! They're like snowflakes -- no two alike, yet all equally lovely. A very spreading series. 4" blooms arise and re-flower more rapidly on disease resistant plants that grow both up and out, reaching 8-12" tall and 2' wide. Available in purple and red. (4-pack from outside vendors)

Quartz Series--A spreading type. Mounding plants are 10-12" high and are extremely mildew-resistant. Flowers earlier than most varieties. Florets are very large at 2" in diameter. Grows 10-12" tall. Available in a mix from outside vendors. (4-pack)

Superbness Series--This variety is super-large flowered, vigorous and extremely mildew-resistant. Plants are both upright, at up to 12" tall, and cascading. Flowers are humongous. Our most popular verbena for hanging baskets and beds alike. Available in 'Imperial Blue, large lilac blue, 'Peachy Keen', pink shades, red, 'Royale' Plum Wine, 'Sparking Amethyst' (purple and white bicolor), 'Stormburst' (lavender petals edged in white) and Whiteout (pure white). The 'Royales' are a bit more compact than the standard series. (5" pot and/or hanging baskets)

VERBENA BONARIENSIS (Brazilian Vervain): This outstanding annual or deserves its popularity. It makes an architectural statement with slender, willowy stems that stand up to 6 feet tall and do not need staking. It then branches out widely near the top where rich lilac-purple flower clusters stand alone, as if they are floating. This verbena makes a great see-through plant. A wonderful cut flower and a bee and butterfly magnet. Self sows readily where growing conditions suit it.

'Buenos Aires'--A free-flowering novelty cut flower and an excellent garden plant. Uniform 3-4' plants are covered with vibrant lavender flowers atop strong, wiry stems. Easy to grow and heat tolerant. Don't let the height scare you in that plants are so airy they are virtually see-thru and, therefore, usable near the front of the border. Surely a conversation piece. (2-pack)

'Meteor Shower'--New from Proven Winners. An airy, tall variety with a long bloom period; pinkish-purple buds that open to lilac flowers, that will eventually mature to nearly white; a great plant for borders or containers. Meteor Shower Verbena features airy clusters of lilac purple flowers with violet overtones at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its narrow leaves remain green in color throughout the season. 30" tall. (5" pot)

VINCA, CATHARANTHUS (Periwinkle): A splendid everblooming plant for beds and pots. Showy, durable flowers are abundantly produced, even in the hottest, driest conditions. Blooms are 1 1/2" across and single. Leaves are a dark green and glossy. Extremely pest-resistant. Highly recommended for low maintenance landscaping. Must be planted in full sun. Selection and availability changes throughout the season based on availability from outside vendors.

Cooler Series--The most popular vinca series. Huge flowers (actually measuring 2 1/4" across) have overlapping petals which give them a rounded, very formal appearance. Thrives in summer heat. Grows up to 14" tall. Deep green foliage. Wonderful in masses in beds. Colors to be determined based on availability from outside vendors, but usually include apricot, lavender, pink, red, white and mixes, many with eyes. (4-pack from outside vendors)

Soiree Flamenco Series--Frilly petaled catharanthus, many with striking bicolore flowers. Will light up any garden with their amazing flower coverage, vivid eye-drawing colors with deep glossy green foliage. Keeps habit all summer long, has no leggy branches and has tons of flower power. Upright habit. Height: 6-10 inches. Perfect for all kinds of containers, including window boxes, hanging baskets & combination planters. Available in 'Pink Twist'. (5" pot)

Soiree Kawaii Series--Micro blooming catharanthus which will light up any garden with their amazing flower coverage, vivid eye-drawing colors with deep glossy green foliage. Keeps habit all summer long, has no leggy branches and has tons of flower power. Upright habit. Height: 12 inches. Perfect for all kinds of containers, including window boxes, hanging baskets & combination planters. Available in 'Blueberry Kiss' and red shades (5" pot)

VINCA MAJOR: A very traditional foliage plant usually used in mixed annual plantings in containers. Oval leaves 1 1/2-3" long; long trailing habit. Fast spreader. Lilac-blue flowers in early spring. Thrives from sun to full shade.

Maculata/paniculata/reticulata--Green-gold splashed on medium-green leaves. Tends to be a bit more vigorous, yet softer looking than the white variegated. (3 1/2" pot)

Variegata--White/green variegated leaves. The more well known and widely used of our two species. Available in 'Standard' and 'Wojo's (Rob's) Gem' --more compact than the traditional with reverse variegation. In lower light, leaves are quite evenly cream-colored. In higher light, more green contrasting occurs. (3 1/2" pot)

VIOLA HYBRIDS (Johnny Jump-up): The small-flowered pansy. Violas can actually be considered hardy perennials in mild winters and self-sow readily in either case. Flowers are longer lasting than pansies and are edible. Space plants 6" apart in full sun to light shade in loose, fertile loam soil. Water frequently. Violas tend to do best during cool weather. Use as edging or in containers. Fall blooming varieties are becoming

increasingly available (available late summer). Selection may change throughout the season based on availability from outside vendors.

Sorbet Series--Unique miniature hybrids combine the charm of violas with the explosive colors of pansies. The compact and mound-shaped plants, 6" high spreading to 12" wide, are very heat and cold tolerant, blooming freely for a long period of time. Available in various colors from outside vendors and colors are based on availability. (4-pack)

WANDERING JEW, Tradescantia zebrina, Zebrina pendula: Yet another tropical that has found it's way from the home to the garden. Striped greenish, silver and purple leaves with stunning purple undersides make a great addition to the mixed container and hanging basket. Blooms sporadically with small lavender blooms. Easily propagated by cuttings in either water or directly into a soilless mix. A stunning and old-fashioned houseplant year round. Outdoors it prefers a part shade to shady location, and although forgiving, it prefers ample moisture. Grows to about 6" tall and spreads indefinitely. Available in purple, 'Nanouk' (dark green, mint, pink and magenta), 'Rainbow' (aka Tricolor), white and yellow. (5" pot)

WIRE VINE: See Muehlenbeckia

XANTHOSOMA (Tannia, Cocoyam): A tropical food crop similar to elephant's ears (taro) in growth habit and growing conditions. Varieties range in size from very small (1') to the very large at up to 8'. Like their relatives, alocasias and colocasias, there is a wide assortment of structure, leaf form and color. They produce a stout central rhizome surrounded by flask-shaped tubers. All are tolerant of full shade, but most grow best in part sun. Soil must remain on the moist side, but well-drained. Winter over the plants indoors.

X. aurea 'Lime Zinger'--A highly demanded variety with large, bright chartreuse leaves. Plants top out at 5'. Tends to be very slow growing. (10" pot)

ZINNIA ANGUSTIFOLIA (Creeping Zinnia): Only 8-12" tall, these strong, spreading plants are equally good for hanging baskets or the border with a myriad of flowers completely covering the plant. Thrives in full sun; tolerates heat, humidity and drought. Very disease resistant; stays clean all summer.

Star Series--Early 8-10" plants provide exceptional flowering with daisy-like blooms. Weather and disease tolerant. Very early and compact. Available in a Starbright mix from outside vendors. (4-pack)

ZINNIA ELEGANS: A striking addition to any flower bed, border or even container. Fresh cut bouquets of large, daisy-like flowers will enhance any home decor. Pick arrangements early in the morning to enhance their beauty. Very easy to grow. Requires full sun, heat and good air circulation. They will not tolerate cool, damp or stagnant air. Water early in the day and avoid getting the foliage wet, as mildew could

be a problem. Water and fertilize regularly. Pinching young plants will provide denser foliage and more blooms. Deadhead regularly. Height and spacing vary by variety. Attractive to butterflies. Selection may change throughout the season based on availability from outside vendors.

Benary's Giant Series--Thick, 30-36" stems hold 4-6", fully double blooms. An old variety. Available in purple and a mix of bright colors. (4-pack)

'Cut & Come Again' Mix--Long-stemmed flowers 2 1/2" across in a blend of pink, bright scarlet, yellow, salmon, white and more. The more you cut, the more they bloom, and they keep blooming from midsummer until frost. Heat-loving and very easy to grow. Great for cutting as well as in the garden. Up to 30" tall. (4-pack)

'Envy'--Envy belongs in every flower arranger's garden! Its unusual vivid chartreuse color sets off brighter summer flowers with style and pizzazz and harmonizes equally well with soft pastels. 3-3 1/2' tall. Flowers are semi-double. (3-pack) Pop Art Series--Large 3" bicolored dappled blooms on 2 1/2-3' plants. Very eyecatching. Available in golden-yellow sprinkled with red. (4-pack)

Magellan Series--A giant-flowered, fully double bedding series. Considered the best dwarf series in the world. Height within the series is very consistent at 12-14". Flowers measure up to 5" across! Ideal in both beds and containers. Available in cherry, ivory, pink, salmon, yellow and a mix. (4-pack)

'State Fair' Mix--Large, husky plants with tremendous 6" dahlia-like blooms. The best cut flower zinnia we offer. Excellent color range of lavender, orange, pink, purple, rose and scarlet. Very tolerant to mildew and alternaria. (4-pack)

Swizzle--Interesting novelty series displays big, fully double, bicolor blooms on full, bushy, 10-12" plants. Good for gardens and containers. Available in 'Cherry & Ivory' and 'Scarlet & Yellow. (4-pack)

'Uproar Rose'--Well-branched plants are covered with large, fully double, deep rose blooms. A perfect cut flower! 24-32" tall. (3-pack)

'White Wedding'--Soft, double white blooms add a little romance to summer containers and landscapes, and thrive all season long without a trace of maintenance or water. Nice cut flower, too. 14-18" tall. (3-pack)

Zesty Series--Fully double blooms on bushy, medium tall plants at just 18-24". Great for the middle of the border. Available in fuchsia. (4-pack)

'Zowie Yellow Flame'--A 2006 AAS Winner. These bright, bicolor blooms will give you all the drama of a desert sunset. Each 3-4" semi-double bloom contains a scarlet-rose center with yellow petal edges. Plants have a strong bushy habit and make excellent cut flowers. 22-28" tall. (3-pack)

ZINNIA MARYLANDICA: An artificial hybrid between Z. angustifolia and Z. violacea. The Profusion Series was the first of this type to be made available to the public during the 1990's. **Selection may change throughout the season based on availability from outside vendors.**

Profusion Series (Z. angustifolia x elegans)--Something totally new in zinnias and one of the most celebrated of garden annuals to come along in years. They produce single, daisy-like flowers 2" wide. Free-flowering all season; no deadheading is needed! Plant in full sun. Adapts well to containers. The most mildew-resistant zinnia available. Height 12-18". Available in cherry (1999 AAS Winner), cherry bicolor, 'Fire' (orange-red), orange, red, white and yellow and double-flowered hot cherry, double-flowered 'Fire', double-flowered red, red/yellow bicolor, double-flowered yellow, a double flowered Sunrise mix and a double-flowered formula mix. (4-pack)

Zahara Series--A disease-tolerant and heat-loving series with larger flowers and stronger colors than the market leaders. These zinnias are very drought tolerant with very low watering needs. Grows to 12-18". Available in cherry, 'Fire' (orange-red), raspberry lemonade, red, 'Rose Starlight' (a 2010 AAS Winner, white and rose bicolor), yellow, white, a formula mix and a 'Sunburst' mix and double-flowered varieties including; double cherry, double 'Raspberry Ripple', double salmon, double yellow and a double formula mix. (4-pack)