

New Varieties Shine at Spring Trials

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1. ABELIA 'FUNSHINE'

Proven Winners

Hardy to Zones 6 through 9, this shrub grows a neat, mounded mound of green to orange foliage. It is very bright in the landscape and presents pretty violet-pink blooms in summer. Finished size is 2 to 3 feet tall and wide.

2. ARTEMESIA 'MAKANA SILVER'

Terra Nova Nurseries

This fun plant features a soft, billowy silver mound that adds a nice texture to the garden. It can be used in mass plantings or in containers, and can even be trained as a small specimen tree. Hardy to Zones 9 through 11, it is fast growing and requires good drainage.

3. AQUILEGIA KIRIGAMI

Syngenta Flowers

Kirigami is a new columbine series that requires minimum vernalization and can be programmed like an annual for spring sales. Flowering is uniform across the series, and the vibrant, upward-facing blooms offer great impact at retail.

4. COREOPSIS 'GOLDEN STARDUST'

Darwin Perennials

Hardy to Zones 5a through 9b, this new coreopsis is easy to grow and exhibits excellent heat and mildew tolerance. It is self branching and produces an abundance of starshaped flowers throughout the season.

5. DIANTHUS 'CONSTANT CADENCE MILK CHERRY'

Green Fuse Botanicals

Offering color-changing genetics, this new dianthus opens white and gradually transitions to a true red. The double flowers are highly fragrant and have excellent garden performance. Hardy to Zone 4, Constant Cadence is easy to finish any time of year.

6. GAURA 'SILVER FOUNTAIN'

PlantHaven

This North American prairie native is completely sterile and hardy to Zone 5. It features stable variegated foliage that starts a lemon yellow and goes to crisp green. Its pure white, nectar-rich blooms are great for attracting pollinators.









