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2023

California Spring Trials Review

Spring Trials was a great adventure like usual this season. The event was held at the end of March and our team was in attendance seeing all things new for 2024. We began our journey in the southern region of California and worked our way north. The rolling green hills were vibrant as usual and in just three short days, our trip already came to an end. We hope that you enjoy our recap and consider adding two or three new varieties to your line up for next spring.

—The Plant Connection Team

Spring Trials represents the genesis of Floriculture and the Horticulture industries. It is an annual event where the world's prominent breeders, growers, educators, brokers, marketing professionals and other plant enthusiasts review new annual, perennial, ornamental grass and vegetable introductions. Typically held in March or April, the event takes place throughout California at several breeder/grower locations. From Spring Trials, new varieties are tested and trialed throughout the world in trial and display gardens to determine performance characteristics and market suitability. - springtrials.org



Angelonia Alonia™ Big Cherry

Bold cherry pink color will work great in combos or alone. 14-16" tall with a mounded habit.



Bidens Blazing Star™

Red star pattern on bright yellow blooms that will continue into summer. Little to no PGRs needed on this well branched variety.





Tangerine

Calibrachoa Colibri™ Spark Purple & Tangerine

This successful series from Danziger boasts a strong line up of colors. Blooms in 10 hour days. Great for hanging baskets.



Spark Purple

Calibrachoa Lia™ Spark Pink

Covered in large blooms with the fun spark pattern.



Cuphea Cubano™ Presidente

Taller, upright habit makes it unique compared to the rest of the series. A pollinator magnet!



Dahlia NEW DARLIN'™

Large double blooms and works well in gallons.
Sun loving Dahlias.

Abstract Fuchsia



Perfect Red



Diascia Trinity™ Grace

Exceptional weather tolerance and beautiful large blooms!



Osteospermum Osticade™

8-10in Tall x 12-14in Wide. Controlled trailing habit is perfect for baskets and it can be grown in the greenhouse with other annuals.



Twilight Moon



Aurora



Petunia Amazonas™ Plum Cockatoo

A real wow! Upright habit with ruffled blooms featuring unique green highlights. By far a fan favorite at Spring Trials!



Petunia Amore® Princess Pink

Heart shape pattern on each bloom, now in a clear pink color. A touch of yellow in the center makes this so much fun when using to create combos.



Petunia Cascadia™ Arizona Sky

Glowing reddish flowers with dark centers. The Cascadia series is bred to cascade over the sides of containers making it a great choice for baskets and combos!

Benary

Begonia Nonstop® Joy Peaches and Dreams

Beautiful shades of yellow with touches of blush pink make this new color a standout!



Begonia Stonehedge Light Pink Bronze Leaf

Rounded plant habit grows up to 43in tall! Features dark bronze leaves accented with bright green veins and an abundance of pink blooms.



DarwinPerennials.



Centaurea Silver Swirl

Bold silver foliage with a wavy edge. A zone 6 perennial but also one to try in combos!

AMERICAN TAKII

Canna Cannova® Rose Dark Bud

A deeper rose color than the existing Cannova Rose. Perfect for that tropical look!



Canna South Pacific™ Yellow

Light buttery yellow flowers make a great new color addition to this dwarf Canna series.



DÜMMEN ORANGE.



Begonia Iconia® Portofino Dk Orange

Bright, double flowers pop against dark foliage. Great for sun or shade.



Begonia Iconia® La Luna

Peachy pink blooms with yellow centers contrast with dark foliage accented with bright veining.



Begonia Iconia® First Kiss Saffron

First Kiss are the medium vigor, semi double Iconias. This glowy new color is sure to catch your eye!

Coleus Down Town Series

7 bold new bicolors for the sun or shade! Compact to medium vigor. Smaller than the Main Street™ Series. Greenville, NYC Nights, Columbus, Le Freak, Miami Magic, Santa Monica and Vegas Neon.





Greenville



Santa Monica

DÜMMEN ORANGE

Dahlia Revelation Series

Available in a handful of new colors, these plants boast rich and dark foliage with uniform timing. These vigorous plants are replacing the Mystic Dahlia series.



Revelation Pink



Revelation Soft Orange



Revelation Yellow



Revelation Salmon Bicolor



Geranium Big Eeze® Pink Batik

A new stable bicolor flower pattern for this heat tolerant interspecific series. They also added white to the series.



Hot Pink



Lilac

Geranium Great Balls of Fire®

Two new color additions to this popular series. Lilac will replace Light Lavender.

DÜMMEN ORANGE



New Guinea Impatiens Magnum Light Salmon

Beautiful peachy color flower are up to 3.25in across!



New Guinea Impatiens Magnum Rose Star

The first star pattern in the Magnum series. A great option for large containers!



New Guinea Impatiens Rollercoaster Dark Coral

Fun, ruffled blooms now available in Dark Coral. Perfect for sending those tropical vibes!

Confetti Garden Endurable Rose

A new Confetti Combo with 3 colors of the popular Durabella series.



Confetti Garden TikTok Creamsicle and TikTok Sunset Blues

Look at these fun new combinations featuring the Tik Tok® Calibrachoas



Tik Tok® Creamsicle



Tik Tok® Sunset Blues

PanAmerican Seed®

Begonia Dragon Wing® Bronze Leaf

A new foliage option for an old favorite! Dark bronze leaves contrast nicely against either pink or red blooms.



Pink

Red





Begonia Hula™ Red and White Mixture

This spreading, cascading series is one to try in baskets or the landscape. Smaller blooms, but tons of flower power!



Coleus Premium Sun Coral Candy

This AAS Winner will preform in the sun or shade. Serrated leaves and a unique color give this a different look from other seed Coleus on the market.



Impatiens Beacon® Pearl Island Mixture

The Super Elfin series will be dropped for the 2023-2024 season. While Blue Pearl will not be available as a standalone color for 2024, fans of the shade can try the new Pearl Island Mix which features Beacon Coral, White, and Blue Pearl.



Petchoa Caliburst™ Yellow

The first Petchoa from seed! Plants are covered in vibrant yellow blooms. Cold tolerant with a well branched habit.



Impatiens Beacon® Lipstick

With the Super Elfin series being phased out, PanAmerican is adding this popular color to their Beacon line up.

PROVEN WINNERS®



Asparagus 'Myersii' Fox Tail Fern

Brushy, tubular-shaped fronds with needle-like leaves. Medium vigor for container plantings

Begonia Double Delight® Appleblossom

Great addition to this popular series with bicolor white and soft pink fragrant blossoms. This plant has great vigor with blooms that are 20-30% larger than the others in this series.





Bidens Campfire® Marshmallow™

Strong heat tolerance with large blossoms that are highly attractive to pollinators. The blooms are pure white and self-cleaning with little seed set.

Begonia Solenia®

Vibrant and bright double flowers that are daylength neutral for all season color making for a well-branched and mildew resistant plant.



Apricot



Chocolate Orange



Yellow Improved

PROVEN WINNERS®

Calibrachoa Superbells® Double Redstone
This plant is very prolific with a well-branched mounded habit that flowers all season long. No deadheading needed.

Calibrachoa Superbells® Double Vintage Coral
This standout plant received top ratings from the Florida trails with it's antique amber-orange veined double flowers.



Calibrachoa Superbells® Double Smitten Pink
Sporting rosebud-like light pink and rose pink flowers, this plant is a showstopper for the upcoming season.

Petunia Supertunia® Bermuda Beach Imp.
Improvements include flower color and garden performance.

Petunia Supertunia® Mini Vista® Sweet Sangria
This replacement for Mini Vista® Sangria boasts brighter colored flowers that are durable in adverse growing conditions.

Petunia Supertunia® Saffron Finch™
Bright yellow flowers that bloom all season with no deadheading.



Petunia Supertunia® Hoopla™ Vivid Orchid
Picotee patterned blooms on a well-branched plant that has great garden performance and outstanding vigor.

Petunia Supertunia® Mini Vista® Ultramarine
If you love Royal Velvet, this one is for you! Introducing the miniature version of this best seller.

PROVEN WINNERS®



Dwarf Tree Fern 'Silver Lady
Dwarf fern that thrives in shade and humid climates. Can overwinter as a houseplant too.



Coleus Colorblaze ® Cherry Drop
Small, intense red leaves with lime green edges form a beautiful trailing habit for sun or shade.

Senecio Angel Wings
Heat, drought and salt tolerant plant that creates a great focal point with silvery white leaves.





Ipomoea Sweet Caroline Sweetheart Mahogany™
Red heart-shaped leaves that don't bleach out in the sun. Medium vigor that has a mounded habit for hanging baskets and containers.

Cordyline 'Red Sister'
Flaming hot pink foliage plant with texture and height for a focus point in containers.





Verbena Superbena® Pink Cashmere™
This extremely vigorous plant with powdery mildew resistance is great for combinations and landscapes.

SAKATA®



Petchoa Supercal® Red Maple
Supercals are great season extenders and the rich, red color with touches of yellow will be perfect for summer and fall sales!



Sunpatiens® Compact Red Candy
Dark bronze foliage sets off this new color in the candy flower pattern!

THE SUNTORY® COLLECTION

Granvia® Braceantha
Supersized strawflowers, long blooming a must have for your spring & summer program.



Crimson Sun



White



Mandevilla Sun Parasol® Giant Peach Sunrise
This vining mandevilla features gorgeous peachy pink blooms with a dark center!

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4D™ Osteospermum Pink Ice

Their large double centers help to keep them open all the time and are a great thriller in container plantings.

Beats® Verbena

This series of verbena flower two weeks earlier than other verbenas on the market. They are heat tolerant and have shorter internodes making PGR applications and pinching not needed.



Blue + White



Pink Shades



Belleza® Gaura Dark Pink

Native pollinator with excellent branching and upright habit 12-18in tall x 16-20in wide.

Calynopsis™ Calceolaria

The entire series upgraded. Shorter crop time, more flower power and smaller leaves. Four new colors added!



Orange



Red with Yellow Eye



Yellow



Red

Enviva™ Petchoa

The best attributes of both petunias & calibrachoas! Large flower, great weather resistant and 4 new colors. (White not shown)



Blue



Pink



Red

Petunia Headliner™

Lavender picotee with soft ruffled edges & Violet sky "little brother" to Night sky, a deeper violet with cream spots.



Lavender Picotee



Violet Sky



Petunia SweetSunshine™ Magenta Sky

This plant has full double flowers with white edging and a fun magenta star pattern.

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Rose Eye

Calibrachoa MiniFamous® Uno

Five new colors, a uniform series, core colors & novel flower forms.



Blue Star



Pink Radiance



Dahlia Venti™ Royal Purple

This plant has double flowers and is a top pick to be a thriller in container gardening. It will grow to be 16-18in tall.



Euphorbia Loreen™ Compact White

This plant is sure to catch your eye with it's excellent branching and dense flowers on top of green foliage. It grows to be 12in tall and 12-14in wide.



Orange Burst



Pink Orbit



Rose Surprise

Osteospermum Zion™

Vibrant and bright double flowers that are daylength neutral for all season color making for a well-branched and mildew resistant plant.

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Trixi® Combinations

Selecta introduced 10 new ones for 2024.
Here are some of our favorites!



Blueberry Parfait 24



Delight Up My Life



Independence Day



Romance in Bloom



Sunshine Day

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Nemesia Whimsy™

Great addition to this popular series with bicolor white and soft pink fragrant blossoms. This plant has great vigor with blooms that are 20-30% larger than the others in this series.



Deep Rose



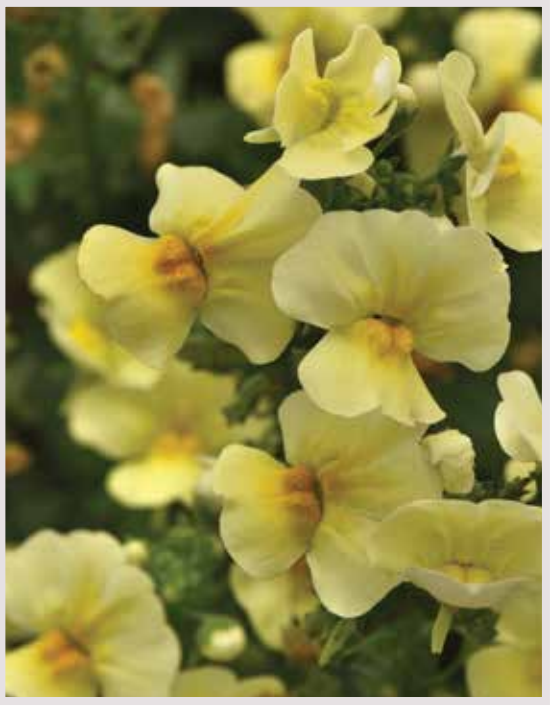
Orange Sunset



Red



White



Yellow

Adora™ Begonia

Striking dark foliage provides beautiful contrast with a mass of petite double flowers. 3 adorable colors in the series; Moon Dance, Satin Rose, and Velvet Red.







Brazen™ Glowing Sky Biden

Glowing new orange color added to the Brazen™ Bidens series offers a unique addition to brighten up any combination.



Calliope® Medium White Splash Geranium

Large semi-double flowers including a white background with a pop of pink in the center creates an impact in any garden.



Itsy™ Pink Petunia

Small but mighty! This petunia offers exceptional coverage and good vigor. Itsy™ Pink provides superior branching and a blanket of flowers.



syngenta flowers



Sorbet

Begonia Limitless™

Fully double, extra-large flowers are held on top of the foliage. Excellent branching with a total of 8 colors to the series. Brand new series!



Sunset

Coleus Talavera™

Colorful foliage for sun or shade. New coleus Talavera™ series offers a wide range of rich colors.



Moon Dust



Burgundy Lime



Pink Tricolor

Kwik Kombos™ Itsy™ Trifection™ Mix

Contains Itsy™ Magenta, Itsy™ Pink, and Itsy™ White





Bracteantha Cottage™ Toffee

New color for the already stellar Cottage™ series. Tidy, mounding habit and was selected for resistance to powdery mildew.



Calibrachoa Calitastic Cappucino

Warm tones that are perfect for spring or autumn. Great addition to the uniform, mounding habit of the Calitastic Series.

Petunia Flower Shower Series

This series is known for their robust and rain tolerant plants. We love these new colors for 2024!

Blue





Ringo Star

Nemesia Escential™ Series

This series has a lot of changes for 2024. They have added five new colors and improved others in the series. These plants are heat-tolerant with bright and vibrant colors. With those attributes, they still have a sweet scent making them a must have for early spring sales.

Cherryberry



Snowberry



Zazzleberry



Petunia Crazytunia®

One of the best known series in the industry, Crazytunia® series added 3 new colors: Asterisk, Cosmic Violet, and Gingersnap.



Asterisk

Cosmic Violet





Gingersnap

Petunia Discoball Purple

The party is just getting started with this new series. They are compact and mounded. Featuring flecks on their flowers.



Petunia Double Stuff Bordeaux Star

This series features double bicolor blooms with a semi-trailing habit.



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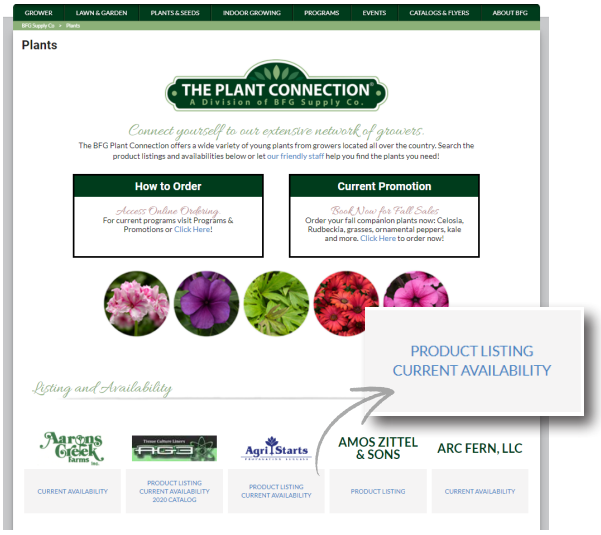

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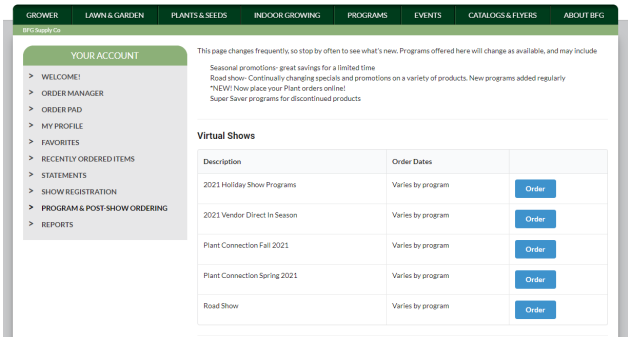







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