



HOT NEW PERENNIALS



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Introducing the 13th annual edition of EHR's Hot New Perennials Report, stocked full of inventive introductions and hardy home-runs for the perennial world. Each year we compile information from breeders and suppliers, as well as our own experience in the garden and trial sites to assemble this report.

This year's edition comes with a new section on 'underappreciated' perennials, recommended by EHR sales reps, inside staff, breeders, and young plant producers. These are plants that we believe deserve a second glance and second chance in the garden. "Nobody puts 'Godzilla' in a corner." (Actually it would do just fine in a shady corner, see page 19.)

Enjoy!



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Amsonia 'String Theory' PROVEN WINNERS

'String Theory' can be described as a compact version of the industry standard *Amsonia hubrichtii*. Covered with light periwinkle flowers in late spring, it flowers later than 'Storm Cloud'. No chlorotic issues here; it displays healthy dark green leaves throughout the summer and brilliant, golden orange, fall color!



PHOTO COURTESY OF GARDENCHOICE™

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Artemisia 'GardenGhost™' GARDENCHOICE

A ghostly intro from GardenChoice, 'GardenGhost™' has been bred and selected for its improved habit, vigor and disease resistance. Drop this silvery-leaved beauty into the landscape, or in a pot, for unique texture and accent. Attractive silver-grey foliage forms a perfectly mounded habit, zone 4 hardy.



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Artemisia 'Sunfern™ Olympia' and 'Sunfern™ Arcadia' DARWIN PERENNIALS

With an evergreen shrub look and habit, and fernlike leaf texture, these 2 intros are hardy to zone 4. Olympia has dark green foliage and red stems with Arcadia featuring a slightly more compact habit and lighter foliage. Both a perfect combo for a thriller or ground cover!

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**Baptisia
'Honey Roasted'**
WALTERS GARDENS

An attractive native perennial that's bound to be a permanent fixture in your garden. Long 10" spikes of dark mahogany flowers have bright yellow keels, producing a wonderful bi-color effect. The bushy habit is jam-packed with flowers when it is in bloom early in the growing season. Flowers lighten to yellow as they mature. As our friends at Walters Gardens say, "baptisia is easy to grow and will thrive with little maintenance!"



**5 Baptisia
'Burgundy Blast'**
WALTERS GARDENS

A color break for False Indigo! This new shade of purple offers a redder color than traditional purple baptisia. Dark wine purple flowers are produced over very dark blue-green foliage. When it is in bloom, it is a stunning display of color. Use in place of a shrub in the landscape.

6 Buddleia 'Gold Drop'
HUMDINGER® Collection
WALTERS GARDENS

This new addition shares the same compact habit and shorter stature as the other collection varieties. Purple flower panicles cover the dense habit of gold foliage. 'Gold Drop' replaces 'Little Nugget' in Walters Gardens' catalog, having more golden foliage, increased compact habit, and better floral performance.



**7 Buddleia
'High Five Purple'**
CONCEPT PLANTS /
PETER PODARAS

A buddleia worthy of givin' five! This intro from Concept Plants is super dense, covered in spikes with double, purple flowers showing off spring through fall. It produces little to no seed, reducing invasiveness and as an added bonus, it's pollinator friendly! Hardy zone 6a



Buddleia d. Chrysalis™ Series 8
DARWIN PERENNIALS

A new compact buddleia series! 'Chrysalis' varieties feature continuous blooming and downy mildew resistance. Colors available are Blue, Cranberry, Pink, Purple, and White.



CLIMB, TRAIL, FILL, ^{and} THRILL



PHOTO COURTESY OF SYNGENTA®

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Campanula 'Clockwise Compact White Blush'

SYNGENTA PERENNIALS

A portenschlagiana variety, this F1 hybrid creates uniformity and fast flowering for use in potted plants to gallons. Full of blooms with blushing on petals, perfect for summer programs. Well matched to Clockwise Compact Deep Blue.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DONAHUES GREENHOUSE/RAYMOND EVISON CLEMATIS

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Clematis evi 'Zara™'

RAYMOND EVISON CLEMATIS

A compact plant, clear pale blue in color with pale yellow centers. This variety grows to 3 ft. in height, with free and repeat flowering from the leaf axils and stem ends, producing a mass of flowers. Blooms early spring to late summer.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DONAHUES GREENHOUSE/RAYMOND EVISON CLEMATIS

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Clematis evi 'Parisienne™'

RAYMOND EVISON CLEMATIS

Another evi Clematis intro shared by Donahues Gardens is Parisienne, a variety rich in purple blooms that is a must-have for garden or container growing! Compact, free flowering variety that produces an abundance of pale violet flowers that are 4" across with wavy edged petals and attractive red antlers. Blooming from early summer to late autumn, reaching 4 ft. in height.



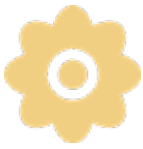
PHOTO COURTESY OF DUMMEN ORANGE®

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Coreopsis Fall Sensation Series

DUMMEN ORANGE

Continuous flowering from mid-summer through first frost, this coreopsis is an excellent companion for garden mums and fall retail sales. Available colors: Amber (golden yellow), Quartz (deep pink), Sandstone (terracotta), Sunny Side (bright yellow), and Vermilion (hot red).



the tall, the small, the companions of fall

DELOSPERMA, DELPHINIUM, DENDRANTHEMA



PHOTO COURTESY OF CONCEPT PLANTS®

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Delosperma 'Hot Red' Wheels of Wonder™

CONCEPT PLANTS /
FLORSAIKA

A series addition to Wheels of Wonder™ (WoW), 'Hot Red' is a blooming machine with stunning, large, bright red flowers with a small yellow center. It's a magnet for bees and butterflies. The WoW Delosperma flower continuously from early summer to early winter. It grows to 6" high and 32" wide, hardy to zone 6b.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF GREEN FUSE® BOTANICALS

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Delosperma cooperi 'Delmara™ Pink Halo'

GREEN FUSE BOTANICALS

'Pink Halo' is 6th color in the Delmara™ series from Green Fuse. This series combines large flowers with zone hardiness to make it one of the leading delosperma on the market. Delmara™ requires no cooling, day length neutral, and blooms all season. Hardy to zone 4.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DARWIN PERENNIALS®/BALL HORTICULTURAL COMPANY

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Delphinium 'Red Lark'

DARWIN PERENNIALS

This delphinium intro has dramatic coral-red flowers that appear on sturdy spikes full of blooms; a hardier improvement over its soft launch a few years back. This should be planted in 8" to 2 gallon pots, with no PGRs required. Long days are required for flowering.



PHOTO COURTESY OF NORTH CREEK NURSERIES

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Dendranthema g. 'Hillside Pink Sheffield'

A perennial border favorite! This grandiflorum type, is a late blooming classic. Covered in single, apricot daisy-like flowers with egg yolk, golden centers, this garden mum attracts late season pollinators. Synonyms include: 'Single Apricot', 'Sheffield Pink', Dendranthema morifolium 'Sheffield'

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Delphinium Delgenius™ Series

PACIFIC PLUG & LINER | BART NOORDIUS

From the Hellebore Frostkiss® and Echibeckia Summerina® breeder comes a series that is the result of 10 years of breeding, Delphinium Delgenius™. Showcased at last years CAST event, it's available now to add to your perennial production line with the newest addition to the series, Glitzy!

The blood lines crossed to create the Delgenius™ series bring enormous hardiness, heat tolerance and strong flower stems to Delphinium. These varieties require no vernalization so crops can be potted in the fall or spring. The semi-double blooms re-bloom. Hardy to zone 3.

Available colors are 'Breezin' (ruffled purple flowers), 'Juliette' (double pink flowers), 'Shelby' (latest to bloom, lilac flowers) and the new intro to the line, 'Glitzy' (deep blue flowers).



PHOTOS COURTESY OF PACIFIC PLUG & LINER



Delgenius 'Glitzy'

the year of

DIANTHUS INTRODUCTIONS

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Dianthus Pemán Series

DUMMEN ORANGE

A new series from Dummen Orange boasts exceptional flower powers with vibrant double blooms that cover the whole plant. This series is highly uniformed in flowering. Bulking and vernalization are beneficial. Four colors available, Peman (rosy pink), Peman Fancy Cerise, Peman Fancy Lilac, and Peman Violet.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DUMMEN ORANGE®



Constant Beauty® Crush Red



Constant Beauty® Crush Watermelon



Constant Beauty® Crush Wine



Constant Beauty® Yellow



Constant Cadence® potpourri



Constant Promise® Cherry Frost

19 Dianthus Constant Beauty®, Constant Cadence®, Constant Promise® series

GREEN FUSE BOTANICALS

Green Fuse offers three series of dianthus, with each seeing new additions for 2022!

Constant Beauty® series

Semi-double flowers, bred in Tropics to flower under high temperatures, early blooming, great fall color, and highly scented. New for 2022 | *Yellow, Crush Peach, Crush Watermelon, Crush Red, Crush Wine*

Constant Cadence® series

Colors bloom uniformly in series, easy to finish, highly fragrant double flowers, and good garden performance. Hardy to zone 4. New for 2022 | *Potpourri, 3 different color flowers on the same plant!*

Constant Promise® series

Super heat tolerance of *D. chinensis* x *D. barbados* hybridization, highly fragrant double flowers, sterile for longer lasting flowers and more of them, compact, and good garden performance.

New for 2022 | *Cherry Frost*

PHOTOS COURTESY OF GREEN FUSE® BOTANICALS





PHOTO COURTESY OF GARDENCHOICE™

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Dianthus EverBloom™ Series
GARDENCHOICE

With quarter-dollar sized blooms, from spring to fall, this zone 5 series intro will EverBloom™ and outlast many of the competing varieties in the landscape. 3 varieties in the series, Watermelon Ice, Strawberry Tart & Plum Glory. This series grows 6-8" high and 24-30" wide, with an abundance of 1.0-1.5" large flowers. Flowers are single to semi-double blooms.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GREENLEAF PLANTS

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Dianthus g. 'Fuchsia Fire'
INTRINSIC PERENNIAL GARDENS

This hybrid with 'Firewitch' has nearly the same color but the stems are shorter. Reaching 5-6" tall above silver and mat-forming foliage, the fragrant flowers begin in June, with some sporadic bloom throughout the season. Hardy zones 4-9.



Previous 'Fire Star'
vs. Improved

PHOTO COURTESY OF PLANTHAVEN, INC.

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Dianthus STAR SINGLE™ Improvements
PLANT HAVEN INTERNATIONAL

This year we'll see 2 improvements from Plant Haven's industry icon dianthus varieties; 'Fire Star' and 'Neon Star.' Both varieties still boast the same iridescent, vivid color but now with new patterns, increased flower count, and more compact habits resulting in a closer matched collection. Hardy zone 5.

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Dianthus Rock Series
DUMMEN ORANGE

A breeding breakthrough in dianthus delivers extremely high flower count, easily covering the entire container when properly bulked.

This is a compact series that is uniform, vibrant in color and superior in the landscape! Hardy zone 3. Colors: White, Compact Ruby, Violet, Purple

PHOTO COURTESY OF DUMMEN ORANGE®



PHOTOS COURTESY OF PACIFIC PLUG & LINER

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Echibeckia™ Summerina™ ‘Sunbeat’
PACIFIC PLUG & LINER

‘Sunbeat’ is the newest addition to the Summerina™ series. This variety is tall and really fills the pot, ideal for larger containers. The flowers are smaller than other series varieties, but still loaded with blooms and a yellow much brighter than others! Zone 7-9.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DANZIGER

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Echinacea PANAMA™ ‘Red’
DANZIGER

The first echinacea available as an unrooted cutting! From Danziger/ThinkPlants, the first URC echinacea in the market boasts scarlet red blooms with an upright habit and everlasting flower power, early blooming weeks 22-24. Zone 5.



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Echinacea ‘SunSeekers Rainbow’
FLAMINGO HOLLAND/INNOFLORA

SunSeekers Rainbow boasts extra-large flowers on thick stems, with row after row of petals surrounding a dark cone. Blooms mature through a groovy color cycle of yellow, coral, salmon, and lavender pink. The rows of petals peaking behind each other show off a full rainbow effect! Technically a mid-2021 intro to the US, we couldn't resist adding it here!

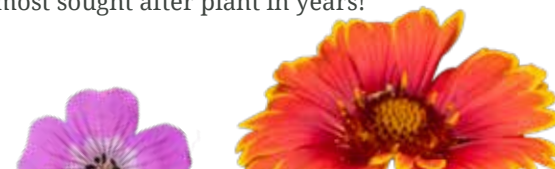
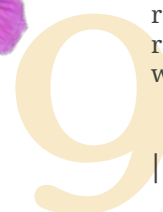
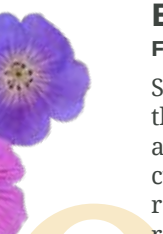


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Echinacea ‘Sweet Sandia’
TERRA NOVA NURSERIES

‘Sweet Sandia’ may have ‘made you look’ last summer, but with boosted availability and a color this unique, we figured it was worth a double take. Single, broad petaled flowers each look like a slice of watermelon with compact habit and tons of flowering stems have made this TNN's most sought after plant in years!



GRoovy & HARDY



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Epimedium 'Songbirds'

WALTERS GARDENS

With a flutter of golden yellow and flowers with rose sepals, this new barrenwort from Walters Gardens is eye-catching, with deep green lance-shaped leaves with sporadic spotting. It flowers later and has the longest inflorescence of any other variety they offer. Zone 5-8



PHOTO COURTESY OF DUMMEN ORANGE®

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Eupatorium 'Little Pye'

DUMMEN ORANGE

An extremely compact Joe Pie Weed! Reaching 10-12" high in the garden, 'Little Pye' is an excellent late summer perennial with heat tolerance and zone 4 hardiness. Transform any garden into a pollinator haven with a cottage-garden look in the landscape!



PHOTO COURTESY OF DUMMEN ORANGE®

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Gaillardia Spintop 'Orange Halo Improved'

DUMMEN ORANGE

We don't always include improvements in this publication, but when we do it's for good reason! Distinctive, large, vibrant flowers make this improvement to this compact series a winner. Excellent mounding habit with extreme hardiness to zone 3.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DUMMEN ORANGE®

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Gaillardia Spintop Mariachi 'Copper Sun Improved'

DUMMEN ORANGE

Another improvement to Dummen's SpinTop series! 'Copper Sun Improved' earns the Mariachi sub series mark for it's spoon-like flowers. Compact in habit and well matched to the series, this variety has excellent mounding and long-season flowering. Hardy Zone 3.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CONCEPT PLANT®

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Geranium 'Kelly-Anne'

CONCEPT PLANTS /
MLTR BREEDING

World's first pink everblooming geranium! 'Kelly-Anne' may have debuted for Spring 2021 but still made the mark for new perennials this year and 2022! Similar to 'Rozanne' in flower power, forming a compact plant with bright pink flowers and darker veins. Zone 3



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Hemerocallis 'Persian Ruby'

WALTERS GARDENS

A new daylily from Walters Gardens with massive flowers! Spider-like flowers are a massive 7¾" across, similar to the popular 'Ruby Spider' variety but more purple in color. Reblooming with high bud count, 'Persian Ruby' is also a tetraploid daylily. Zone 3

hosta, hibiscus.

PHOTO COURTESY OF WALTERS GARDENS, INC.®

34 Hosta 'Party Streamers' WALTERS GARDENS

If ever there was a party-worthy hosta, this is it! 'Party Streamers' lives up to the name with long, wiggly yellow leaves forming a nice mounded plant. A fast grower means the party starts early... you won't have to wait long to see it come to maturity. Deep purple flowers in mid-late summer. Zone 3-9



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Hosta 'Drop-Dead Gorgeous' WALTERS GARDENS

The name says it all! This hosta is a giant, a child of 'Empress Wu' variety reaching a similar size of the parent. The large leaves have green centers, contrasted by bright yellow margins, heavy rippled for a wavy effect overall amassing to 30" in height. White flowers appear in the summer. Zone 3-9



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Hosta 'Time in a Bottle' WALTERS GARDENS

A quick growing hosta with color to boast! This hosta intro has narrow yellow to chartreuse leaves, perfectly complimented by vibrant deep purple flowers. A unique feature of the flowers is that they do not open, causing them to last longer than typical hosta blooms. Look to these buds to appear late summer for an end of summer show! Considered a medium sized hosta by AHS, 'Time in a Bottle' reaches 12" high at maturity. Zone 3-9



37 Hibiscus Summerific® 'Edge of Night' PROVEN WINNERS

Most compact variety in the Summerific® collection! The flowers are bubblegum pink with dark pink veining, reaching 7-8" in diameter. In perfect contrast, this variety has jet black foliage - the darkest foliage Walters Gardens has seen on a hibiscus! Hardy zone 4-9

PHOTO COURTESY OF PROVEN WINNERS®

Hibiscus 'Inner Glow' 38 WALTERS GARDENS, INC.

A hardy hibiscus with this flower pattern? Yes, it's true! A rich rose pink flower with a lavender purple halo at the center makes this a unique pattern, complimented by olive green foliage. Best in full sun, hardy zone 4-9

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iberis, Lavender, Leucanthemum



PHOTO COURTESY OF SYNGENTA®

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Iberis 'Mermaid Lavender'

SYNGENTA/THINKPLANTS

A true lavender flowering iberis! This hybrid allows for 1st year flowering option as well as a vernalization program for a deeper lavender with overwintering. 'Mermaid Lavender' also provides season extension in the iberis class with its heat tolerance.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DUMMEN ORANGE

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Lavandula LA DIVA 'Eternal Elegance'

DUMMEN ORANGE

From the LA DIVA collection, 'Eternal Elegance' is an angustifolia type, bred for performance in every US region. Its excellent in humidity and heat tolerance in the south east, also performing strong in containers and the landscape, spring through fall. Compact, hardy zone 5.



PHOTO COURTESY OF PAN AMERICAN SEED®/BALL HORTICULTURAL COMPANY

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Leucanthemum 'White Lion'

PANAMERICAN/KIEFT SEED

'White Lion' is great for early-spring sales from overwintering, previously only possible with vegetative varieties. White Lion has a critical day-length of only 10 hours. Excellent alternative to vegetative Leucanthemum with no vernalization needed, zone 3b-9a.



PHOTO COURTESY OF PROVEN WINNERS®

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Leucanthemum 'Marshmallow'

AMAZING DAISIES® Collection

PROVEN WINNERS

The first double shasta daisy in the Proven Winners program! Performing superior to other double varieties trialed in the landscape, these large 3½" fully double flowers hold well with age. Flowers without a cold period, however, performance improved after 4-6 weeks of vernalization. Zone 5-9



PHOTO COURTESY OF PLANTHAVEN, INC.

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Leucanthemum REALFLOR® 'Real Goldcup'

PLANT HAVEN INTERNATIONAL

From an exclusive collaboration with Sunset & Southern Living programs comes a new series addition, 'Real Goldcup.' Bright sunshine yellow flowers are colorfast with no color phasing atop sturdy stems. Grows to 36" x 18" in the garden, Zone 5 hardy.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SYNGENTA®

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Leucanthemum max. Western Star™ 'Pisces'

SYNGENTA/THINKPLANTS

'Pisces' is the first double flowering addition to the Western Star™ series, a series marked for its diverse collection of varieties with low chilling requirements. Early to flower and a strong performer in pot or garden, this compact variety is hardy zone 3-9.



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Leucanthemum 'Spun Silk'
AMAZING DAISIES® Collection
PROVEN WINNERS

'Spun Silk' brings a wild new look to the classic Shasta Daisy. Narrow petals with fringed edges create the "spider" look, with the 4½" graceful white flowers topping a medium-sized habit. Vernalization required, 6-8 weeks minimum. Hardy zone 5-9.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CONCEPT PLANTS®

46 Limonium g.
'Dazzle Rocks'

CONCEPT PLANTS /
PETER VAN STEIJN

Limonium 'Dazzle Rocks' is a breeding breakthrough! Marketed as the world's first, this variety is an ultra-hardy gmelinii type of limonium (also known as Siberian Statice). Dwarf in size, it towers in expectations, selected for the compact habit and high flower count per stem. Enjoy flowering from early summer into fall. This plant loves the drought, making it ideal for xeriscaping, but not limited in planting type; works great in rock gardens, containers, beds, borders and even cut flowers displays, drying, and pressing. Beyond the versatility, it is a pollinator friendly variety. Plant in well drained, sandy soil ideally in full sun; suitable for warm and dry climates but it also can resist cold temperatures. Hardy zones 5-9



PHOTO COURTESY OF PAN AMERICAN SEED®/BALL HORTICULTURAL COMPANY

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Lobelia
STARSHIP™ 'Rose'
PANAMERICAN/KIEFT SEED

With improved branching and a uniform, controlled habit, Lobelia Starship series has huge flower power and a high quality finishing performance! Starship varieties work well in higher-value large pots and annual/perennial combos. Loving the heat and humidity, this is a great choice for summer landscapes. 'Starship Rose' replaces 'Starship Deep Rose.' Zone 6a-10b



PHOTO COURTESY OF DARWIN PERENNIALS®/BALL HORTICULTURAL COMPANY

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Lysimachia c.
'Firefly'
DARWIN PERENNIALS

An excellent flowering groundcover that brings burgundy foliage and continuously blooming, bright yellow flowers to shady locations. Works as an accent plant, mixing well with other varieties. 'Firefly' is a congestiflora type, preferring shady areas with rich soils and growing 6-8" tall and 10-12" wide. Hardy zones 5b - 9a.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DARWIN PERENNIALS®/BALL HORTICULTURAL COMPANY

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Lysimachia a.
'Night Light'
DARWIN PERENNIALS

Shade-loving groundcover features bright yellow blooms with continuous flowering from spring until hard frost. A alfredii type of moneywort, 'Night Light' showcases a colorful mound of attractive foliage that turns burgundy in the shade! Prefers shade to part shade locations. 10-12" in height and 12-14" wide. Hardy zones 5a to 9a

PHOTO COURTESY OF PROVEN WINNERS®



50 Mangave MAD ABOUT MANGAVE® 'Dreadlocks'

PROVEN WINNERS

The waviest leaf margin of any MAD ABOUT MANGAVE® to date, this ruffled beauty really kicks it up a notch. Dark green leaves are heavily peppered in mahogany spots (concentrated at leaf center), with darkest coloration in full sun with UV light. The relatively low, arching habit is a perfect fit for framing containers. Hardy zone 9-11

PHOTO COURTESY OF FLAMINGO HOLLAND INC.



51 Primula vulgaris 'Oakleaf Yellow Picotee'

FLAMINGO HOLLAND

Perhaps you spotted this variety in 2020, but this variety barely missed the mark for last year's booklet, so we present to you this specialty perennial... a very hardy new primrose with oak leaf-shaped foliage! Bright yellow flowers with orange-red edges hold well for months! Great for early season sales. Hardy zone 4.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF GREEN FUSE® BOTANICALS



52 Rudbeckia Dakota™ 'Flame,' 'Double Gold,' & 'Red Shield'

GREEN FUSE BOTANICALS

Who knew? Green Fuse presents the worlds first Zone 5 hardy, day-length neutral Rudbeckia hirta - Dakota™ Series. The series expands this year to include Double Gold, the bi-color 'Flame' and Red Shield. All have amazing garden performance.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF GREEN FUSE® BOTANICALS



53 Rudbeckia Rodeo™ 'Red'

GREEN FUSE BOTANICALS

Fantastically unique fully double, deep red flowers debut on this new rudbeckia intro! Rodeo™ will deliver consumer excitement with never before seen color on this fan favorite genus. Coming into flower under long days like a traditional hirta type, it will continue to flower until heavy frost - ideal for fall programs! Garden height is 18" to 24".



PHOTO COURTESY OF DANZIGER

and finally...
salvia, sedum,
 & **sempervivum**



PHOTO COURTESY OF JALDETY

54 **Salvia nemorosa**
'Dark Matter™'

DANZIGER

'Dark Matter™' is a stellar new intro from Danziger! Deep, dark blue blooms take on a feathery appearance on this re-bloomer for all Summer color. Strong branching that doesn't require any bulking or vernalization will make this a top perennial pick. Hardy to zone 5

55 **Salvia nemorosa**
'Kate Glenn'

JALDETY

A Salvia nemorosa introduction from Jaldety, making its debut in the US! Excellent garden performance with great color impact, this variety will throw masses of big purple-blue flower spikes on darker green stems. 'Kate Glenn' is free flowering and long blooming, from late spring to autumn. Flowers attract bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. Hardy zones 4-9



56 **Sedum**
'Night Light'

WALTERS GARDENS

Set your late summer landscape aglow! 'Night Light' produces deep olive green leaves on dark purple stems that hold clusters of light yellow flowers. Mature flowers have blush tones. Unlike other Sedum that lodge during flowering season, 'Night Light' has stocky stems and holds its dome-like shape late in the season. Tall, upright sedums form substantial clumps of foliage which can be substituted for shrubs in the landscape. Their stout, sturdy stems support massive flower heads which develop in summer and burst into bloom in fall. If left standing, they provide winter interest and food for birds. Hardy zones 3-9

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Sedum 'Banana Split'

CONCEPT PLANTS / AAN DE
DIJK SIERGRASSENKWEKERIJ

This sedum has colors like the traditional Banana Split dessert: a chocolately dark foliage with creamy banana yellow flowers! 'Banana Split' is a great performer in the rock garden, perennial border, for mass planting or a patio pot. It has a compact habit and strong stems that don't flop, growing about 20" tall, 22" wide. Hardy zones 4a-11a



PHOTO COURTESY OF PROVEN WINNERS®

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Sedum 'Back in Black' **ROCK 'N GROW® Collection**

PROVEN WINNERS

New to the ROCK 'N GROW® collection comes an upright Sedum with near black leaves. Enjoy the dark leaf foliage in summer, then in late summer flowers with deep red centers and cream petals appear. Great for adding a dark color to the middle of the border!



PHOTO COURTESY OF PLANTHAVEN, INC.

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Sempervivum 'Onyx' **SUPERSEMPS® Collection**

PLANT HAVEN INTERNATIONAL

'Onyx' is colored like the namesake stone, dark, mahogany-black. This variety in the collection provides year-round interest with its array of color and geometric shapes. SUPERSEMPS® Sempervivum is a collection boosting large 8" single rosettes in as little as 20 weeks. Zone 4

2022 Perennial Plant of the Year®
Schizachyrium scoparium
(little bluestem)

The Perennial Plant of the Year® (PPOY) program began in 1990 to showcase a perennial that is a standout among its competitors. Perennials chosen are suitable for a wide range of growing climates, require low maintenance, have multiple-season interest, and are relatively pest/disease-free.

Schizachyrium scoparium was no doubt awarded this year's PPOY by the PPA for its tolerance of different soil types, but also its attractive fine-textured foliage- whether it be the straight species or the newest cultivars. The common name refers to the light blue stem bases of the scoparium species type. Most 'little bluestem' varieties maintain interest through all seasons, ranging in the traditional blues and greens maturing to bronze, orange, and red hues. It can be further praised for its heat tolerance and drought resistance.



Top: *Schizachyrium scoparium*
Bottom, background:
Schizachyrium s. Shining Star™
Photos courtesy of Emerald Coast Growers





American Hosta Growers Association 2022 Hosta of the Year *Hosta 'Island Breeze'*

Each year the American Hosta Growers Association selects 'the best of the best', and honors one variety as "Hosta of the Year". These special selections are acknowledged for being unique, easy to grow, and loved by many.

Island Breeze is a sport of 'Fire Island' and 'Paradise Island' varieties. While its parent varieties are loved and well used in the industry, 'Island Breeze' brings improvement with a more stately variegation with the wider margins, thicker leaf substance, and a strong growth rate.



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2022 Proven Winners National Perennial of the Year® *Dianthus 'Paint the Town Magenta'*

The Proven Winners National Plant of the Year program selects plants for their exceptional performance. These plants have been chosen for their proven excellence and ability to be used successfully nationwide by growers and gardeners alike. The Perennial of the Year is a division of this program highlighting the top perennials from the Proven Winners brand. Look for these perennials to be featured in magazines, social media, as well as home and trade shows throughout the year.

'Paint the Town Magenta' is one of the earliest Dianthus to bloom, producing ¾-1" wide, single vibrant magenta pink flowers and incredibly serrated petals. Flowers completely cover the plant when it's in peak. Its glaucous blue foliage sets it apart from other Dianthus of its type. Members of the Paint the Town Series are prized for their bright colors and increased heat tolerance. This translates to better performance nearly nationwide, even in the heat-loving states.

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under the radar | underappreciated | underutilized above the bar perennials

Every year we release a list of hot new perennials for the coming season... additions and intros that are changing the future of breeding or just really cool new plants. Sometimes what the garden really needs is a classic! This list of perennials fly under the radar too often, recognized and nominated by suppliers and the EHR team. Take a look and consider spicing up your benches with a few 'above the bar' perennials.



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Alchemilla mollis

A quick Google search of 'Alchemilla mollis after rain' will fill your screen with all the best English garden vibes. The plant leaves hang on to the water beads after a rain, a unique feature that adds shimmer against the golden chartreuse foliage. We aren't necessarily telling you to revisit this classic perennial because of well, rain, but it's an added feature for customers looking for a change-up to the front of your border or along pathways. Look no further than this classic!



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Athyrium 'Godzilla'

PLANT DELIGHTS NURSERY

Why isn't this plant on every order? Perhaps the world is afraid of its gargantuan nature reaching 3' tall and 6' wide? This variety first appeared in the mid-'90s at Plant Delights Nursery in Raleigh, NC and released in 2009. They knew it was special, and we still think so, too. As North Creek Nurseries notes its characteristic further, "...has the appearance of A. 'Picta' with the textural impact of an ostrich fern."



**Echinacea
'Yellow Rainbow Marcella'**

PLANTS NOUVEAU

The ever popular Rainbow Marcella in yellow, just a bit shorter. Lemon yellow with a pink halo make for a stand-out combo.

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**Echinacea
KISMET® Series**

TERRA NOVA NURSERIES

Nominated by Raker-Roberta's for top performing trial results, this series boasts intense colors with a uniformed habit.

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**Epimedium × versicolor
'Sulphureum'**

DARRELL PROBST

Our friends at North Creek Nurseries brag on this plant for its unique coloring, working well as a groundcover and filler. We agree!

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**Epimedium
'Pink Panther'**

THIERRY DELABROYE

Cue the theme music, but don't let this 'Pink Panther' get away. Large pink stars atop bronze foliage in early Spring, nominated by Creek Hill Nursery.

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**Euphorbia polychroma
'Bonfire'**

MUST HAVE PERENNIALS / MARY ANN FARIA

Unique to 'Bonfire' is its summer long red foliage, while other varieties only turn red in fall. Reliably hardier than other dark-leaved varieties.

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**Festuca
'Beyond Blue™'**

CONCEPT PLANTS

Comparable to Elijah Blue, however, it maintains an intense powder blue color throughout season, with little to no browning!

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Geranium 'Azure Rush®'

MUST HAVE PERENNIALS / WATERERS

Sport of Geranium 'Rozanne', a PPA Plant of the Year, with the same great traits as its famous parent, but with 2.5" light blue flowers and a more mounding and controlled habit. More blue than violet flowers.

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Helleborus
'Southern Belle Doubles'

PINE KNOT NURSERY

A nomination from Creek Hill Nursery, this is a treat for very early spring blooms. Doubles can be a bit unpredictable in hellebore but this mix offers a higher probability of ruffled double petals blooming with color!



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Heuchera
'Green Spice'

TERRA NOVA NURSERIES

'Green Spice' is a garden favorite for its attractive—nearly 4-season—foliage that notably transitions! Shared by North Creek Nurseries, this variety grows into a tidy 10-12” tall mound with 20” tall dainty white flower stalks. A fan favorite in the Mt. Cuba Center Heuchera evaluation!



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Leucanthemum superbum
REALFLOR® Series

PLANTHAVEN INTERNATIONAL

You saw 'Real Goldcup' as new addition, but we think the whole lineup deserves a second glance. Green Leaf Plants agrees, marking it for the unique flower forms and reliable garden performance.



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Nepeta
'Neptune'

CONCEPT PLANTS

Take a look at Nepeta 'Neptune' for its versatility as a perennial, a dwarf with true blue flowers. Flowering from summer until autumn, the dark spikes still stand as color interest on their own after flowering ends.



Pennisetum alopecuroides
'Lumen Gold'

CONCEPT PLANTS

We present to you a fountain of gold... compact fountain grass with golden foliage that softens to lime in summer! Only on the market for a few years, don't miss adding this- perfect for containers, borders, or mass planting.

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**Penstemon digitalis
'Pocahontas'**

INTRINSIC PERENNIAL GARDENS

Introduced by Intrinsic Perennial Gardens, 'Pocahontas' stands as one of our favorite penstemon, described as an improvement over 'Husker Red.' This variety has darker foliage, burgundy in color with deep green tones, complimented with showy lavender pink flowers.



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**PHLOX
'Woodlander' Series**

DUMMEN ORANGE

A nomination from Green Leaf Plants, the Phlox Woodlander series! A robust, interspecific hybrid groundcover that blooms in spring with larger flowers and longer bloom time than *P. subulata*, Colors: Pink, Rose, Lilac, and White.



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**Rudbeckia laciniata
'Autumn Sun'**

This long-blooming butterfly (especially monarch) magnet has large, glossy, deep green, deeply cut leaves along the stems and loose clusters of clear yellow ray flowers with large green cones that darken with age. Blooms for 8+ weeks in mid to late summer. As North Creek Nurseries notes, it's very cold hardy!



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**Salvia
'Blue by You'**

DARWIN PERENNIALS

Too new to remind you? Sorry not sorry! 'Blue by You' is arguably one of the best salvia on the market. The bright blue flowers and re-flushing makes this a winner. A hybrid between *Salvia nemorosa* and *Salvia pratensis*, it has excellent winter hardiness and heat tolerance.



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**Sedum
'Mr. Goodbud'**

TERRA NOVA NURSERIES

A winner of multiple awards comes 'Mr. Goodbud'- a spectabile hybrid with tight foliage and strongly contrasting colors between its light buds and dark mauve flowers. The flowers are HUGE and the habit is super sturdy. This bud is no flop!

Thank You

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Thank you to our suppliers and breeders for the photographs, information and time shared for this years Hot New Perennials report. Without the help of these industry leaders, we could not spotlight the must-have varieties for the coming season!

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