

these violas produce a mass of flowers over a long period. Don't miss the recent addition Floral Power Orange Red Wing, which is a Fleuroselect Gold Medal winner. Other highlights include White Rose Wing. Additions to Sahin's instant perennials include a new Penstemon heterifolium, and a new hardy Diascia from seed.

Takii Europe's trials are nearby at Hoofdweg 19, De Kwakel. Highlights include the new trialing Petunia Opera Supreme. Low and spreading, Opera displays good day length neutrality. Look out for Opera Pink Morn, the first bicolour in seed raised trailing petunia, it is an AAS Winner 2007.

Takii's hybrid 'Aurora' Delphinium are noted for their vigour, dense flower spikes on strong stems, excellent uniformity and quality. New additions this year include white and light purple.

The popular Gem viola Sapphire series, which includes the famous Antique colours, sees a new addition – Sapphire Blue with blotch, it has small flowers and a compact growing habit.

NORTH HOLLAND

Bodger Seeds is one of several

companies holding trials later this month in the North of Holland. The Bodger pack trials are at Aalsmeerderdijk 438, 1436 BL Aalsmeerderbrug.

Goldsmith Seeds is showcasing ten news series at its trials at Cornelis Kuinweg 28a, Andijk, including a new Verbena series, Tuscany. A new naturally compact series, plants are well branched and bushy. As growers have come to expect, across the series all colors have similar germination, timing and habit.

Primula Orion is a new Goldsmith series of mid-season Primula acaulis. Available in nine individual colours, or as a striking and colourful mix, this series is characterised by high seed quality, compactness and tight flowering window.

A short drive away is the Hem Genetics pack trial, in the village of Hem, while Kieft Seeds Holland's trial is close by at Elbaweg 35, at Venhuizen. Highlights of this trial include the hybrid Isotoma hybrida Tristar. All three colours – deep blue, pink and white – are equally early and with similar uniformity produce crisp and healthy foliage.

Kieft's unique new compact annual Monarda hybrida – Bergamo

has intense rose-purple flowers and provides a long-lasting colour display in the garden. Considerably earlier flowering than other Monardas, it apparently has strong mildew- and heat tolerance.

Other highlights include two new Frizzle Sizzle violas. With 100 percent ruffled flower-shape, burgundy and blue swirl are suitable for pots as well as flower beds. Displaying hybrid earliness and uniformity, these eye catching violas are compact with well branched habit.

UK

S&G Flowers will be holding a Summer Festival at its head office in Halsall, Lancashire from June 18-24. New introductions for 2008 include the uniquely coloured Ageratum Artist Alto Delft. With a strong habit it apparently retains a bushy appearance. Non-seed setting, it produces an abundance of flowers and is both self-cleaning and has improved shelf life.

A new introduction to S&G's Osteospermum Jamboana series is Lemon Spoon. With a naturally compact habit it has excellent flowering performance throughout the summer.

GERMANY

Last and not least, this year's Ernest Benary trials are being held from April 27 to May 4 at the company's headquarters at Hann Münden, in Germany.

Described as the queen of the garden, Benary's newest addition to its Salvia program, Fairy Queen, has dense sapphire blue flower spikes and a small white spot on each creating the illusion of fairy dust. Like its partner varieties Victoria Blue, Silver, Reference and Evolution, Fairy Queen is apparently an excellent garden performer. Fairy Queen is a Fleuroselect gold medal winner.

Fragrant and free flowering, Benary's new Lavender Vicenza is native to the Mediterranean region and is heat and drought tolerant. Flowering the first year from seed without vernalisation, Vicenza is a summer long performer.

Benary's highly acclaimed 'Nonstop Mocca begonia series has a new addition, Mocca Pink Shades. An attractive contrast to its dark chocolate foliage, like other colours in the series it has 10cm fully double flowers and compliments the existing colours within the series. ○



Shock Wave Purple PanAmerican



Floral Power orange red wing - Sahin



Non-stop begonia Benary



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