

Check out the latest new perennials from breeders around the world.

Companies offer new perennials

Agastache

'**Pink Pop**' is a long-flowering perennial from Walters Gardens. It produces bouquets of lavender-pink flower spikes from midsummer to early fall. Abundant flowers are presented atop well-branched stems lined with gray-green leaves. Plants are very uniform and compact with a terrific upright habit. Plants reach 28-32 inches tall with a 30-inch spread. Hardy to USDA Hardiness Zone 6; maybe Zone 5 with protection.

It has medium-sized, 1½-inch flowers similar to Magic in size in a solid-pink color. Color is darker than Patricia Ballard and is similar to Frolic and Thyra Viking. Approximate fall flowering is Sept. 10 in the North and Aug. 30 in the South.

Pink Henry III is part of the **Royalty** series. This 1½-inch, double-flowered aster is rich pink. Plants are a few days later than Marie III, so they are a more precise match to Henry III.



Royalty Pink Henry III

Alstroemeria

Letizia is the newest member of Royal Van Zanten's Princess Lilies series. Plants are quick



Princess Lilies Letizia

to flower and are full with a compact, rounded shape. Flowers are really red.

Aquilegia

'**Songbird Cardinal Improved**' was added to the PanAmerican Seed series.

Armeria

Kieft-Pro-Seed's new **Ballerina** series has two colors: **Red** and **White**.

Aster

Yoder Brothers has two new asters.

Pink Magic is for the very early fall season.

Astilbe

'**Diamonds and Pearls**' is the first pure-white-flowered *Astilbe chinensis* variety. This Darwin PlantSpotters is available from Ball Horticultural Co. Foliage is dark green.

Plants Nouveau is offering '**Delft Lace**,' which was bred by AB-Cultivars in the Netherlands. Deep-blue-green, waxy foliage is covered with a lacey silver overlay, like 'Visions.' Soft-



'Delft Lace'

peach flowers are held strongly above the foliage on candy-apple-red stems. Plants reach 12-15 inches tall and 24-36 inches wide. Hardy in Zones 5-7.

Bellis

Benary's new **Speedstar** series can be produced for both fall and spring sales. Plants



Speedstar series

have a compact habit and leaf size. There are three colors: **Carmine**, **Rose** and **White**. Hardy in Zones 3-5.

Brunnera

'**King's Ransom**' is a silver and gold sport of 'Jack Frost' that was found at Terra Nova Nurseries.



'King's Ransom'

ies. It's being jointly introduced to the trade by Walters Gardens and Terra Nova. Plants have a wide, creamy-yellow margin and light-cream frosting over the remainder of the silver leaves. In spring it produces dainty, blue flowers and the leaf margins lighten to creamy white.

Campanula

'**Blue-Eyed Blonde**' is a campanula from Terra Nova Nurseries. Its bright-gold foliage gives rise to large, 1-inch bells of deep-blue flowers. Plants are slow spreading to form a low-growing mat. Hardy in Zones 4-9.

Caryopteris

PlantHaven is offering '**Hint of Gold**,' which was bred by English plantsman Peter Catt. Plants have golden foliage that holds up well in the heat in the Southeast. Plants have a com-

compact habit with large leaves that have a slight sheen. Mid- to deep-blue flowers form a complete whorl around the stem. Hardy to Zone 6.

Centaurea

Centaurea montana '**Amethyst Dream**' has deeper-purple colored flowers than the genus. This Blooms of Bressingham introduction has large flowers (2½ inches in diameter) and silver foliage that handles heat and drought. Flower buds are "shingled," which gives them interest before opening. Plants reach 20 inches tall and 27 inches wide. Plants were bred by K. Sahin,



'Amethyst Dream'

Zaden. Hardy in Zones 3-9; AHS Zones 9-1.

Chrysanthemum

Yoder Brothers made three additions to its Prophets collection.

Mildred has large, 2¼-inch, creamy-white, decorative flowers in fall. Plants have a great plant habit and uniformity. Approximate fall flowering is Oct. 11.

Nutty Fiona is a red-bronze decorative with 1¾-inch flowers. In fall, plants fill a spot in the early natural season. Plants are taller with less spread than Red-Bronze Urano, with richer color

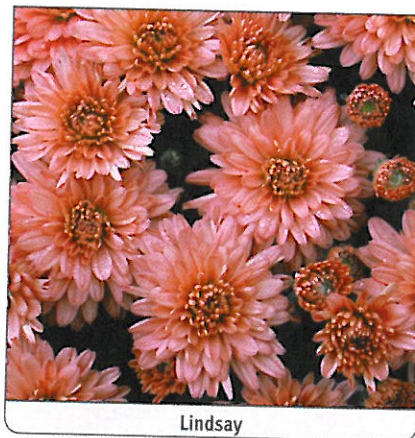
and better color retention. Approximate fall flowering is Sept. 17.

Delightful Mia has petite, 1½-inch, orange button flowers. Plants are a bit faster than Olivia and Sherry with a smaller plant size and rounder flower form. Approximate fall flowering is Sept. 30.

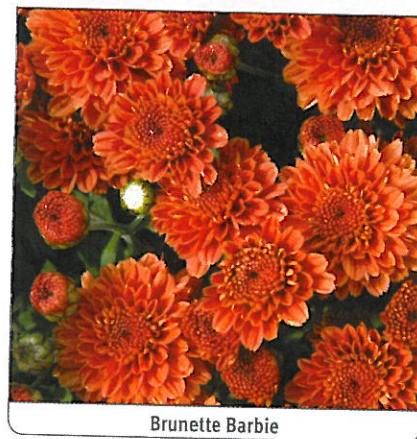
Yoder also has four new members in its European Collection of Prophets.

Yolanda has medium-sized, full, decorative, 2-inch, rich-yellow flowers. Plants produce a well-formed sphere habit with long-lasting flowers in fall. It flowers at the same time as Janice and has a better plant habit and flower longevity. Approximate fall flowering is Sept. 20.

Lindsay has 2-inch, coral, decorative flowers on a rounded sphere plant habit in fall. It is a week slower than Jenna with a rounder plant habit and more uniform flowering. Approximate



Lindsay

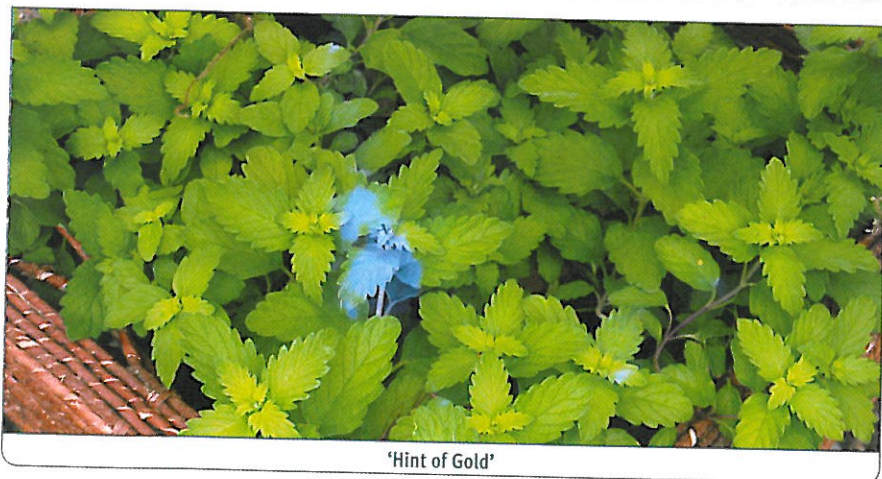


Brunette Barbie

fall flowering is Sept. 28.

Brunette Barbie has 1½-inch, decorative flowers that are reddish-bronze. It flowers with or a bit before Andrea with richer color, a rounder habit with less spread and better flowering uniformity. Approximate fall flowering is Oct. 16.

Crazy Victoria is a deep-yellow decorative



'Hint of Gold'