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Blooms of Bressingham

**Leucanthemum xsuperbum 'Freak!'**

Winner of Greenhouse Grower’s Readers’ Choice Award, ‘Freak!’ is a dream variety for growers and retailers. It’s programmable for weekly flowering with a compact habit and first-year flowering. A showstopper covered with 2 to 2.5-inch diameter flowers, ‘Freak!’ blooms from June to frost. Its normal garden height is 13 inches, but in containers it is a more compact 9 inches.

**Veronica longifolia ‘First Love’**

From Rene van Gaalen, this is the first introduction in a series of three colors, which also includes ‘First Glory,’ a deep blue, and ‘First Lady,’ a crisp white. Featuring numerous, sturdy stems with rich-pink flower spikes and well-branched green foliage, this veronica is easy to produce and flower for a late spring-early summer crop since it performs well from unvernalized liners.

**Phygelius ‘Tie Dye Rosy Cheeks’**

This compact, very well-branched grower has tons of deep, dark-pink tubular flowers set against burgundy-colored calyces and green foliage. There are three additional colors in the Tie Dye series: ‘Magic Mandarin,’ a peachy-orange; ‘Radiant Red,’ a dark rosy-red; and ‘Yellow Submarine,’ a bright yellow. All four have a lavish flower display and are easy to grow. Phygelius prefers full sun to part shade. The height for all four cultivars is 10 to 14 inches.

Terra Nova Nurseries

**Sedum ‘Thunderhead’**

With its huge, deep-rose flower heads and stout, upright stems, ‘Thunderhead’ is ideal for mixed beds, borders and dry gardens. The handsome, grey-green foliage is the perfect foil for its dramatic, long-lasting flowers. The average height of this variety when in bloom is 30 inches.

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**Echinacea 'Big Kahuna'**

*Echinacea 'Big Kahuna'* has big, informal, honey-mango-colored flowers that sit atop strong stems. The sweet scent of the flower goes right along with its Hawaiian name. ‘Big Kahuna’ is perfect for garden borders and is a beautiful cut flower. It requires full sun and prefers to be moderately dry between waterings. With a sturdy, upright habit, it reaches 27 inches tall in flower.

**Darwin Perennials**

**Echinacea Sombrero Series**

This very well-branched series is well-matched for habit and timing, and perfect for use in spring-planted programs. Sturdy, compact plants have proven hardiness and drought resistance. These echinaceas are very floriferous and have bright, richly colored blooms. Plant in full sun and well-drained fertile soil. Drought resistant. Deadheading will prolong the flowering period.

**Salvia nemerosa ‘Lyrical Rose’**

Featuring intense pink flowers on a sturdy, mounding plant, ‘Lyrical Rose’ sells well because it blooms at retail. It’s the newest member of this very hardy series that also includes ‘Lyrical Blue’ (deep blue with purple stems) and ‘Lyrical Silvertone’ (blue bicolor).

**Walters Gardens**

**Monarda didyma ‘Pardon My Purple’**

A new dwarf monarda just a foot tall, ‘Pardon My Purple’ has full-size flowers that add a splash of color to both containers and borders. A bonus is its good resistance to powdery mildew. Its sister cultivar, ‘Pardon My Pink,’ has beautiful clear-pink flowers. Hardy to Zone 4 and maybe slightly colder, both varieties attract hummingbirds and grow well in sunny locations.

**Perovskia atriplicifolia ‘Peek A Blue’**

Even smaller than Perovskia ‘Little Spire,’ this new Russian sage measures just over two feet tall in flower. Attractive, silvery, finely dissected foliage provides a beautiful contrast to the lavender flowers, which appear in mid-summer and stay until fall.