

2012 All America Selections Flower Display Garden Burlington Waterfront Park

The All America Selections (AAS) is a national program to select the best of the new varieties each year. The flowers below represent some of the most recent winners and other new introductions, and are primarily annuals. (www.all-americaelections.org) Previous year's results and photos can be found online. (perrysperennials.info/aaswp.html) *This garden was a national award winner in 2008 among AAS display gardens.*

We are especially pleased and thankful this year once again for many new "specialty annuals" (those generally grown from cuttings and not seeds) provided by two wholesale greenhouse propagators in New Hampshire—Pleasant View Gardens (PVG) and DS Cole Growers (DSC). The PVG annuals are from their Proven Winners and Proven Selections series. Those from DSC are from several other brand name series.

Flower	Source	Rating*	Comments (at time of rating)
Acalypha collection	DSC	3	Good foliage colors
Ageratum Patina Purple	DSC	3	Floss flower
Alstroemeria Inca series (Lake & Avanti)	DSC	1	Inca flower, few flowers
Angelonia Adessa Bicolor	DSC	1	Summer snapdragon, very few flowers
Bacopa Gulliver Blue	DSC	1	<i>Sutera</i> , no flowers
Begonia Bonfire Orange	DSC	1	Nice low habit, few flowers
Begonia Choc Pink	DSC	d	Too sunny?
Begonia GoGo Orange	DSC	d	Too sunny?
Begonia Solenia (Dark Pink & Orange Red)	DSC	1	Poor vigor and flowers
Bidens Goldilocks Rocks®	PVG	2	Bur marigold, good filler, sparse flowers
Bidens Tweety	DSC	3	Very uniform, good flowers
Calibrachoa Callie Deep Yellow	DSC	3	Trailing petunia
Calibrachoa Callie Mango	DSC	3	
Calibrachoa Callie Pink Star	DSC	3	Nice pink/white flower star pattern
Calibrachoa Callie Light Blue	DSC	2	Sparse flowers, very low
Calibrachoa Minifamous Double Amethyst	DSC	d	
Calibrachoa Minifamous Scarlet	DSC	3	
Calibrachoa Over Easy™	PVG	2	Few flowers, unique white w/ yellow throat
Calibrachoa Superbells® Cherry Star	PVG	3	Nice pink/yellow star flowers
Calibrachoa Superbells® Coralberry Punch	PVG	2	Few flowers
Calibrachoa Superbells® Dreamsicle	PVG	3	Good vigor
Calibrachoa Superbells® Grape Punch	PVG	3	
Calibrachoa Superbells® Lemon Slice	PVG	2	Ununiform, nice yellow/white flowers
Calibrachoa Superbells® Saffron	PVG	d	
Calibrachoa Superbells® Sweet Tart	PVG	d	
Calibrachoa Superbells® Yellow Chiffon	PVG	3	Ununiform flowering
Cardoon	DSC	1	<i>Cynara</i> , weak vigor (fine in other sites)
Celosia (caracus) 'Intenz"	DSC	3	Cockscomb
Celosia Fresh Look Gold	AAS	3*	Plumed cockscomb, AAS winner 2007
Cleome Seniorita Blanca™	PVG	3*	Spider flower, 3ft., great vigor and flowering, mounded
Cleome Seniorita Rosalita®	PVG	2	Less vigor, more upright than mounded
Coleus Colissima Capri	DSC	2	<i>Solenostemon</i> , Coleus; nice foliage, small, poor vigor
Coleus ColorBlaze® Alligator Tears™	PVG	3	One ft. high mound, uniform
Coleus ColorBlaze® Marooned™	PVG	3*	3ft. high mass
Coleus ColorBlaze® Velvet Mocha	PVG	3	Good foliage, lacks vigor of others
Coleus Neptune's Net	PVG	2	Nice foliage, minimal vigor
Coleus Oxblood	DSC	2	Nice foliage, upright, doesn't mass well
Coleus Spumoni	PVG	3*	2ft. mounds
Colocasia Black Magic	DSC	3*	Black Elephant Ears, withstands wind well
Cordylina Sundance	DSC	2	Cabbage Palm, variable vigor among plants
Cosmos Chocamocha	DSC	1	No flowers
Cyperus Graceful Grasses® King Tut®	PVG	3*	Ornamental sedge, 6ft. tall

Cyperus Little Tut	DSC	3*	3ft. tall
Dahlia Maxi Bonita	DSC	1	No flowers
Dianthus Kahori	DSC	1	Pinks
Echeveria collection	DSC	3	Succulents, nice variety, little new growth
Ensete maurelii	DSC	3	Banana, withstands wind well
Euphorbia Breathless Blush	DSC	3	Spurge, nice reddish foliage
Euphorbia Diamond Frost	PVG	3*	Very uniform, many flowers
Evolvulus Blue My Mind™	PVG	2	Few flowers, nice color
Gaillardia (aristata) Arizona Apricot*	AAS	2	Blanket flower, AAS winner 2011, few flowers
Gaillardia Mesa Yellow	AAS	3	AAS winner 2010 ununiform height
Gazania Sunset Jane Lemon Spot	DSC	1	Treasure flower, no flowers, poor foliage (nice in June)
Hemizygia Candy Kisses	DSC	2	Pink variegated African sage, nice variegated foliage, weak
Hibiscus Mahogany Splendor	PVG	3*	Large plants 5ft high, 3ft. wide, nice dark red leaves
Impatiens SunPatiens Compact Magenta	DSC	2	New Guinea Impatiens (sun), sparse flowers
Impatiens SunPatiens Compact Coral	DSC	3	
Ipomoea Illusion® Emerald Lace	PVG	3	Ornamental Sweet Potato
Ipomoea Illusion® Garnet Lace	PVG	3	
Ipomoea Illusion® Midnight Lace	PVG	3	
Ipomoea Sweet Caroline Raven	PVG	3	
Juncus (inflexus) Blue Mohawk	PVG	2	Ornamental rush, perennial from 2010, lots of dead leaves
Koeleria (glauca) Tiny Tot	PVG	d	Blue hair grass, perennial from 2010
Lantana Bandana Red	DSC	2	Sparse flowers
Lantana Landmark Sunrise Rose Improved	DSC	3	
Lantana Luscious® Berry Blend™	PVG	3	Low 6in.
Lantana Luscious® Citrus Blend	PVG	3	Good vigor
Lantana Luscious® Lemonade	PVG	3*	Most vigor and flowers of lantana
Lantana Luscious® Pina Colada	PVG	3	Very uniform height and flowers
Lantana Luscious® Tropical Fruit	PVG	1	Few flowers
Lobelia Magadi Blue with Eye	DSC	2	Very ununiform
Lobularia Blushing Princess™	PVG	3	Sweet alyssum, nice lavender/white flowers
Lobularia Frosty Knight™	PVG	3	Nice small mound habit and variegated foliage
Lobularia Silver Stream	DSC	3	
Lobularia Snow Princess®	PVG	3*	Very good vigor and flowering
Marigold Moonsong Deep Orange	AAS	3	AAS winner 2010, some dead flowers detract
Mecardonia GoldDust™	DSC	d	Axilflower
Ornamental Kale Glamour Red	AAS	3	AAS winner 2011
Ornamental millet Purple Majesty	AAS	3	AAS winner 2003, 6ft. tall
Ornamental pepper Black Olive	AAS	1	AAS winner 2012, very ununiform, weak (better elsewhere)
Osteospermum 3D Silver	DSC	2	South African daisy, unique flowers but sparse
Osteospermum Asti White	AAS	2	AAS winner 2008, nice foliage, few flowers
Osteospermum Flowerpower Lavender	DSC	2	Good foliage and habit, sparse flowers
Oxalis Allure Ebony	DSC	1	Purple shamrock , weak, variable foliage
Petunia Ray Blue	DSC	3	Less floriferous than others
Petunia Ray Purple Vein	DSC	3	Nice color, variable height
Petunia Supertunia® Bordeaux	PVG	3	Less vigorous than others
Petunia Supertunia® Indigo Charm	PVG	2	Some plants sparse, small flowers
Petunia Supertunia® Picasso in Pink™	PVG	d	End-cap human damage?
Petunia Supertunia® Pink Charm	PVG	3*	Very uniform, solid flowering effect, small flowers
Petunia Supertunia® Pretty Much Picasso	PVG	3	Variable height, nice color contrast purple/green
Petunia Supertunia® Raspberry Blast	PVG	3	Nice color contrast red/pink
Petunia Supertunia® Sangria Charm	PVG	3	Uniform habit, less vigorous, small flowers
Petunia Supertunia® Vista Bubblegum	PVG	3	Vigorous spread, variable height
Petunia Supertunia® Vista Fuchsia	PVG	3	Vigorous
Petunia Supertunia® Vista Silverberry	PVG	3	Nice color contrast white/red center
Petunia Supertunia® Watermelon Charm	PVG	2	Ununiform vigor
Petunia Sweet Sunshine Compact Lime	DSC	1	Poor vigor and flowering

Phlox Intensia Blueberry	PVG	2	Very ununiform habit and flowering
Portulaca Portogrande Magenta	DSC	3	Purslane, large flowers (1.5in.)
Rhipsalis assortment	DSC	2	Mistletoe cactus, foliage only, not showy
Salvia (coccinea) Summer Jewel Pink	AAS	1	AAS winner 2012, poor vigor and flowering
Salvia (coccinea) Summer Jewel Red	AAS	2	Scarlet sage, AAS winner 2011, few flowers
Scaevola Surdiva White	DSC	3	Fan flower
Scaevola Whirlwind® Blue	PVG	2	Ununiform flowering
Snapdragon Twinnny Peach	AAS	1	AAS winner 2010, few flowers, poor vigor
Torenia Magenta Moon	DSC	3	Wishbone flower
Verbena Lanai Upright Violet	DSC	1	No flowers, poor vigor, mounded
Verbena Superbena® Coral Red	PVG	2	Good foliage, sparse flowers
Verbena Superbena® Royale Chambray	PVG	2	Ununiform flowering
Verbena Superbena® Royale Iced Cherry	PVG	1	No flowers
Verbena Superbena® Royale Peachy Keen	PVG	d	
Verbena Tukana Scarlet Star	PVG	2	Ununiform flowers
Vinca Jams 'N Jellies Blackberry	AAS	1	Annual periwinkle, AAS winner 2012; poor vigor and flowers
Viola Endurio Sky Blue Martien	AAS	1	AAS winner 2011, few flowers, nice early-mid summer
Viola Rain Blue and Purple	AAS	1	AAS winner 2009, few flowers, nice early-mid summer
Viola Shangri La Marina	AAS	1	AAS winner 2011, few flowers, nice early-mid summer
Viola Skippy XL Plum Gold	AAS	1	AAS winner 2008, few flowers, nice early-mid summer
Zinnia Double Zahara Cherry	AAS	3	AAS winner 2011, some dead flowers detract
Zinnia Double Zahara Fire	AAS	3*	AAS winner 2011
Zinnia Zahara Starlight Rose	AAS	3	AAS winner 2010, some dead flowers detract

*Rating: Plants were rated Sept.5 on a scale of d=dead, 1=poor, 3= excellent habit and flowering. Plants noted * with ratings were exceptional or tops in their genus. Those "d" often were crowded by more vigorous plants adjacent unless noted..

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