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Rockcliffe Landscaping Design Centre & Nursery

# garden elements



# Design trends

Landscape Ontario's Awards of Excellence program recognizes creativity in design and excellence in workmanship. The photos on these pages are intended to inspire and encourage you to look beyond the boundaries of your own imagination, and create your own paradise. For more ideas from Landscape Ontario's Awards of Excellence program, visit [www.landscapeontario.com](http://www.landscapeontario.com).

A well-planned space contains any number of elements, all designed to work together. By carefully breaking down the elements of a garden you admire, you can create the same effect in your own back yard. In this private, inner city garden, interlocking paving stones were chosen in a colour that mirrors the brick of the house, and in a simple brick pattern that matches the era of the house's construction. Natural stone steps provide contrast, and an extra design element to the circular stairway. Delicate wrought iron

seating matches the table against the wall, yet a solid wooden chair fits in with the scale of the painted wood work. Terra cotta urns were chosen to match the brick and patio, and a freshening white and green planting scheme adds sparkle to this jewel box of a garden.  
*Stonetech Corporation*

# Inviting entrances



By using traditional materials in a contemporary way, the designer came up with a modern take for a small city front yard. Inside paths of clay paver, two planting beds are filled with burgundy, gold and green plants chosen to provide colour and highly contrasting texture as well. A wrought iron fence and gate provided definition of the garden's boundary, without creating a boxed-in feeling. *Oriole Landscaping*



Large natural stone slabs are interplanted with thyme that creates a simple, fragrant entrance to the front door of this estate. Even as the growing season draws to a close, grasses planted near the path continue to provide essential movement to welcome you home. *The Beach Gardener*



Terra cotta coloured pavers laid in a traditional herringbone pattern add a touch of elegance to the entrance to this home. Neutral bands of light stone echo the colours of the building's exterior. The straight line of the elongated step contrasts beautifully with the circular bed at the end of the landing, creating a formal looking garden, accented with evergreens and grasses for movement and texture. *Oriole Landscaping*



A non-traditional take on an entrance: this contemporary home now has an extended patio out front, to welcome guests, and provide space for entertaining with a barbecue and seating. An allee of columnar trees draws guests up the pathway to relax and enjoy the protected surroundings. *Juergen Partridge*



A modern open concept, cantilevered pergola creates a peaceful seating area in this contemporary garden. Large glazed glass panels provide protection from the wind, yet let light in to create an inviting area. *International Landscaping Inc.*

# Seating areas



A simple patio setting made inviting through the use of lush plant material and flagstone inserts in the interlocking paving. *Landscapes by Lucin*



To create a country look with a modern edge, rough 6x6 timbers were used to create a pergola, and create a sense of intimacy to the seating area. A dramatic, custom water feature made from core-10 plate metal provides just enough ambient sound to block out neighbouring noise.  
*Fossil Landscapes Ltd.*



A private sanctuary was created in this small corner lot with the use of an octagonal patio and a pergola, set at an angle to the house to create unique spaces for perimeter plantings.  
*Inside and Out Garden Design*



While there is a simple fire pit at the centre of this protected patio, a gas or propane fireplace could just as easily be featured, to create a cozy gathering spot after dark.  
*Tumber & Associates*



Even though this back yard is not large, setting a stunning lounge off to one side of the patio provides a private setting to enjoy a glass of wine and a good book.  
*Oriole Landscaping Ltd.*

Propane heaters can be used to take the chill off an outdoor patio, but a woodburning fire place provides both heat, and unmatched ambience.  
*S Rebelo Landscapes*



# Fire *in the garden*



New preconstructed modular units, made of precast stone, have simplified the construction of outdoor kitchens. Available elements include a gas grill island, a free-standing fireplace and a bar island. Here, the contractor used matching paving stones and an edge detail to anchor the grill island to the perimeter of the garden. *Bellaire Landscape Inc.*



Situating a lovely patio set between a barbecue and ambient water feature creates an intimate dining space. Colourful annuals line the perimeter, but fragrant herbs and vegetables could be planted there instead. *Griffith Property Services Ltd.*



# Falling water



A deceptively simple waterfall adds to the zen-like ambience created by this dry stone wall. Water spills from two steel troughs, onto a bed of black beach pebbles. *Earthscape Ontario*



This ingenious water feature is anchored in a natural stone wall dividing two front gardens of semi-detached homes. Rainwater from the roof of both houses is directed down into the low wall, where it exits through three stainless steel pipes along both sides. In the event of a large rain storm, excess water flows over a stainless spillway at the far end of the wall. *Fossil Landscapes*



Adding the smooth lines of weir waterfalls cascading into your pool creates a spa-like atmosphere in your backyard, and instantly ups its 'coolness' quotient. *Yards Unlimited Landscaping Inc.*

Stone can contrast or compliment, depending on the colour and shapes selected. *Cedar Springs Landscape*



# Design

## details and solutions

Mix and match combinations of precast paving stone, manufactured and natural stone create stunning effects.



A formal garden was created in a small space by alternating white stone slabs with squares of turfgrass. The classic fountain provides an ideal focal point within the circle of boxwood, but a large urn, or colourful annual flowers could provide an affordable option. *Dusty Miller Landscaping*



Bands of interlocking pavers can be used to break up the length of a driveway. *Dusty Miller Landscaping*



An inset of contrasting stone set amps up the luxurious look of this simple linear pathway. Setting the end of the path into the asphalt driveway is a telling element that speaks to the designer's eye for detail. *Heritage Green Landscape Contractors*



Stepping stones set into the lawn create a strong connection between two patio areas. The large scale of the slabs creates a dramatic, contemporary look – smaller stones would have looked too busy. The coping around the raised planter matches the patio stone, so the focus stays on the plants, not the building material.  
*The Great Garden Revival Co.*



This raised deck is divided into several outdoor rooms, to give family and friends lots of rooms to relax together. To maximize the views of the garden and the large sculptural granite waterfall set near the deck, minimalist glass railings were used, highlighted with copper accent caps for the posts. *D.A. Gracey & Associates*



An unusual take on the perennial problem of how to transition from a driveway up the length of the garage, to the front door. The designer cleverly created a large circular pathway, with a small water feature that draws people up to the house, welcoming them with a happy burble. Existing plant material was kept, and augmented with new colours and textures. *Sacred Space Landscape & Design*



A postage stamp-sized front yard is given a dramatic, yet affordable, makeover with the addition of a short cedar screen, and two-tone paver walkways on either side of the garden provide access to the front door on one side, and widen the driveway on the other. Highly textured plant material draws the eye through the garden and softens the hardscape. *Dr. Landscape Inc.*



By extending and modifying the fence on this corner lot, the designer hid an unsightly air conditioning unit, yet kept it easily accessible for servicing. Larger stones situated in the bed of river pebble create the illusion of a dry stream. The alternate wide and narrow horizontal boards of the fence ensure both privacy, yet allow some light to pass through into the concealed patio. *Sacred Space Landscape & Design*

# Before *and after*



## *Traditional charm*

A carefully designed modern landscape can enhance the character of an old building. For this front entrance overhaul, the designer chose elements that would carry the traditional English feel throughout the front garden. Wrought iron railings with square details mirror the moulding on the front door. Light-textured plants were chosen to soften the extensive brickwork in the stairs and landing. *Landscapes By Lucin*



## Mixing old and new

The before photo was taken by the contractor years ago after he completed the original landscaping for the homeowner. Called back decades later to update the overgrown space, the small oak tree in the first picture, now towers over the garden. Adding a new terrace and deck accented with nightlighting gives instant panache to this backyard, while a border of new paving stones was added to the existing paths for a fresh modern look. *Rockcliffe Design Centre & Nursery*



*Before*



*Before*

## City retreat

Working around an existing pool, the designer used armour stone to create simple retaining walls, columnar trees to screen a neighbouring park, and added a stunning outdoor kitchen, resulting in an outdoor paradise that channels Muskoka in the city. *Leishman Landscaping Ltd.*





*The short length of the pool was elongated by linear stone set perpendicular to the coping; injecting strong lines into the lush, layered foliage. Plants were chosen for texture and foliage colour, not flower colour.*

# Sophisticated *space*

**A** mature city lot called for some creative thinking to accommodate the client's requests. Sabrina Goettler, senior designer with Oriole Landscaping of Toronto, took up the challenge and met with the homeowners, who asked for a pool and hot tub, and entertaining space that allowed for both family enjoyment, and small corporate functions — all within this average-sized yard on a corner lot! Several large trees needed to be integrated carefully into the design as well, instantly anchoring this contemporary landscape.

*The property sloped to the house, but grades could not be altered beneath the large trees, so the features of the design were gradually stepped down toward the house. Goettler defined the planting beds surrounding the trees with Indiana limestone to match the dramatic coping on the pool.*



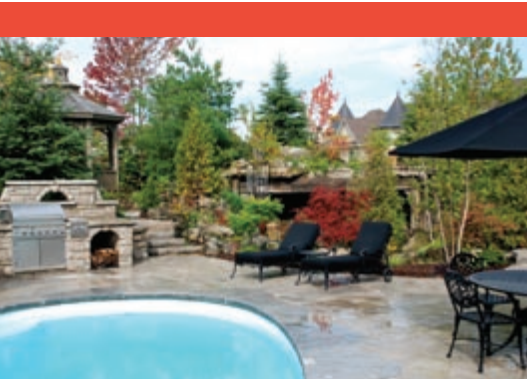
*Horizontal screening was designed to create a backdrop for the pool, hide the equipment and create framed panels for planting. The water feature is centred on the doorway of the home, and makes a focal point that can be enjoyed from the kitchen and dining areas.*

*The main patio houses a lounge space and dining area, as well as an outdoor cooking station with a custom polished concrete countertop and sunken wine cooler/ice chest. The wood detail beneath the counter mirrors the design of the screen behind the pool, unifying the elements of the garden.*



# Design for the Senses

**T**his dream project by Tumber & Associates of Orangeville contains many different elements, all artfully connected through the use of timeless design principles. Designer Randy Tumber sought to stir an emotional response with his naturally-inspired gardens.



*Mature trees were installed with tree spades, giving a natural backdrop to the garden. A pool cabana and transplanted fruit trees further enclose the backyard, creating a private retreat. The homeowners love to entertain, so a small fiberglass pool with custom built swim jets allows for a larger terrace area with many smaller multilevel locations for entertaining sizeable crowds.*

*An imported, Italian wood-fired pizza oven was installed in an underground grotto, made from rustic materials that add to the timelessness of the landscape. At right, A waterfall cascades over the edge of the grotto with a seated bronze figure mounted in the stream, “her” feet dangling in the water.*



## GET THE LOOK:

### Design tips from a professional

Designing a garden requires more than knowledge of the property’s dimensions and exposure. Randy Tumber offers these design principles that apply to any space, large or small.

**Know your goals** What do you want from your garden? How will you use it? For quiet meditation, entertaining, children’s activities? Do you have a green thumb, or are you looking for reduced maintenance.

**Repetition** Tumber likes to repeat the use of plants throughout his projects because, “You see it in nature.”

**Mystery** Curved lines and pathways help create a sense of mystery in the garden. “It makes you want to go farther,” says Tumber.

**Sound** Tumber introduces sound in many ways, including falling water and grasses. Even the sound of the wind whispering through the soft needles of a white pine is music to his ears.

**Scent** Fragrance is an effective way to trigger sensory experiences. “Planting ‘Star Gazer’ lilies by a front entrance gives people a pleasant aromatic experience upon arriving,” he says.

**Focal points** Rather than relying on one focal point, Tumber likes to integrate features into the landscape. “When nothing is dominant, it’s pleasant — more natural looking,” he says. Tumber uses carefully selected and placed plants to draw the eye around the garden.





*A series of connecting paths and water features draw guests to every corner of the property.*

# Trial gardens

## New plants in real surroundings

BY RODGER TSCHANZ, UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH TRIAL GARDEN MANAGER

New plants are always exciting, but how will they do in your garden? We have trialled new cultivars at the University of Guelph, Landscape Ontario in Milton and the Vineland Research Station — some of the best performers follow.



Gomphrena



Lobularia 'Snow Princess'



Papyrus 'King Tut'



Petunia 'Pretty Much Picasso'

**Lobularia 'Snow Princess'** is a reinvention of the old garden standard, sweet alyssum. Expect mounds of fragrant white flowers throughout the season; no seed set was observed in our trials which may explain why it keeps on blooming. It is a rampant grower as well, and easily complements fast-growing trailing petunias in a container.

Another reinvention of an old standard is the **Papyrus 'King Tut'**. This aquatic plant, originally from the Nile valley, grew very well last summer in both garden beds and containers. Make sure it receives sufficient water, especially in a container. With a mature height of 1.8 m (6 ft.) or more, this plant is guaranteed to add an exciting and exotic element to the garden.

Breeders are constantly refashioning the **Petunia** genus to increase the number of colours, bloom sizes and tolerance to stresses such as pounding rain. In 2009, we trialled 'Surprise Mandarin Twist', which adds a unique red/orange shade to the petunia palette; bloom quantity was exceptional as well. 'Picnic Amethyst' is a very small-flowered lavender blue petunia similar to calibrachoa; it stood up well to heavy rains. 'Saguna Lipstick', another small-flowered petunia, provided a very hot pink shade to the garden. Perhaps one of the most interesting and unique petunia colours is 'Pretty Much Picasso', which has a pink flower centre and green edge. Visitors to our trials either loved it or not, although everyone

commented on how different it was.

Breeders continue their quest to give us more colours of powdery mildew-resistant **zinnias**. Two cultivars that did well in 2009, and were visitor favourites, were 'Zahara Fire' (a single fiery orange-coloured zinnia) and 'Profusion Double Fire'.

The new pink-flowered 'Whisper' **nico-tiana** grows 90-120 cm (3-4 ft.) tall. In our 2009 trials, the season-long bloom performance was excellent under both partial-shade and full-sun conditions. The height, bushiness and abundance of bloom all contributed to its popularity with visitors to the garden.

**Coleus** or **Solenostemon** breeders strive to expand the colour range of its decorative foliage, for which coleus is primarily grown, and reduce its tendency to flower. Two new colours this year are 'Trusty Rusty', featuring copper-coloured leaves with a golden yellow margin, and 'Redhead', in a solid bright red colour. Both have reduced flower-set and tolerate both full sun and shade, in the garden or in containers.

Selections of **Euphorbia hypericifolia** have only been available to gardeners for the last three or four years, starting with the white-coloured 'Diamond Frost'. A new colour is available this year, 'Breathless Blush', which has a pink spotted white bract with purple spotted green foliage. This versatile plant can be used effectively as filler in mixed containers or in the garden.



Zinnia 'Profusion Double Fire'



Millet 'Jade Princess'



Heliopsis 'Tuscan Sun'

In the world of ornamental **millet**, gardeners are most familiar with a cultivar called 'Purple Majesty', a corn-like plant with purplish foliage. This year, 'Jade Princess', a millet with lime-green foliage and a dark purple-brown flower head, has been added to the repertoire. With a height of 60-75 cm (24-30 in.), it is much shorter than 'Purple Majesty' and is suitable for both container and garden use.

A new species for the trials this year was **Gomphrena**. Sometimes called globe amaranth, this plant is a drought tolerant, low maintenance addition to any garden, as both an ornamental and as a cut flower, fresh or dried. Six cultivars were trialed in 2009, in white, pink and purple. Of the six, one literally stood out above the others; with a height of 75-100 cm (30-40 in.), 'Fireworks' makes a very suitable cutflower, and because it has a loosely-branched habit, it gives an informal look to containers and flowerbeds. Its cone-shaped hot-pink flowers are tipped with bright yellow, suggesting fireworks.

It is very exciting to find a perennial that blooms from the time you plant it to frost, just like an annual. **Heliopsis 'Tuscan Sun'**

is a perennial with season-long bloom, and it has yellow daisy-like flowers and a garden height of up to 20 in. (50 cm). We are now testing its winter hardiness, but the literature says it can survive zones 3-9.

Another perennial with both first-year and season-long blooming habit is the new **Penstemon 'Phoenix Violet'09'**. This plant was grown in a sunny, well-drained site and produced large, bell-shaped violet flowers on flower stalks that reached approximately 40 cm (16 in.). Its season-long bloom habit was encouraged by regular deadheading.

**To see what's coming up in 2011, be sure and visit our trials this summer. The Open House at the Guelph site (328 Victoria Rd., Guelph) is scheduled for August 17. Or visit our Milton trial gardens (7856 Fifth Line South, visible from Hwy. 401) on August 26, 2010. For updates and more information, be sure to visit [www.plant.uoguelph.ca/trialgarden](http://www.plant.uoguelph.ca/trialgarden).**

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The advertisement features a white, textured background with a green silhouette of a person climbing a rope. A large, vibrant orange and yellow flower is on the left. A central photograph shows a woman in a white shirt and shorts performing a handstand on a green lawn in a lush garden. The text 'landscapeontario.com' is at the top in orange and green, 'Green for Life!' is in a green script font, and 'Get a Leg up!' is in a white, hand-drawn font over the photo. A red banner at the bottom contains the text 'LOG-ON and CONNECT with PROFESSIONALS...' in white.



# New Plants

## annuals

Plant breeders are listening to growers and gardeners, who are asking for low input, drought-tolerant plants that look great. There are some exciting new additions to this year's line up of new plant introductions, including some lovely low-water annuals and tough perennials that perform well all summer.

Look for these plants, and others like them, at your local

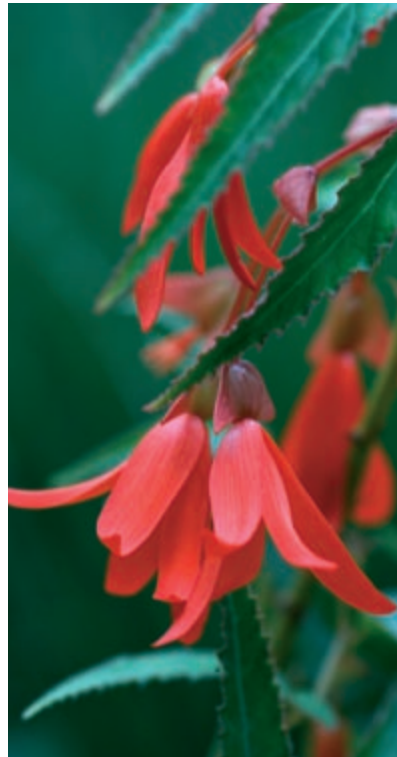
Landscape Ontario member garden centre this spring. Keep in mind that plants are a living commodity, and availability depends on more than weather and growing environment. Knowledgeable garden centre staff will be able to suggest similar varieties should the specific one you are searching for be temporarily unavailable.

### ***Antirrhinum majus* 'Twinny Peach'** **'Twinny Peach' snapdragon**



A snapdragon without the snap, 'Twinny Peach' is the first double-flowered snapdragon with a compact habit. Flowers in soft shades of pastel peach, yellow and light orange. Grows best in full sun. Great for use as a filler in mixed containers, or flower beds. Grows to a height of nearly 30 cm (12 in.). An All America Selections Flower Award Winner.

### ***Begonia boliviensis* Bonfire® Scarlet** **Bonfire® Scarlet begonia**



The original Bonfire® begonia was a huge hit several years ago. Bonfire® Scarlet has a very similar growth habit and flower, but in an attractive red. Like the original it is drought tolerant, takes the heat and sun, and will perform well all summer long. Bonfire® does best when planted in full sun, where it grows large quickly to create a sensational look. It flowers from early summer through early frost, handling more heat and cold than many other begonia varieties. Bonfire® recovers easily after water stress. Outstanding in hanging baskets and containers.

**Begonia tuberhybrida**  
**'Illumination Peaches 'n Cream'**  
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Illumination Peaches 'n Cream has an abundance of large double flowers in a soft spectrum of peaches 'n cream colour shades, creating a spectacular display in hanging baskets and large containers that will brighten shady locations.

**Calibrachoa hybrid Noa 'Dark Pink Carnival'**  
**Noa 'Dark Pink Carnival' calibrachoa**



'Dark Pink Carnival' combines a large pure white eye with a shimmering hot pink flower. Flower size is nearly 4 cm (1.5 in.). 'Dark Pink Carnival' flowers abundantly and makes a great 'spiller' in mixed containers.

**Catharanthus roseus Cora® Cascade™**  
**Cora® Cascade™ F1 trailing vinca**



Cora Cascade is a brand new series introduced because it is disease resistant to aerial *Phytophthora* – a common disease affecting annual vinca. This vigorous trailing plant fills large beds and landscapes and is perfect for baskets too. Large blooms cover the entire plant leaving no bald spots.

**Chrysocephalum 'Silver Fox'**  
**'Silver Fox' chrysocephalum**





Soft, touchable, but tough-as-nails grey foliage spiller plant for containers or flower beds. It is a heat-tolerant, low-water-need compact groundcover. Best in full sun. Grows 12.5-17.5 cm (5-7 in.) tall and 40-45 cm (16-18 in.) wide.



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# annuals

## *Gaillardia x grandiflora* **'Mesa Yellow' blanket flower**



'Mesa Yellow' boasts both a controlled plant habit and prolific flowering. The 7.5 cm (3 in.) daisy-like flowers offer bright yellow colour throughout the summer. Relatively maintenance-free, 'Mesa Yellow' has the added bonus that its flowers attract butterflies. Mature

plants reach 50-55 cm (20-22 in.) in a sunny garden. An All America Selections Flower Award Winner.

## *Gazania Big Kiss™* **Big Kiss™ Gazania**



Big Kiss comes in two colours, White Flame and Yellow Flame. These full bushy plants fill containers and beds quickly displaying big, 12 cm (4.5 in.) blooms high above dark green foliage. Big Kiss loves the heat and does well in low water situations.

## *Gomphrena Audray series* **Audray globe amaranth**



This tall series of *Gomphrena* is excellent for both garden and cutflower use. Audray will reach a height of 50-60 cm (20-24 in.) in the garden. Extremely tough, and will flowers all summer long even under hot, humid conditions. The home gardener can

cut summer blooms and simply hang them upside-down to dry and enjoy them year round. They are an excellent choice for mixed containers as well, with good texture contrast and floral display. Audray comes in three colours, Pink, Purple Red, and Bicolor Rose.

## *Gomphrena globosa* 'Las Vegas' series **'Las Vegas' globe amaranth**



The new Las Vegas series of globe amaranth grows 40-50 cm, (16-20 in.) tall, and comes in three vibrant colours, Pink, Purple and White. Heat and drought tolerant, the Las Vegas series thrives in hot, dry locations, and offers a bright mix for any sunny garden setting.

## *Ipomoea batatas Illusion™ series* **Illusion™ sweet potato vine**



Illusion™ Emerald Lace and Illusion™ Midnight Lace have a deeply dissected lacy and unique leaf form. Instead of a trailing growth habit, Illusion™ sweet potatoes grow in a mounding habit, making them less likely to take over

mixed containers. Can reach 15-25 cm (6-10 in.) tall, and prefers full to partial sun.

## *Petunia Soleil Purple* **Soleil™ Purple petunia**



Soleil™ Purple is a drought-tolerant petunia that loves the sun and tolerates heat. It grows when watered and flowers when drought stressed. Not only does this petunia require less water than usual, but it recovers well after several days without watering (if neglected after a short vacation, for example).

**Solenostemon  
Versa™ coleus series**



A must for sun and shade! These fast growers show off beautiful multi-colour foliage that stays the centre of attention all season, thanks to very late flowering. New varieties this year are 'Crimson Gold', 'Green Halo', 'Watermelon' and 'Lime'. Does well in sun to shade. Grows about 70 cm (28 in.) tall.

**Verbena Superbena® Pink Parfait  
Superbena® Pink Parfait verbena**



A beautiful new addition to the Superbena® line. Pink Parfait has large 10 cm (4 in.) flower clusters in soft bridal pink, that fade to a blushing white, and then finish to white with a pink eye, giving a two-tone effect as the flowers fade and new growth emerges. Reaches 15-30 cm (6-12 in.) tall, and prefers full sun. Great in mixed containers and hanging baskets.

**Sutera cordata Scopia 'Great Violet Magic'  
Scopia 'Great Violet Magic' bacopa**



Scopia 'Great Violet Magic' a large-flowered bacopa, is another breeding breakthrough with its profuse canopy of continuous bold violet colour. 'Great Violet Magic' has dense central-branching, dark foliage and dependable heat tolerance making it a versatile filler in hanging baskets, window boxes and pots of all sizes.

**Viola wittrockiana Mammoth™  
Mammoth™ F1 pansy**



Mammoth is the new extra-large flowered pansy on the market. These large flat flowers offer maximum visual impact in any garden display. Mammoth pansies are stretch resistant under warm conditions and their strong branching will fill any garden bed quickly. Mammoth is available in eleven big, bold colours.

**Tagetes Taishan F1 series  
Dwarf African marigold series**



Marigold lovers will appreciate this new super strong-stemmed series that blooms all summer with high-impact colour, little chance of disease and easy maintenance. Colours include: 'Gold', 'Orange', 'Yellow' and 'Mixture'. Grows 25-30 cm (10-12 in.) in full sun and spreads 20-25 cm (8-10 in.).

**Zinnia marylandica 'Zahara Starlight Rose'  
'Zahara Starlight Rose' zinnia**



Zinnias are old-fashioned flowers, but these rose and white blooms are a new bicolor. 'Zahara Starlight Rose' will grow 30-35 cm (12-14 in.) tall and wide in a sunny garden, bloom all summer and offer proven resistance to leaf spot and mildew. An AAS Flower Award winner.

# New Plants

## woody



### *Celtis occidentalis* 'Ulzam' Ultra™ hackberry



Hackberries are tough, hardy trees, and the breeder claims Ultra™ will prove to be a superior, stronger grower than the species and other selections currently on the market. It is disease free and hardy to zone 3. Ultra™ has dark green foliage which

turns a pleasing lemon gold fall color. It will reach approximately 12-15 m (40-60 ft.) in height and 12-15 m (40-50 ft.) wide.

### *Hydrangea arborescens* 'Abetwo' Incrediball™ hydrangea



A new and improved Annabelle hydrangea, with strong beefy stems to support the extremely large flower heads. Each bloom has up to four times the number of flowers as Annabelle hydrangea. Grows 120-150 cm (4-5 ft.) high and wide in full sun to partial shade. Hardy to zone 4.

### *Hydrangea arborescens* 'NHCA1' Invincibelle™ Spirit hydrangea



There have been some terrific breeding developments in hydrangeas over the past few years, and Invincibelle™ Spirit is a pink flowering form of Annabelle hydrangea. Invincibelle™ Spirit flowers on new growth, so even if the stems die back in winter, you will be rewarded with blooms the following summer right up until frost. Grows 90-150 cm (3-5 ft.) high and 90-120 cm

(3-4 ft.) wide in full sun to partial shade. Hardy to zone 4.

### *Syringa x* 'Penda' Boomerang™ purple lilac



This new reblooming lilac blooms in spring, then in mid-summer until first frost. Grows 120-150 cm (4-5 ft.) high and wide with a nice compact habit for small sunny gardens. Hardy to zone 4.

### *Viburnum prunifolium* 'Knizam' Knighthood™ viburnum/black haw



This native *Viburnum* has thick, glossy hunter-green leaves that turn a crimson-red in the fall coloring even before dwarf burning bush! Upright vase shaped, it can also be grown as a small tree making it a perfect alternate to serviceberries. It is drought- and wet-tolerant as well as disease resistant — no mildew! Hardy to zone 4, it reaches 3.6-4.5 m (12-15 ft.) in height and 1.8-2.4 m (6-8 ft.) in width.

### *Weigela florida* 'Carlton' Ghost™ weigela



Looking for an unusual splash of colour for your shrub border – Ghost™ will deliver with dark reddish-pink flowers in spring that rebloom in the summer months. Named for the greenish yellow foliage that gradually turns to an iridescent buttercream throughout the season. Grows 120-150 cm (4-5 ft.) high and wide.

Grows well in sun to partial shade – foliage does not burn. Hardy to zone 5.



# New Plants

## roses



**Rosa 'Harpageant'**  
**Easy Does It™ floribunda rose**



The only rose chosen as a winner by All America Rose Selections in 2010, Easy Does It™ has beautiful apricot pink- and orange-toned blossoms with pretty ruffled petals. The foliage is glossy green. Grows 90-120cm (3-4 ft.) tall.

**Rosa COI 05R211**  
**Pink Promise™ hybrid tea rose**



With a high centered bud, long stems perfect for cutting, a very soft shade of pale pink and sweet fragrance, this rose is the whole package. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

**Rosa Agriculture Canada™ Navy Lady**  
**AC™ Navy Lady**



The Wren Association of Toronto chose this rose developed by Agriculture Canada and grown exclusively by an Ontario grower to celebrate the Canadian Naval Centennial, 1910-2010. It has reflowering blooms

with a beautiful dark red velvet colour. Height and habit are average, good vigour, strong.

**Rosa 'WEKdocpot'**  
**Dream Come True™ grandiflora rose**



A stunning sight of catchy colours. Flawlessly formed yellow blossoms, blushed with ruby red at the tips, all set amongst abundant matte green foliage. The long-stemmed, long-lived blooms are great for cuttings.

**Rosa 'RADral'**  
**Carefree Celebration™ shrub rose**



The latest addition in the popular Carefree series stands apart in the landscape with its unique colour that is even stronger in hot, humid climates. Superior disease resistance.

# New Plants

## perennials



### *Astilbe* 'Delft Lace' Delft Lace astilbe



This *Astilbe* is creating quite a buzz with its dark foliage and pink flowers on red stems — the contrast is outstanding. This variety includes some *A. chinensis* genes for increased vigour and drought tolerance. It combines well with *Heuchera* and *Hosta* in partially shady locations. Photograph courtesy of Walters Gardens, Inc.

### *Campanula* 'Summertime Blues' 'Summertime Blues' bellflower



This new *Campanula* is outstanding for its large, silvery-blue flowers — and the growers says it blooms longer than any other variety they've seen. It has a clump-forming habit and makes a nice combination with some of the new *Coreopsis* in a sunny garden. Photograph courtesy of Terra Nova Nurseries.

### *Brunnera macrophylla* 'Diane's Gold' Gold brunnera



A chartreuse/gold foliage brunnera that holds its colour all summer. The breeder found this amazing seedling in his neighbour Diane's garden. It has proven to be vigorous and hardy in his Madison, Wisc., garden for five years. Looks equally good in the shade border or containers. Very showy in bloom with its sky blue flowers. Grows 60 cm (24 in.) wide and 30 cm (12 in.) high in filtered shade.

### *Campanula* 'Viking' 'Viking' bellflower



This new *Campanula* is impressive for its compact form, growing 35-45 cm (14-18 in.) tall with a profusion of large, lilac-purple flowers in early summer. It makes a nice companion for *Heuchera* or Siberian iris in a sunny or partially shaded location. Photograph courtesy of Walters Gardens, Inc.

### *Dianthus* 'Apple Slice' 'Apple Slice' pinks



This new *Dianthus* from Michigan has fragrant, intricately patterned, deep velvety red, 4 cm (1.5 in.) double blossoms. The blooms have pale pink to white blotches in the centre of each petal, with a matching narrow picotee edge. It makes a nice companion with *Salvia* or

*Stachys* in a full sun location. Photograph courtesy of Walters Gardens, Inc.

**Dicentra 'Burning Hearts'**  
**'Burning Hearts' bleeding heart**



From Japan comes this hardy new *Dicentra* with silvery-blue, fern-like foliage and cherry-red flowers, each with a beautiful white edge. It can be considered an improved version of the popular 'King of Hearts', with a darker flower colour and a longer-blooming habit. Photograph courtesy of Walters Gardens, Inc.



**Echinacea 'Hot Papaya'**  
**'Hot Papaya' double coneflower**

Double ray petals of spicy orange, with red-orange pompom centre. Grows 85 cm (34 in.) tall and spreads 45 cm (18 in.) in a sunny garden.

**Echinacea 'Maui Sunshine'**  
**'Maui Sunshine' coneflower**



Large, sweetly fragrant, bright yellow flowers, all on a vigorous, well-branched plant. For bes effect, combine with other *Echinacea*, or a dark-leaved perennial such as *Euphorbia* 'Ruby Glow' or *Eupatorium* 'Chocolate' for contrast. It also

makes an excellent cut flower. Photograph courtesy of Terra Nova Nurseries.

**Echinacea 'Firebird'**  
**'Firebird' coneflower**



This new *Echinacea* hybrid has it all — wonderful habit, compact size and charming, red-orange shuttlecock-type flowers. Dark cones add to the appeal of this beautiful coneflower. It makes an excellent companion for *Coreopsis* or *Rudbeckia* in a sunny location. Photograph courtesy of Terra Nova Nurseries.

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# perennials

## ***Geum* 'Totally Tangerine'** **'Totally Tangerine' avens**



This new cultivar is completely sterile, which means it puts its energy into flowering – not producing seed. The extra flower power produces an abundance of extra large, warm yellow-orange flowers from late spring through summer. Leonard Perry from the University of Vermont trialed this plant and reports it to be, “One of the top performers of all my new perennials...” It combines well with silver foliage in a full sun location. Brookdale Treeland Nurseries

## ***Hemerocallis* 'Just Plum Happy'** **'Just Plum Happy' daylily**



From renowned daylily breeder Darrel Apps comes this re-blooming hardy form with mauve-pink petals and a darker plum-coloured eye. It combines well with white-flowered neighbours and

*Sedum* in a full sun location. Photograph courtesy of [www.wefindplants.com](http://www.wefindplants.com).

## ***Heuchera* 'Berry Smoothie'** **'Berry Smoothie' coral bells**



Terra Nova Nurseries says this is one of its biggest “wow” plants this year. Originally selected for its amazing spring colour of rose pink, breeders were pleased to

find a big, bold habit with excellent colour year round. The large round leaves have colours from purple rose to rose pink. A delicious blend of heat loving *H. villosa* and cold tolerant *H. americana*. Grows best in part to light shade. 45 cm (18 in.) tall and wide.

## ***Heuchera* 'Electra'** **'Electra' coral bells**



From the *Heuchera* pros at Terra Nova Nurseries in Oregon, comes a new form that delivers what 'Tiramisu' promised — red venation that stays while the leaf changes from yellow to chartreuse. Combine with other *Heuchera* for contrast in a partially shaded location. Photograph courtesy Terra Nova Nurseries.

## ***Heuchera* 'Fire Chief'** **'Fire Chief' coral bells**



Glowing wine-red leaves adorn this beautiful new *Heuchera*. The neat mound is topped with bi-coloured pink and white flowers for an extended period as well. It combines with other *Heuchera*

and/or silvered-leaved plants in full sun to partial shade. Photograph courtesy of Terra Nova Nurseries.

## ***Heucherella* 'Golden Zebra'** **'Golden Zebra' foamy bells**



Red leaf veins blend into bright yellow foliage. A fast growing plant that will get to 25 cm (10 in.) tall and spreads 38 cm (15 in.) wide in part shade to shade.

## ***Hosta* 'First Frost'** **'First Frost' hosta**



This is an excellent variegated sport of the popular 'Halcyon' — intense blue leaves with golden margins in the spring that turn to silvery-white by summer. Its name comes from the fact that it looks great through until the first frost. Combine with

*Heuchera* and ferns in a partially shaded garden. Photograph courtesy of Walters Gardens, Inc.

***Leucanthemum* 'Banana Cream'**  
**'Banana Cream' Shasta daisy**



An abundance of double yellow flowers in summer. Compact habit. Grows 90 cm (30 in.) tall and spreads 115 cm (46 in.) wide. Great for filler in the garden and can be used as cut flowers.

***Thalictrum ichangense* Evening Star Strain**  
**Evening Star thalictrum**



A lovely woodland and shade container perennial with maidenhair-like foliage. Leaflets coloured olive, tan, and copper to red-brown are held on wiry stems, each with a central silver star. Tufts of lavender flowers float over the foliage spring through summer. Grows 22.5 cm (9 in.) wide and 30 cm (12 in.) high in light shade or morning sun.



***Viola* 'Heartthrob'**  
**'Heartthrob' viola**

This cool, new violet has relatively large emerald green leaves with a bold central burgundy splash, and lavender flowers in spring. Use with ferns and *Hosta* in the shade garden for an attractive combination. Photograph courtesy of Terra Nova Nurseries.

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