

What's New for '22

It's so fun to keep up with trends in horticulture — whether it's growing tomatoes upside down or new plant cultivars bred for improvements.

And when the new year's new varieties are announced and plant samples start shipping, it feels like Christmas day.

Here are a few trends I noticed among the samples I received this spring:



Speckled Petunias Continue to Make a Splash



The Danziger 'Splash Dance Poppin' Pink' petunia (photo, left) has a nice contrast of magenta and creamy white, and is perfect for my hanging baskets.

Selecta One's 'Headliner Enchanted Sky' petunia's blooms have a white star and speckles on a purple-pink background.

Cool and Colorful Calibrachoa



Danziger's 'Eyeconic Cherry Blossom' and 'Eyeconic Pink' have a yellow throat that contrasts nicely with the deep pink centers and pink petals.

Dümmen Orange added to its Tik Tok series with 'Tik Tok Grape' (photo, left). The purple and yellow pattern resembles the hands of a clock.

Tasty Patio Veggies on the Menu

Burpee's 'Patio Delight' F1 tomato is recommended for containers only, as it only gets 12 to 18 inches tall.

Burpee's 'Demon Red' hot pepper can grow in a patio container or in the ground. Its height tops out at 12 to 16 inches, with a spread of 16 to 20 inches.

Pollinator Paradises Prevail

Dümmen Orange's salvia 'Hummingbird Falls' might just make my hummingbird feeders obsolete. The trailing, hanging basket salvia has vivid blue blooms on dark calyces sure to attract the little birds.

Proven Winners' helianthus 'Suncredible Yellow' has the sunshine-yellow petals you'd expect, but with a russet red ring around the center. Bees and butterflies are attracted to it.



Butterflies and bees also flock to Selecta One's 'MiniFamous Neo Double Orangetastic' calibrachoa (photo, left), which provides single and double blooms and double bicolors.

For these and more, I'll provide updates from my home garden on our social media accounts. Not following us? Find us on Facebook and Instagram @LGRmag.

What 2021 or 2022 new varieties are you excited about? Drop me a line!

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