

# *New Perennial Introductions for 2022*

**Amsonia 'String Theory'** a compact version that knocks a foot off of amsonia's usual height.

Amsonia hubrichtii, commonly called "bluestar," is an under-used native perennial with periwinkle spring flowers and showy fine-textured foliage that turns gold in fall. The main rap against it is that some people think it gets a little tall and floppy with its three-foot height.



New for 2022 is 'String Theory,' This variety blooms a little later in spring than the species but still retains the periwinkle-blue flower color as well as the brilliant golden fall-foliage color.

This easy care, heat and humidity tolerant, deer resistant perennial is an excellent choice for gardeners looking for low maintenance or native perennials.

## **Pennisetum alopecuroides Lumen Gold**



Pennisetum Lumen Gold has marvelous golden foliage in spring that turns lime green in summer. In a colder climate, more sun gives a more yellow foliage! Lumen Gold has a compact habit and grows 12" wide and 10" tall. In summer, this beauty shows an abundance of brown flowers. Plant Lumen Gold in a dry, fresh and well-drained soil in a spot in the sun or semi-shade. Lumen Gold's brightest golden foliage color comes in spring. Plants then soften to lemon in early summer, then more to lime-green the rest of the year with a touch of orange in fall. Lumen Gold can be used as a solitary on patio or balcony, for mass planting (10-12 per m2), garden borders or mixed containers. When covered with snow, hardy to USDA Zone 5b

## **Fountain grass Worryfree Hush Puppy**



Pennisetum alopecuroides Hush Puppy is a non-invasive fountain grass with long-lasting pink flower plumes held over graceful arching green foliage. nice, full, and vigorous free-flowering habit with inflorescences that last much longer than conventional varieties like 'Hameln.' This is a long-flowering selection that won't reseed. Pennisetum alopecuroides Hush Puppy™ 'Tift PA5' PP31,027. Introduced by Emerald Coast Growers.

## Dianthus EverBloom series:

Enjoy everlasting color all season long with this little beauty, with its not so little flowers. With quarter-dollar sized blooms from spring to fall, this zone 5 new addition from GardenGenetics® will



EverBloom™ and outlast many of the competing varieties in the landscape. Currently available in three outstanding shades of pink, with deeper pink & white fringes, EverBloom™ Watermelon Ice, Strawberry Tart & Plum Glory will add the WOW factor, to any perennial landscape. EverBloom™ dianthus are 6-8" high and 24-30" wide habit at maturity, with enormous 1.0-1.5" large flowers. Flowers a single to semi-double blooms.

Continuous flowering in the landscape from May to killing frost • Quarter dollar-sized EXTRA large blooms for visual impact •Densely branched •Short strong flower stems with little to no flopping •Ground-cover or "alpine" type •Good disease resistance (no donuts!) •Height: 6-8" •Spacing: 15-18" •Spread: 18-24" • Bloom Time: Season long, late May to October •Habit: Groundcover •Light: Sun • Hardiness: Zone 4

## Lilium Apricot Fudge Longiflorum x Asiatic Lily



Very unusual, almost rose-like form; elegant, unique apricot-colored variety with double, rose-like flowers and chocolate-colored anthers that stand above the flower.

The lilies in this group are a result of much work in laboratories and fields to cross Asiatic Lilies with Longiflorum (Easter Lily) types. Most bloom early, have fragrance and great substance (like the Longiflorum types), but are out-facing like Asiatic Lilies. They show strength, disease resistance and tolerance to viruses, which make them exceptional for the garden, containers and also for cut flowers; among the earliest to bloom; zones 4-8. Resistant to Lily Leaf beetle.

## Hibiscus Summerific 'Edge of Night'



Featuring dark black foliage and 7"-8" bubblegum pink flowers with darker pink veins, this perennial will be a showstopper in your landscape! The darker colors of the foliage will be a fantastic contrast to lighter hues within your garden. Bloom times are from mid-summer to late fall, adding color later into the season. This will be a large and bountiful addition, spanning 36"-42" tall and 48"-54" wide.

Native to North America, this perennial does well planted within well drained soil or in bog planting amongst water features. This is a great addition near lower elevation areas within your garden that are prone to waterlogged conditions after a rainstorm. This is deer resistant, but enticing to your neighborhood bees. Use this in focal point planting, border planting and general landscaping.

## Coneflower Lovely Lolly



Lovely Lolly is covered in gorgeous, 2.5"-3.5" pink-red flowers atop deep purple stems. In full bloom, she stands about 20"-24" high and spreads 14"-16".

This great performer's blooms fill beds with brilliant color from June all the way through October. Lovely Lolly also looks great in borders, containers and summer bouquets!

Echinacea is often called a "prairie plant" due to its low-maintenance, hardy nature. Echinacea Lovely Lolly pairs well with other prairie plants including achillea, black-eyed Susans, and ornamental grasses. In addition, she also makes a striking impact planted among daisies and hydrangeas. Native plant.

## Anemone Spring Beauty Pink



From the Netherlands comes Spring Beauty Pink a brand new type of Anemone. A hybrid of *Anemone sylvestris*, its bubblegum pink flowers will encourage you to get in the garden to enjoy its beautiful blossoms. Extremely long blooming, its flowers first appear in spring and continue throughout summer. Delicate looking, but extremely tough, its perfectly pink flowers flutter in the wind attracting all the early pollinators with its nectar. Its emerald leaves mature into attractive mounds.

Growing only 12" tall and 15" wide makes the compact plant perfect for smaller gardens, and for the front of the border. It tolerates considerable shade. It looks beautiful in woodland settings and mixed with other perennials in cottage, cutting, and pollinator gardens. It spreads by underground rhizomes and can be used as a ground cover. New plants may grow near the original plant and can be easily transplanted elsewhere.

Plant Anemone in soil that has been amended with organic matter in part shade. Its ideal condition is dappled shade protected from the afternoon sun, yet it will also grow in full shade. Although once established drought tolerant, for best results water during dry spells, and when plants are setting up buds and blooming.

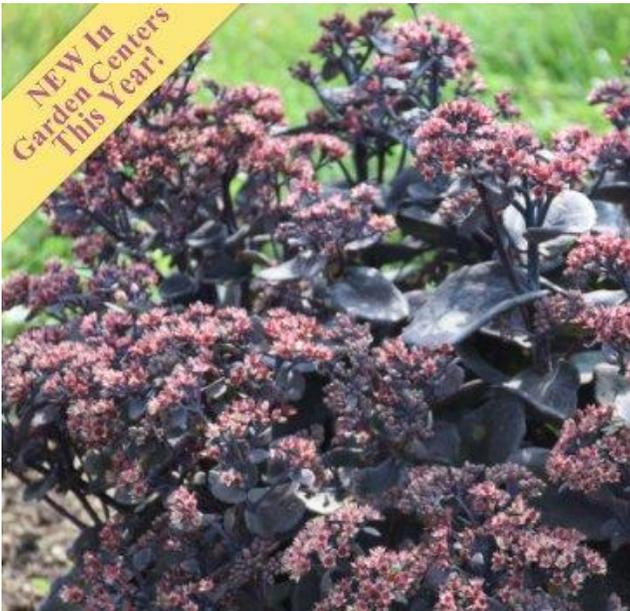
## Catmint Nepeta 'Summer Magic'



An outstanding selection that blooms and blooms all summer. The upright, deep lavender blooms are held high above the grass green foliage and never flop. This plant always looks great in a container.

Summer Magic is a new, extremely free-flowering grandiflora variety from the UK that blooms continuously from May to September. Grass green leaves and a great deep lavender flower color make for a great garden combination. This new catmint is compact and sturdy and never flops, even in the worst rain storms. You won't attract cats with this selection either. Compared to 'Walker's Low' and 'Six Hills Giant', Summer Magic has a much sturdier habit and never goes through that ugly mid summer phase. 15-18" tall by 15-18" wide zones 4-9.

## Sedum Rock 'n Grow 'Back in Black'



New to the ROCK 'N GROW® collection comes an upright Sedum with near black leaves. Enjoy the dark leaf foliage throughout the summer, and when late summer rolls around, flowers with deep garnet red centers and cream petals will appear. Great for adding a dark color to the middle of the border!

Tall, upright sedums form substantial clumps of foliage which can be substituted for shrubs in the landscape. Their stout, sturdy stems support the massive flower heads which develop in summer and burst into bloom in fall. If left standing, they provide winter interest and food for birds. 24" H x 26" W zones 3a-9b