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INSIDE:

MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE... plants affect all five of our senses



WITH MANY OPTIONS FOR TODAY'S CONSUMER to spend

discretionary and home improvement dollars, our category must continue to show these folks (all FOUR generations of them) why our products add so much value to their lives. The beauty inherent in our products is often the initial trigger that attracts attention, but it's the function that closes the deal. In this edition of Flourish!, we spend some time exploring different stories we can all tell when promoting the plants and flowers we sell.

Sometimes function is very clear when it comes to the plant palettes attracting attention at retail. Color trends are widespread for a reason – they reflect current tastes. This holds true in gardens across North America as savvy consumers gravitate toward stylish colors they see every day. Take a look at some plants fitting these trends on page 14. Similarly, plants certainly evoke emotional and sensory reactions. Learn more about this unique way to capitalize on senses on page 2.

Sometimes function results in measurable gains to an environment – or in this case, OUR environment. Pollinator plants and gardens serve as habitats for many plants, animals and insects. We are excited to showcase some top pollinator plants on **page 8**. Plant habitats can also be created to reduce environmental impact by reducing water use and increasing water retention. We have more on this topic on **page 12**.

It's my goal that by the end of this edition of *Flourish!*, you will have a new sense of appreciation of the plants and products we're all blessed to offer, and that you'll be inspired to pass along some of this knowledge. Plants are much more than pretty, and this is just the message to attract and engage the next group of shoppers!



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STIMULATING THE SENSES

Show your customers how a carefully planned sensory garden can be used for therapy, relaxation and to create an overall sense of well-being.



PLEASING POLLINATORS

Attract and captivate shoppers of all ages with suggestions on how to welcome pollinators to the garden.



WATER WISE: BEST BETS FOR HOT & DRY

Garden centers are in the perfect position to demonstrate how adding water-wise plants to the garden can make a big impact.



COLORFUL EXPRESSIONS

Colorful plants can speak volumes about the thoughts and feelings consumers want to project to the world.



TRADITIONS: PLANTS TO CELEBRATE

Keep moving plants and inspire customers year-round by promoting varieties that complement traditional holidays.



INSIDEOUT OUTSIDEIN

Your displays can show shoppers how to use plants and flowers to create a natural oasis at home — both inside and out.

Cover Photos:

NEW Paintbox Purple Mum NEW Lucky Star™ White Pentas NEW Midnight Snack F1 Cherry Tomato NEW Can-Can® Bumble Bee Pink Calibrachoa



AMERICAN NATURALIST
JOHN BURROUGHS SAID,
"I GO TO NATURE TO BE
SOOTHED AND HEALED,
AND TO HAVE MY SENSES
PUTIN ORDER." BUT WITH
NATURE, THERE IS MUCH
MORE THAN MEETS THE
EYE — ESPECIALLY WITH
SENSORY GARDENS. THEY
OFFER A WAY TO ENGAGE
ALL FIVE SENSES —
SIGHT, HEARING, TASTE,
SMELL AND TOUCH.



Stimulating #55ENSENS



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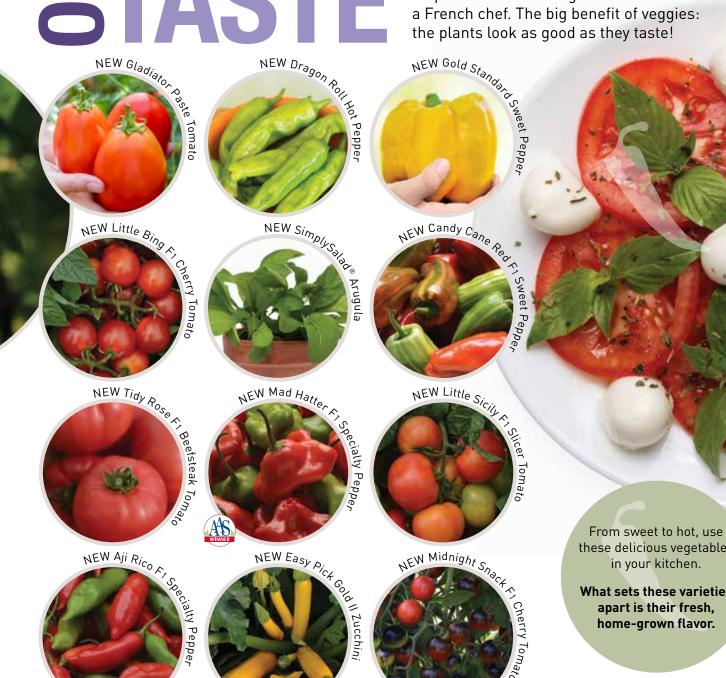
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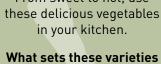
It's a Matter

THE PROOF WITH THESE PLANTS IS IN THE TASTE! Enhance the aroma and flavor of your favorite dishes with highquality vegetables. These tasty varieties help to make an average cook seem like a French chef. The big benefit of veggies: the plants look as good as they taste!





NATURE'S SOURCE® PLANT FOOD supports strong roots and beautiful foliage. Sell the same plant food you use to your home garden and landscaper customers to keep plants vigorous and strong.







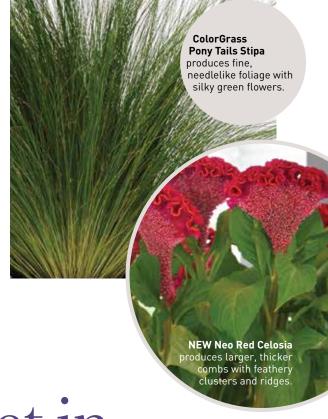


NEW TwistedTM Yellow Celosia's plumes have a unique, twisted, curly shape with a velvety feel.

FROM DELICATE TO COARSE and

spiky to furry, foliage adds another dimension to the "feel" of a garden. Flowers also make different impressions when feathery, delicate petals mix with bristly blooms. Textures give hands something to feel and examine.













display concepts grab shoppers' attention and inspire better

sales.



SOUNDS like a winner

Stimulating the SENSES

It's a matter of TASTE



Get in TOUCH with nature







AND BIRDS.

INSPIRE SHOPPERS
TO CREATE A BACKYARD
OASIS FOR BUGS, BEES



Pleasing Pollinators

Attracting pollinators creates a win-win situation for you, your customers and the environment. Home gardeners will appreciate the colorful plants they're growing to entice pollinators, and those plants will thrive and create a beautiful garden from early Spring through Fall, resulting in satisfied customers.









See what the buzz is all about.

ATTRACT AND CAPTIVATE

SHOPPERS OF ALL AGES



ON HOW TO WELCOME

POLLINATORS TO

THE GARDEN.

Use focused displays

of annuals such

as bidens, pentas

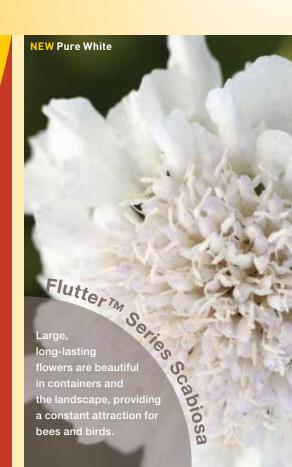
and lantana, and perennials like scabiosa and

buddleia, along with signs promoting

these as bee-attractors that are

beautiful and beneficial for

the natural world.







CAPITALIZE ON CONSUMER CONCERN ABOUT CONSERVING WATER WITH INFORMATIVE DISPLAYS AND FUN, FAMILY-ORIENTED PROMOTIONS SHOWCASING PLANTS THAT PERFORM BEST IN HOT, DRY CONDITIONS.

BEST BETS for HOT & DRY





As young people learn about drought and water conservation in school, and adults face community water-use restrictions and rising water bills, more consumers are looking for ways to save water.



HAPPY HOUR™ SERIES PORTULACA is great for hot, dry, full-sun conditions and offers large, semi-double blooms in vivid colors.



NEW BANDWIDTH

MISCANTHUS is a tough but

beautiful ornamental grass that

requires only light watering and

will return year after year.

NEW LANDMARK™
RED LANTANA is
a colorful addition
to Summer
gardens, with a
high tolerance for
heat, humidity and
drought.



DAISY FALLS™

SERIES

OSTEOSPERMUM
is drought tolerant
and excellent for
erosion control in
landscapes.



MESA™ SERIES
GAILLARDIA
stands up to hot,
dry conditions,
providing nonfading color all
season long.





NEW DAY® SERIES GAZANIA performs beautifully through the heat in containers and baskets, and as a garden edging or groundcover.















Garden centers are in the perfect position to demonstrate how adding water-wise plants like these to the garden can make a big impact.

NEW BLOOMIFYTM
SERIES LANTANA
is completely
sterile, so it offers
bright color and
flower power
even in the heat of
Summer.



BLUE STEEL
PEROVSKIA can
take the heat
and drought, and
always looks
fresh. This hardy
plant has aromatic,
silvery foliage with
clouds of small
blue flowers.

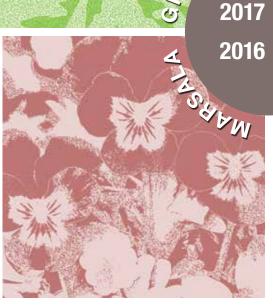


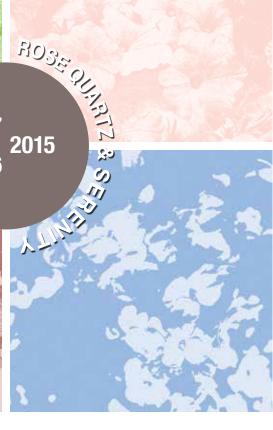
NEW LANDMARKTM
SUNRISE ROSE
IMPROVED
LANTANA stands
up to the heat
with vibrant
color, better
flower power
and improved
branching.





Shoppers can find the perfect shade to present their personality in these plants reflecting hot color trends from recent Pantone Color of the Year winners.





Colorful Expressions









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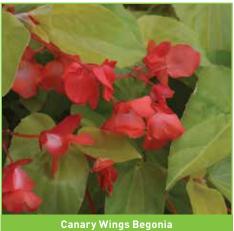




A fresh yellow-green that evokes Spring and renewal, this color encourages exploration and invigoration. This neutral tone also works to accentuate bolder colors in the garden, creating a pleasing background.







Warm
colors grab
attention in doorways
or on balconies and
patios. They can also
create a focal point in
the garden, making
larger areas appear
more full.

NEW Dreamscape™ Salmon Eye Cyclamen



NEW Ice Cream Salmon Celosia



NEW Gardenetta™ Passion Fruit Dahlia



Easy Wave® Coral Reef Petunia

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ROSE QUARTZ & SERENITY



NEW Revolution™ Salmon Shades with Light Eye Gerbera

Together, Rose Quartz and Serenity provide a balance between a warmer rose tone and the cooler tranquility of pale blue. Rose Quartz conveys compassion and a sense of composure, while Serenity is weightless and airy, like the expanse of the sky.



NEW AngelMist®
Spreading Bluebird Angelonia

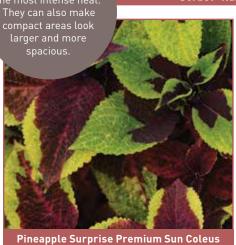




NEW Cheers™ Sun-kissed Amethyst Erysimum







COLOR OF THE YEA 2015



MARSALA



Rich, warm, velvety Marsala provides an elegant, earthy expression when used on its own, but it can be a strong accent color when used with other varieties. Its plush characteristics are enhanced on textured surfaces like coleus and heuchera.





Mother's Day Memorial Day

> NEW Moonlight™ Pink 18 Zonal Geranium

Early-flowering plants in lovely pastel shades are perfect for those special Spring occasions.



NEW Royal™ Lavender Ivy Geranium



NEW Bonanza Bolero Improved French Marigold

Plants to

NEW Fantasia® White Improved Zonal Geranium



Graduations,

Fathers Day,

4th of July,

Barbecues

Fourth of July Slicer Tomato



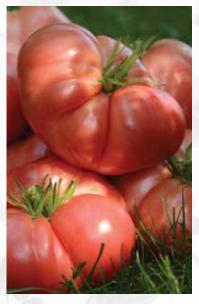
NEW Marcada™ Series Interspecific Geranium



Focus on flowering plants and fresh vegetables during the hot days of Summer when backyard parties and barbecues are frequent social occasions. Autumn-hued flowers and fresh vegetables for tailgate parties and cook-outs will draw more customers to garden centers when Fall arrives.



NEW Precision™ Pink Flamingo Ivy Geranium



Heirloom Marriage™ Big Brandy Tomato



Hot Pak™ Series Heat-Tolerant Extra-Dwarf Crested French Marigold

Keep moving plants and inspire customers year-round by promoting varieties that complement traditional holidays. Suggest flowers and vegetables that will tie-in with special occasions for all seasons of the year. Plants can trigger memories and strengthen connections between people.

Celebrate

Radiant Red Garden Mum



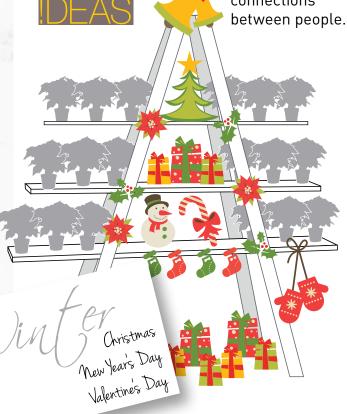
Feature brilliant red blooms for the Winter holidays and bring a sense of warmth to celebrations with family and friends.

Christmas Beauty™ Series Poinsettia





Christmas Wish Poinsettia





insideOUT

ou can help your customers create a stronger connection with nature by encouraging them to decorate with plants and flowers both inside and outside their home. They can dramatically change an environment by adding color, texture, interest and comfort.

Many plants considered to be "indoor" varieties, like tropical cannas, can be combined with tried-and-true items like calibrachoa in containers to create an exciting outdoor display to light up doorways and backyard patios.

Container gardening can be used to define spaces as well as add visual and architectural interest. Containers also can be easily moved to create a variety of different landscapes. Mixed containers offer unique color and plant combos that can serve as a focal point to a deck or anchor a patio seating area.









NEW Royal Dane White Exacum





NEW Princess Deep Blue Exacum

outsideIN

lot of plants and flowers that traditionally have been relegated to the "outdoors" are now being marketed as indoor "potted plants." Ornamental peppers and exacum in smaller decorative pots can enhance the color, beauty, scent, character and mood of interior spaces.

A whole range of large and colorful flowers, like celosia and sunflowers, are finding a new home on tabletops and in window boxes in attractive cut flower arrangements.

Inside or out, plants offer many options for decorating, and at the same time, can help consumers reconnect with nature.



NEW Samba XL Orange Ornamental Pepper









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2/STIMULATING THE SENSES 4D Osteospermum (Selecta One)

3/STIMULATING THE SENSES

4D Osteospermum (Selecta One) Blushing Beauty Osteospermum (Ball FloraPlant) ColorBlitz Petunia (Ball FloraPlant)
Debonair Collection Petunia (PanAmerican Seed) Dreams Petunia (PanAmerican Seed) Dundee Mandevilla (Selecta One) Garden Mums (Ball Mums) Headliner Petunia (Selecta One) MiniFamous Double Calibrachoa (Selecta One) Summer Romance Mandevilla and Dipladenia (Ball Ingenuity)

4/STIMULATING THE SENSES

Bandwidth Miscanthus (Darwin Perennials) Canary Wings Begonia (Ball Ingenuity) Coleosaurus Coleus (Ball FloraPlant) Jade Princess Ornamental Millet (PanAmerican Seed) Jurassic Rex Begonia (Ball Ingenuity) Mountain Frost Collection Dianthus (Darwin Perennials) Polar Berry Blackberry (Ball Ingenuity) Sombrero Echinacea (Darwin Perennials)

5/STIMULATING THE SENSES

Aji Rico Pepper (PanAmerican Seed) Candy Cane Red Pepper (PanAmerican Seed) Dragón Roll Pepper (Burpee)
Easy Pick Gold II Zucchini (PanAmerican Seed) Gladiator Tomato (Burpee) Gold Standard Pepper (Burpee)
Little Bing Tomato (PanAmerican Seed) Little Sicily Tomato (PanAmerican Seed) Mad Hatter Pepper (PanAmerican Seed) Midnight Snack Tomato (Burpee) Nature's Source Plant Food (Nature's Source) SimplySalad Collection (PanAmerican Seed) Tidy Rose Tomato (PanAmerican Seed)

6/STIMULATING THE SENSES

Bandera Lavandula (PanAmerican Seed) Clear Crystal Alyssum (PanAmerican Seed) Everleaf Genovése Basil (PanAmerican Seed) Lavance Deep Purple Lavandula (PanAmerican Seed) LaVela Lavender (Selecta One) Sweet Dreams Lavandula (Selecta One)

7/STIMULATING THE SENSES

ColorGrass Collection (PanAmerican Seed) Copper Prince Ornamental Millet (PanAmerican Seed) First Flame Celosia (PanAmerican Seed) Neo Celosia (PanAmerican Seed) Twisted Celosia (Ball Ingenuity)

8-9/PLEASING POLLINATORS

Bee Alive Bidens (Ball FloraPlant) Lucky Star Pentas (PanAmerican Seed) Rose Marvel Salvia (Darwin Perennials) Sweet Dreams Lavender (Selecta One)

10-11/PLEASING POLLINATORS

Flutter Scabiosa (Darwin Perennials) Foxlight Digitalis (Darwin Perennials) Kirigami Ornamental Oregano (PanAmerican Seed) Silky Asclepias (PanAmerican Seed)

12-13/WATER WISE: BEST BETS FOR HOT & DRY Bandwidth Miscanthus (Darwin Perennials)

Bloomify Lantana (Ball FloraPlant) Blue Steel Perovskia (PanAmerican Seed) ColorGrass Collection (PanAmerican Seed) Daisy Falls Osteospermum (Selecta One)
Happy Hour Portulaca (PanAmerican Seed) Landmark Lantana (Ball FloraPlant) Mesa Gaillardia (PanAmerican Seed) New Day Gazania (PanAmerican Seed)

14-15/COLORFUL EXPRESSIONS

Canary Wings Begonia (Ball Ingenuity) Dragon Roll Hot Pepper (Burpee) Everleaf Genovese Basil (PanAmerican Seed)
FlameThrower Salsa Verde Coleus (Ball FloraPlant) SimplyHerbs Collection (PanAmerican Seed) SolarPower Ipomoea (Ball FloraPlant) SolarTower Ipomoea (Ball FloraPlant)

16-17/COLORFUL EXPRESSIONS

AngelMist Spreading Angelonia (Ball FloraPlant)
Carnival Heuchera (Darwin Perennials) Cool Wave Pansy (PanAmerican Seed)
Diamonds Blue Delphinium (PanAmerican Seed)
Dreamscape Cyclamen (Ball Ingenuity) Easy Wave Petunia (PanAmerican Seed) Cheers Erysimum (Darwin Perennials) Gardenetta Dahlia (Ball FloraPlant) Ice Cream Celosia (PanAmerican Seed) Pineapple Surprise Premium Sun Coleus (PanAmerican Seed) Revolution Gerbera (PanAmerican Seed) Sombrero Echinacea (Darwin Perennials) Sorbet Viola (PanAmerican Seed)
Summer Romance Dipladenia (Ball Ingenuity) Sweet Dreams Lavandula (Selecta One)

18-19/TRADITIONS

Bonanza French Marigold (PanAmerican Seed) Christmas Beauty Poinsettia (Selecta One)
Christmas Wish Poinsettia (Selecta One) Fantasia Zonal Geranium (Ball FloraPlant) Fourth of July Tomato (Burpee) Heirloom Marriage Big Brandy Tomato (PanAmerican Seed) Hot Pak French Marigold (PanAmerican Seed) Marcada Interspecific Geranium (Selecta One) Moonlight Zonal Geranium (Selecta One) Precision Ivy Geranium (Ball FloraPlant) Garden Mum (Ball Mums) Royal Ivy Geranium (Selecta One)

20-21/INSIDEOUT

MixMasters Combos (Ball FloraPlant) Plug & Play Combos (PanAmerican Seed) Trixi Combos (Selecta One)

22-23/OUTSIDEIN

Autumn Gold Helianthus (Darwin Perennial)
Harlequin Ornamental Pepper (PanAmerican Seed) Intenz Celosia (Ball Ingenuity)
Joker Ornamental Pepper (PanAmerican Seed)
Miss Sunshine Sunflower (PanAmerican Seed) Princess Exacum (PanAmerican Seed) Royal Dane Exacum (PanAmerican Seed) Samba XL Orange Ornamental Pepper (PanAmerican Seed) Twisted Celosia (Ball Ingenuity)

24/WEBTRACK TO GO

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JANUARY

ORDER: Poinsettias FORM: Unrooted cuttings PLANT/Sow: July -

September FINISH/SELL: Christmas

FEBRUARY

ORDER: Perennials FORM: Liners, Plugs PLANT/Sow: July September FINISH/SELL: Spring

MARCH

ORDER: Fall Pansies FORM: Plugs PLANT/Sow: August -September FINISH/SELL: Fall ORDER: Perennials

Form: Seed PLANT/Sow: July - August FINISH/SELL: Spring - Fall

APRIL/MAY

ORDER: Perennials Form: Bareroot PLANT/Sow: September -November FINISH/SELL: Spring

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

ORDER: Spring Annuals & Vegetables Form: Seed, Plugs PLANT/Sow: December -

April FINISH/SELL: Spring

ORDER: Perennials FORM: Bareroot PLANT/Sow: February -April FINISH/SELL: Spring

ORDER: Perennials Form: Liners, Plugs PLANT/Sow: July -September FINISH/SELL: Spring

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

ORDER: Garden Mums FORM: Unrooted & rooted cuttings PLANT/Sow: May - July FINISH/SELL: Fall ORDER: Spring Bulbs

FORM: Bulbs PLANT/Sow: March - May

FINISH/SELL: April – Juné (packaged/bulk) ORDER: Tropicals FORM: Liners

PLANT/Sow: January -March FINISH/SELL: Spring ORDER: Tropicals

Form: 4 in. (10 cm) PLANT/Sow: March - May FINISH/SELL: Spring

JULY/AUGUST

ORDER: Fall Bulbs FORM: Bulbs PLANT/Sow: September FINISH/SELL: September October (packaged/bulk)

ORDER: Spring Annuals FORM: Unrooted cuttings,

Liners PLANT/Sow: February -March

FINISH/SELL: Spring Order: Perennials

(first-year-flowering) FORM: Seed

PLANT/Sow: December -February FINISH/SELL: Spring -

DECEMBER

It's the perfect time to review your orders for Spring crops and make additions/changes.

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