

# Perennial Perfection

**Acanthus mollis 'Tasmanian Angel'** - Zone 7. Stunning variegated white & green bold serrated leaves. 3' flower stalks of pink & cream.

**Achillea:** Zone 4.

**'Saucy Seduction'** - Hot pink

**'Strawberry Seduction'** - Hot red

**'Sunny Seduction'** - Bright yellow. Compact, basal branching & uniform. Beautiful flower canopy.

**Armeria 'Ballerina Red'** - New heat tolerant variety with large flowers on short, strong stems.

**Bergenia:** Zone 5

**'Lunar Glow'** - Yellow new foliage contrasts with rich green & burgundy leaves in winter. Pink blooms.

**'Magic Giant'** - Purple/pink flowers and purple-bronze foliage

**'Rose Ruffles'** - Fine toothed foliage. Very compact. Reblooms!

**Campanula 'Pink Octopus'** - Zone 5. Long blooming. Huge pink novelty blooms.

**Caryopteris:**

**'Gold Giant'** - Zone 6. New standard for gold foliated caryopteris. Flowers in blue clusters.

**'Petite Blue'** - Zone 5. A mini 'Bluebeard'. Much more compact.

**Coreopsis:** Zone 5.

**'Big Bang Red Shift'** - Giant red-yellow blooms in heat; deep crimson blooms when it cools down.

**'Big Bang Full Moon'** - Giant canary yellow blossoms. Very beautiful & unique.

**Corydalis 'Canary Feathers'** - Zone 4. The most vigorous and prolific yellow flowering variety that I've seen.

**Dianthus:** Zone 5.

**'Raspberry Swirl'** - White throat circled with red center & edged in red. Wow!

**'Pop Star'** - Deep fringed fragrant double flowers. Intense, unique blue foliage. Long blooming.

**'Starlette'** - Vibrant double magenta flowers with dark red center & fabulous foliage. Long bloomer.

**Dicentra:**

**'Spring Magic'** - Zone 4. Soft pink hearts float above rich green foliage.

**'Candy Hearts'** - Zone 3. Bright rose, perfumed hearts all summer. Fine foliage.

**'King of Hearts'** - Zone 5. Masses of deep rose flowers all summer. RHS Award of Merit.

**'Burning Heart'** - Zone 3. Deep red hearts. Compact.

**Echinacea:**

**'Green Envy'** - First green echinacea. Lime green petals and green cone.

**'Green Eyes'** - Zone 4. Shocking magenta with green cone that turns orange. Long lasting.

**'Pink Poodle'** - Zone 4. Fluffy pink 4" wide flower heads. 32" tall. Great vigor.

**'Mac n' Cheese'** - Zone 4. 4½" blooms of golden yellow with yellow cone. 26" tall.

**'Tomato Soup'** - Zone 4. 5" wide red flowers. Grows 32" tall. A real head turner.

**'Tiki Torch'** - 4½" dark orange flower with spicy scent. Holds its color well.

**Eryngium:**

**'Blue Hobbit'** - Zone 5. Dwarf (15"). Silver blue stems, blue flowers.

**'Blue Jackpot'** - Zone 5. Blue flowers surrounded by frilled blue bracts.

**'Sunny Jackpot'** - Zone 4. Compact with stunning frilled bracts. Long blooming season.

**'Jade Frost'** - Zone 4. Variegated foliage. Blue-green centers. Light blue flowers.

**Eupatorium 'Phantom'** - Zone 4. Very compact dark burgundy stems and lance shaped foliage. Ideal for small gardens (32").

**Geranium:**

**'Orkney Cherry'** - Zone 7. Beautiful burgundy foliage with delicate pink flowers.

**'Sweet Heidi'** - Zone 4. Perfect companion to 'Jolly Bee' with pink-blue flowers.

**Hebe 'Pretty n' Pink'** - Zone 7. Deep burgundy foliage with pink flower spikes.

**Helianthus 'Happy Days'** - Zone 5. Double anemone type. Golden yellow flowers with large double centers.

**Helleborus:**

**'Jade Tiger'** - Double ruffled series.

**'Onyx Odyssey'** - Black double bicolor.

**'Hot Flash'** - Zone 6. Fabulous silver-red veined evergreen foliage. Pale green flowers.

**'Ballerina Mix'** - Great blend of doubles.

**Hemerocallis:** Zone 3

**'White Temptation'** - White flowers with green throats.

**'Precious d'Oro'** - White flowers with yellow-green throats. Similar to Stella d'Oro.

**'Stella in Red'** - Wine red flowers with green throats. Excellent re-bloomer.

**Heuchera:**

**'Citronelle'** - Zone 4-5. One of the best hot limes with white flowers.

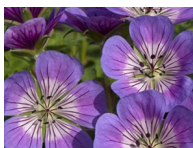
**'Frosted Violet'** - Zone 4. Pink flowers on plum coloured leaves with silver pink sheen.

**'Miracle'** - Zone 4. New leaves are lime with a red/purple splash. Pink flowers.

**'Pinot Gris'** - Ginger leaves with silver overlay & cream



*Echinacea 'Tomato Soup'*  
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*Geranium 'Sweet Heidi'*  
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jparkers.co.uk



*Heuchera 'Miracle'* Photo:  
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flowers.

**'Tiramisu'** - Zone 4. My favourite! Golden yellow foliage with heavy splashes of red on veins.

**Hostas:**

**'Earth Angel'** - Zone 3. 2009 Hosta of the Year. Pointed blue-green foliage with creamy white margins.

**'Golden Meadows'** - Zone 3. Darwin Plant Spotter. Three colour leaf variegations with gold margins. Good sun tolerance.

**Leucanthemum:** Zone 4

**'Goldrush'** - Semi-double white with center layer of golden petals. Compact. June-September.

**'Sante'** - Double pure white flowers on very strong stems.

**'Highland White Dream'** - Outstanding semi-double 4-5" white flowers on very strong stems. Blooms for months.

**Lupins:**

**'West County Series'** - Enormous, plump flower spikes.

**'Masterpiece'** - Unique colour blends.

**'Manhattan Lights'** - Fantastic purple & yellow bicolor.

**Ligularia:** Zone 4

**'Osiris Café Noir'** - Grows 24". Deep toothed foliage. Arrow shaped leaves with red veins.

**'Osiris Fantaisie'** - Grows 30". Thick rubbery leaves with serrated edges. Green-bronze foliage. Yellow flowers.

**Monarda:** Zone 4

**'Fireball'** - 36". Deep red flowers. Resistant to mildew.

**'Grand Marshall'** - Zone 3. From Manitoba! Fuchsia-purple blooms and mildew resistant foliage. 13-16" high.

**'Pink Supreme'** - Grows 36". Cerise pink flowers. Mildew resistant.

**'Pink Lace'** - Zone 3. Grows 20". Very compact with lacy purple-pink flower blooms. Amazing!

**Oenothera fremontii 'Shimmer'** - Zone 4. Silver green foliage with crepe paper yellow blossoms all summer.

**Phlox:** Zone 4.

**'Cocktail Series'** - Nice & short at 16".

**'Cosmopolitan'** - Hot pink with fire red eye & overlapping petals.

**'Piña Colada'** - Pure white. Huge overlapping petals.

**'Watermelon Punch'** - Salmon pink petals around white centers.

**'Strawberry Daiquiri'** - Intense deep red eye.

**'Purple Kiss'** - Deep purple petals and pure white eye.

**'Swizzle'** - Unique color combinations with pink-white overlapping petals and intense hot pink eye.

**Rudbeckia 'Pot of Gold'** - Zone 4. Shorter version of the famous 'Goldsturm'.

**Sedum:**

**'Autumn Fire'** - Improved 'Autumn Joy' with fuller, longer lasting flowers.

**'Lajos'** - Zone 4. Variegated 'Autumn Joy' with bright



*Hosta 'Golden Meadows'*  
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plantspotters.com



*Sedum 'Lajos'* Photo:  
skagitgardens.com

cream gold foliage.

**Tradescantia 'Sunshine Charm'** - Zone 5. New yellow foliage. Blue flowers.

**Verbascum 'Flower of Scotland'** - Zone 4. Plant Spotter. Low growing wine red flowers that re-bloom for weeks.

**Veronica 'Ulster Blue Dwarf'** - Zone 4. Very long blooming dwarf with stiff spikes of deep blue-purple flowers.



*Verbascum 'Flower of Scotland'* Photo:  
plantspotters.com

# Terrific Trees & Shrubs

**Albizia 'Summer Chocolate'** - Zone 6. Outstanding chocolate foliage with pink flowers.

**Cercis 'Hearts of Gold'** - Zone 5. Heart shaped leaves of deep yellow.

**Cornus:**

**'Golden Shadows'** - Zone 3. Pagoda dogwood. Hosta-like variegated leaves.

**'C. stolonifera 'Arctic Fire'** - Zone 3. Brilliant red.

**'C. stolonifera 'Arctic Sun'** - Zone 3. Like 'Mid-Winter Fire'.

**Hydrangea:** Zone 6. Large blooms. Dwarf plants.

**'City Line Berlin'** - Pink flowers.

**'City Line Paris'** - Intense red flowers.

**'City Line Venice'** - Fuchsia flowers.

**'Starlight'** - Dwarf. Pink blossoms on new wood.

**'Moonlight'** - Dwarf. Rose-red blossoms on new wood.

**'Endless Summer Twist & Shout'** - Zone 4. Lacy pink centres with large pink petals. Blooms on new wood.

**Physocarpus 'Centre Glow'** - Purpled edged gold foliage. Wow!

**Spiraea:** Zone 4.

**'Ogon'** - Brilliant yellow lacy leaves. White flowers.

**'Snow Storm'** - Massive white blooms.

**Weigela:** Zone 4.

**'Ghost'** - Deep red flowers on butter cream foliage.

**'My Monet'** - Totally unique bicolor. Ever changing foliage with rosy pink flowers. Compact.



*Cornus 'Arctic Fire'* Photo:  
pwcertified.com



*Hydrangea 'Endless Summer Twist-n-Shout'*  
Photo:  
endlesssummerblooms.com



*Weigela 'My Monet'* Photo:  
pwcertified.com

## Delectable Edibles

**Fig:** Zone 6. Ripens late July.

**'Lattarulla'** - Green with honey coloured flesh. Compact.

**'Peter's Honey'** - Green-yellow fruit. OK for containers.

**'Vern's Brown Turkey'** - Gourmet yellow-green variety. Needs heat.

**'Desert King'** - Yellow-green sweet fruit. Good Coast variety.

**'Stella'** - Large red-purple sweet variety. Good for the Coast.



Fig 'Lattarulla' Photo: treesofantiquity.com

**Gogi Berry 'Crimson Star' (Wolf Berry)** - Zone 5. Grows 6-10' tall with

bright red berries that are very sweet & high in antioxidants.

**Goumi Eleagnus multiflora** - Early pie cherry-like fruit. Grows 6' tall & wide.

**Lonica (Honey Berry Bush)** - Zone 3. Produces small blueberry sized fruits. Grows 4' tall. Needs two varieties for pollination.

**Medlar 'Royal'** - Zone 5. Grows 8-10' tall. Pick brown fruit in late October to be used for preserves or fresh eating.

**Olive Arbeguina Olea europaea** - Zone 7. Hardy to 10°F (-22°C). Grows 10-15' tall. Self fertile. Needs southwest wall and well drained soil.

**PawPaw** - Zone 5. Best to plant 2 for pollination. Full sun. Needs heat. Large fruit. Melon flavour.

**Pernettya (Chilean Winter Green)**

**'Snowdrop' & 'Pink Snowberry'** - Zone 7. Sweet, tasty berries in the fall.



Goumi Eleagnus multiflora Photo: en.wikipedia.org

**Persimmons:**

**'Nikita's Gift'** - Self fertile. Zone 5.

Hybrid of Asian and American persimmon.

**'Meader'** - Self fertile. Zone 5. Sweet 2" fruits if picked when soft (late October-November).

**'Izu'** - Asian. Self fertile. Zone 6. Grows 10-15'. Medium sized fruit with excellent flavour. Ripens late October.

**Pinus pinea (Pine Nut)** - Zone 6. In 8-10 years produces large cones full of nuts.

**Pomegranate punica** - More ornamental in coastal areas but does produce small fruits.

**Seaberry 'Golden Sweet'** - Zone 4. Grows 6' tall. Female produces sweet fruit. Needs male pollinator.

**Viburnum opulus (High Bush Cranberry)** - Zone 3. Self fertile. Fruit for juices & wine.

## Glorious Grasses

**Carex ciliatmarginata** - Narrow green leaf with dramatic white edge. A great woodland sedge. 3" high. Zone 5.

**Carex recoba 'Sunrise'** - Stunning yellow striped green leaves. Zone 8.

**Stipa lessingiana** - Zone 6. From southern hemisphere steppes. Drought tolerant. More robust than tenuissima.

## Basket/Container Plants

**Begonia boliviensis 'Million Kisses Elegance'** (white) & **'Million Kisses Romance'** (red) and **coming soon...**

**Begonia 'Bellagio'** - Apricot/blush pink. Available in 2010.

**Begonia 'Mandalay'** - Pink/orange/white. Available 2010.

All new heat & sun tolerant begonias. Fabulous flowers till frost. Great mildew tolerance. Tolerates both sun, part shade & humidity. Far better than the tuberous type.

**Diascia 'Wink', 'Darla', 'Devotion' & 'Flying Colors'**

All new series. More heat & sun tolerant. Long blooming varieties.

**Euphorbia hybrid 'Silver Fog'** - Similar to 'Diamond Frost'. Both are excellent white accents for any container or ground bed.

**Ipomoea (Sweet Potato Vine) 'Sidekick Black' and 'Sidekick Lime'** - Both are more compact for mixed containers. Heat & drought tolerant. Love sun & partial shade.

**Lantanas:**

**Proven Winners new 'Luscious Series'** - (Yellow-orange, yellow, mauve, pink-yellow bicolor). Has great heat, sun & drought tolerance. Flowers early because they are day neutral. Easy to grow. Attracts hummingbirds.

**Goldsmith's 'Bandana Series'** - (5 colors). Exceptionally large flower size. Nice mounding habit.

**Lobelia Goldsmith's 'Techno Series'** - In 7 colors. The big news is that it's heat & sun tolerant. Lobelias did best in shade & partial shade, now with this series, they can take full sun & make a huge addition of new color for sun baskets.

**Trailing Petunias:**

**Ball's 'Suncatcher Series'** (11 colors) & **'Double Waves'** (7 colors) - Earliest flowering and will not overtake other varieties.

**Proven Winner's 'Supertunia Citrus'** - Deep yellow throat, fading to white on the edges.

**Scaevola Goldsmith's 'Bombay Series'** (4 colors) - Nice growth habit. Heat & drought tolerant.

**Torenia:**

**Goldsmith's 'Torrie'** - All season. **Proven Winners 'Catalinas Gilded Series' & 'Gilded Grape'** - a new yellow.



Diascia 'Flying Colours' Photo: pwcertified.com



Lantana 'Luscious Series' Tropical Fruit' Photo: pwcertified.com



Torenia 'Catalina Series' - Blue' Photo: pwcertified.com

## Amazing Annuals

**Pot-tunias** - Earliest to bloom. Day length neutral.

**Ptilotus 'Joey'** - New! Heat & drought tolerant. Silver foliage & lavender bottle brush plumes.

**Rudbeckia 'Cherry Brandy'** - First cherry red rudbeckia.

**Violas** Vegetative. Bloom all summer.

**'Columbine'** - Purple & white streaked flowers.

**'Etaïr'** - Creamy flowers accented with purple edges.

**'Painted Porcelain'** - Lavender purple with dark eyes.

**'Rebecca'** - Cream blotched with purple.

**Zinnia marylandica 'Zahara Series'** (4 colors) - New disease & heat tolerant variety. Grows 8-12" tall & wide. 20% larger blooms than 'Profusion'

## Fresh Vegetables

**Cauliflower:**

**'Cheddar'** - Orange

**'Verdi'** - Green

**'Violet Queen'** - Purple

**Corn 'Devotion'** - White super sweet. 82 days.

**Cucumber 'Mathilde'** - French cornichon type. Can harvest small and needs no bees to pollinate.

**Melon 'Fonzy F1'** - 70-75 days. Early maturing. Deep yellow skin. Sweet, thick & firm.

**Pepper 'Hottie'** - Large habañero. Ideal for containers and small spaces.

**Tomato 'Tomatoberry'** - A new patio type. Super sweet taste and aroma and they look like strawberries! High yield of 1/2 oz fruits.



Cauliflower 'Violet Queen' Photo: stokeseed.com



Tomato 'Tomatoberry' Photo: tomatoberry.jp

### Remember Those in Need this Season

Our vegetable gardens often produce more than we can ever consume in one season, so this year, why not help others with your bounty? Contact your local Salvation Army Food Bank to ensure they are able to accept fresh fruit and veggies and, if they can, take any extra food you grow to them as part of this fantastic program.

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## Brian Minter's Picks Exciting New Plants for 2009

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## Award Winners

### 2009 YEAR OF THE TOMATO

**Our picks:**

**'Early Girl'** - Early variety

**'Fantastic'** - Mid season. Medium size.

**'Big Beef' & 'Better Boy'** - Big & sweet!

**'Tumbler'** - Novelty for hanging baskets & containers.

**'Juliet'** - Red grape type tomato.

**'La Roma Hybrid'** - About twice as productive as the traditional variety.

**New 'Patio F1'** - For containers.

**'Sweet 100', 'Sweet Million' & new 'Tomatoberry'** - Great cherry tomatoes.



Eggplant 'Gretel' Photo: all-americanselections.org

### 2009 AAS VEGETABLES OF THE YEAR

**Eggplant 'Gretel'** Grows to a 3' by 3' size & good for containers, with clusters of white, 3-4" fruit. Sweet & tender.

**Squash 'Honey Bear'** First acorn variety ideal for containers. Produces sweet 1 lb. squash in bush form.

### 2009 HERB OF THE YEAR Bay Laurel

Dates back to the 'Foodies' of yore. Pungent and earthy, a single leaf offers big flavour to soups, stews, roasts and more.

### 2009 AARS ROSE WINNERS

**'Carefree Spirit'** - Hardy true red shrub rose. Great disease resistance.

**'Cinco De Mayo'** - Nonstop display of smoky lavender & rusty red-orange.

**'Pink Promise'** - Pale pink. Sweet perfume. The official rose of the US National Breast Cancer Foundation.



'Pink Promise' Photo: jacksonandperkins.com

### 2009 HOSTA OF THE YEAR

**'Earth Angel'** - Pointed blue/green foliage with creamy white margins. Zone 3.

### 2009 PERENNIAL OF THE YEAR

**Hakonechloa macra 'Aureola'** A stunning grass with golden foliage spring to summer and pink highlights in fall. Cascading habit. Zone 5.



Hakonechloa macra 'Aureola' Photo: mytho-fleurs.com

### 2009 AAS BEDDING PLANT OF THE YEAR

**Viola 'Rain Blue & Purple'** Unique trailing habit with blooms that change from purple and white to purple and blue as they mature. Very pretty!