

## Classic City Award Winners from the Trial Gardens at UGA – 2021

Dr. John M. Ruter, Director, and Sandra Begani, Garden Manager

**Begonia DAYSTAR™ 'Primrose'** Terra Nova

**Calibrachoa Bloomtastic 'Rose Quartz'** Dummen Orange

**Lantana Gem™ 'Compact Pink Opal'** Danziger

**Petunia Durabloom® 'Electric Lilac'** Dummen Orange

**Rex Begonia Jurassic™ Series** Ball Ingenuity

**Coleus Colorblaze® 'Torchlight'** Proven Winners

**Impatiens Beacon® 'Formula Mix'** PanAmerican Seed

**Catharanthus Soiree Kawaii® 'Coral'** Suntory

**Tropical Hibiscus 'Hot Shot'** J. Berry Genetics

**Great Myrtle® 'Cherry Delight'** GardenChoice

**Heliotropium Augusta® 'Lavender'** Proven Winners

**Marigold 'Sumati Orange'** AmeriSeed



## Begonia DAYSTAR™ 'Primrose'

Terra Nova



Begonias are back in style and better than ever! With so many great selections this year, our favorite is the early-blooming, long-lasting DAYSTAR Primrose. These delicate pastel blooms stand out against the bold crimson and dark-green cascading foliage. This begonia is a treat to work with from plug to planting. This begonia hybrid is made for baskets and containers and stands up during hot days, sun, and heavy rains.



## Calibrachoa Bloomtastic 'Rose Quartz'

### Dummen Orange



The Dummen Orange Bloomtastic Calibrachoa series was fantastic overall! Each of our calibrachoa trials was evaluated in a container and hanging baskets, and Bloomtastic can do it all. The plants trail nicely with an open and attractive branching structure and healthy foliage. Pick a color- this series will delight a Southeastern gardener all season long!



## Lantana Gem™ 'Compact Pink Opal'

Danziger



For the second year in a row, the Gem™ series is true to its name. Each plant is nearly a perfectly spherical shape, and the blossoms fill the beds with color. The plants grew with ease and began to flower earlier than all other lantanas in the garden. The plants did not overwinter. A selection of Lantana that is a sturdy and reliable annual for beds or containers.



## Petunia Durabloom® 'Electric Lilac'

### Dummen Orange



Petunias are easy to love, yet sometimes they do not love our summer rains and muggy days. However, the Durabloom® 'Electric Lilac' has shown impressive resilience under all types of weather. Petunias are always the first plants to grace the garden in springtime and the last to be removed for fall. While the

series had a good performance overall, 'Electric Lilac' continues to shine in hanging baskets and large containers and belongs at the top of the list!



## Rex Begonia Jurassic™ Series

### Ball Ingenuity



2021 was indeed an excellent year for begonias! The Rex Begonias from the Jurassic series by Ball Ingenuity showed us all what rex begonias are capable of in the landscape. Pictured here are Jurassic™ 'Silver Swirl', Jurassic Jr.™ 'Red Splash,' and Jurassic Megalo™ 'Reptile.' Each one is capable of overflowing in a hanging basket or adding a burst of colorful foliage to a woodland garden display. In addition, these plants are fun and easy to care for, with minimal irrigation needed.



## Coleus Colorblaze® 'Torchlight'

Proven Winners



Each year gardeners look forward to the newest, hottest additions to our coleus selection! Their versatility and ease of growth make gardening easy, and their colors continue to amaze. The Colorblaze™ 'Torchlight' can provide a gigantic display up to 48" or pruned into a more compact plant. Foliage looks excellent under sunny, hot conditions without fading. Coleus also makes a great addition to a vase for creative floral table arrangements.



## Impatiens Beacon® 'Formula Mix'

PanAmerican Seed



There was a time when impatiens were not available due to a myriad of pathogen issues. Thanks to the Beacon 'Formula Mix' from PanAmerican Seed, our impatiens bed was brimming with great color. Our plants were grown from seed to 4in pots and planted in a bed which receives morning sun and afternoon shade. The deep green foliage complements the bold 'Violet Shades,' 'White,' 'Red,' 'Rose,' and 'Coral.' All of our shaded woodland backyards could use a few plants from this collection. Plants maintain uniformity while filling the space nicely and rounding out the edges of the bed.





## Catharanthus Soiree Kawaii® 'Coral'

Suntory



Have you seen Catharanthus Soiree Kawaii® in your local landscape? If not, be on the lookout because this plant needs to be planted around the Southeast for everyone to enjoy! The 'Coral' cultivar provides a sea of color, a knock-out in hot and humid weather, and tolerance of clay soils; the 'Coral' cultivar provides a sea of color. The flowers are small but mighty, and the foliage is bright and eye-catching. Suntory recommends planting multiple colors together in a single pot and watch how they grow into a bunch and complement one another!

## Tropical Hibiscus 'Hot Shot'

J. Berry Genetics



Wow. The tropical 'Hot Shot' hibiscus from J. Berry will blow you away! These plants are as lovely as they are tough. Planted in various microclimates around the garden, the plants provided non-stop deep red flowers from start to finish. This hibiscus will put on a show on a sunny roadside with heavy traffic or potted in containers. The plants bloom continually and maintain upright form without staking or manipulation. This attractive color will draw lots of attention and will be around for a long time.

## Great Myrtle® 'Cherry Delight'

GardenChoice



Everyone loves a crepe myrtle, but have you seen Great Myrtles®? These darling shrubs can be contained in planters and functioning as foundation plantings around the house wherever the sun is plentiful. So give them a chance- they will show you a whole new reason to love your old favorite plant. The Great Myrtle® is a genuine mini and can be cut back to the ground each year to produce a lush and compact flowering shrub the following season. They will compliment or provide an alternative to a fussy rose garden or hot sunny slope with less maintenance for the landscaper.



## **Heliotropium Augusta® ‘Lavender’**

### **Proven Winners**

Heliotropium is an old-fashioned favorite. However, at the UGA Trial Gardens, we have not forgotten the country garden charm of the sweet-scented mounding annual. This hybrid is well-behaved and will fill a small space with light purple fragrant flowers all summer long. Pollinators will appreciate the aroma and provide lots of activity in your garden. Tolerant of heat and humid weather, Augusta® ‘Lavender’ goes perfectly with a rocking chair and a glass of lemonade!



## Marigold 'Sumati Orange'

AmeriSeed



Fall brings us images of bright orange pumpkins, pies, and marigolds! Our grand finale winner of the Classic City Award goes to the 'Sumati Orange' Marigold from AmeriSeed. Not only in fall but all through the early spring and summer sun, these marigolds have flower power! Plants grown from seed are healthy, quickly germinating, and ready for planting in 2-3 weeks. Stems are tall and perfect for cut-flower production. Thank you, AmeriSeed, for providing our visitors with outstanding outdoor color from day one!

**A huge thank you to these excellent companies who trialed  
with us for the 2021 season!**

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**American Takii**

**Ball FloraPlant**

**Ball Ingenuity**

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