Super heroes

Calibrachoa are a new type of plant that are related to (and thus resemble miniature versions of) petunias — except Proven Winners' new Superbells Dreamsicle variety isn't sticky, perks right back up after it rains, and stays compact and bushy even when stressed. The plant blooms from early spring through those first light frosts. At just 6 to 10 in. tall, the plants are a hummingbird favorite and are tolerant to heat and disease. It's an annual except in Zones 9 to 11. The cascading plant is low-maintenance — no dead-heading necessary. For more information, visit www.provenwinners.com.

Seasonal colors

Sorbaria sorbifolia 'Sem, Ural False Spirea, is a new cultivar from Garden Splendor. Hardy to Zone 2, this compact shrub offers early bronze, fern-like foliage turning green and accented by white flowers in summer, followed by a reddish autumn color. It enjoys partial shade, growing 3 to 4 ft. tall and 4 to 6 ft. wide. For more information, visit garden-splendor.com.

Oh, snap

Serena Angelonia White (Angelonia angustifolia) is a summer snapdragon from PanAmerican Seed that produces full, yet compact plants. It loves sun and grows 10 to 12 in. high and 12 to 14 in. wide. The low-maintenance, continuous bloomer thrives in landscapes, gardens and mixed containers, growing up to 50% larger in Florida-like conditions. For more information, visit www.panamseed.com.

Double petals

Novalis presents Skagit Gardens' fluted Gaillardias. Tizzy, one of two varieties in the Commotion Series, shows strong, hybrid vigor, but still has a manageable mounding habit. The petal count per bloom is higher than other fluted forms, giving a full, almost semi-double appearance. Early in the season, both varieties offer red and burgundy tones with hints of yellow. By summer's end, orange plays into the red. Hardy to Zone 5, the plants enjoy full sun and grow to 18 to 24 in. tall. For more information, visit www.novalis.com.

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