New look for Liberty Cannas

Although cannas have been in cultivation for more than 400 years, medieval gardeners would be stunned by the changes in modern-day varieties.

The tall, large-leaved plants originate from South America and the West Indies, and are spectacular in bloom.

In the mid-70s, hybridizers were quick to fill the need for compact-flowering cannas

with short sturdy stems. Jack Roberson, owner of American Daylily & Perennials, Grain Valley, Mo., was one of the first successful canna hybridizers. His compact Liberty canna is trademarked, and known for its dwarf growth habit and tendency for rapid increase. It is also tolerant of heat, rot and leaf roller worm.

Two varieties you should consider are:



Liberty Cantaloupe: clear melon bloom.

Liberty Scarlet: grow on three-foot stalks.

Liberty Cantaloupe Canna, with a mouth-watering clear melon bloom, for use with ornamental grasses or soft-colored perennials. The blossoms are set on stalks that reach to more than three feet high, with clean, bright green foliage.

The Liberty Scarlet Canna features extra large, seven-inch flowers of bright, lipstickred, set against unusual burgundy foliage on three foot stalks.

Liberty Scarlet increases rapidly, but is slow to set seed, and maintains a clean look long into the season. □

SOURCE: AMERICAN DAYLILY & PERENNIALS, (816) 224-2852; FAX: (816) 443-2849.

Knock out the competition ...

with the only pre-emerge that prevents establishment of undesirable grasses in newly seeded stands.

- Can be applied prior to, at the time of, or after seeding.
- Highly effective crabgrass control.
- Convenient, sprayable formulation.

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