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British beauty

Named for a lake in northwest England, the repeat-flowering *Rosa* 'Windermere' (Aushomer) from **David Austin Roses** features about 80 petals. Its rounded buds open to full, cupped flowers. The blooms are cream at first, paling to white. They have a fruity fragrance with a hint of citrus. This is a free-flowering variety that continues to bloom until late in the season. Its attractive, neat and compact bush produces several basal shoots with few thorns. The plant grows to about 3 x 3 ft., and is hardy in USDA zones 5-9. **DavidAustinRoses.com**



This ... is Garden Idol!

During the January 2011 American Nursery & Landscape Association (ANLA) Clinic, First Editions Little Devil from Bailey Nurseries took top honors at the ANLA "Garden Idol" live event. Voted the best new plant introduction for 2011, this compact ninebark captured the attention of the judges and attendees. Growing only to 4 ft., it makes a great background for a flowerbed or as a shrub border. Little Devil packs a lot of color and texture into a small package, featuring deep burgundy foliage throughout the season and small whitepink clusters of flowers in June. Videos of all the Garden Idol contestants will be released in the ANLA Knowledge Center soon. The second phase of ANLA's online voting began on March 1, 2011. BaileyNurseries.com

Cool kale

As the 2011 Cool Season Bedding Plant Award Winner, **American Takii**'s 'Glamour Red' F1 is All-America Selections' first winning kale (edible or ornamental) in 78 years of trialing. The ornamental kale features shiny, waxless leaves. It is a fringed leaf type *Brassica oleracea*, with a flower head size of 10 to 12 in. Leaf

coloring begins when night temperatures fall below 55°F for approximately two weeks. Expect good disease tolerance in all regions for this full sun annual, with frost-tolerant blooms from November to March in warmer climates. Takii.com



Gorgeous gaillardia

The blooms of Benary's Gaillardia 'Arizona Apricot' have yellow edges that deepen to apricot in the center. Boasting 3- to 3.5-in. daisy-like flowers, it will bloom from early summer into autumn. The compact, 12-in.-tall plants offer bright green foliage and a uniform habit best viewed when planted to the front of the flower bed. The plant is free-flowering, blooming heavily without vernalization, covering the plant with bright blooms that look great in mass. This long-flowering perennial is hardy in USDA zones 2-10, is relatively maintenance free, and drought-tolerant once established. Benary.com

Waterlily winner

Nymphaea 'Wanvisa' was recently honored by the International Waterlily and Water Garden Societies as the Best New Waterlily for 2010 and the Best New Hardy Waterlily, from more than 30 entries in the contest. It was also named as one of the society's 2011 Collector's Aquatic Plant of the Year (CAPY). The lily boasts salmon pink to peach-colored flowers with flecks of cream to pale yellow accents. The leaves display a marbled appearance. 'Wanvisa's' story of recognition was nearly bypassed entirely because it was viewed as an abnormality in a cultivated water lily field

in Thailand. The water lily nursery owner was concerned it would contaminate her prized *Nymphaea* 'Joey Tomocik,' a vibrant yellow hardy water lily that was growing alongside 'Wanvisa.' But water lily hybridizer Dr. N. Nopchai Chansilpa immediately recognized there was something extraordinary about this plant, and helped bring it to its current prominence. 'Wanvisa' is available in limited shipments in April, May, June and July 2011. IWGS.org/2011-CAPY-Purchasing.html

