

Hot, hot, hot

The *Pelargonium interspecific* 'Caliente' series from **Syngenta Flowers/Goldsmith Seeds** features dark foliage and free flowering qualities. This new class of geraniums is an ivy and zonal geranium cross, bred to have better heat tolerance. Colors include orange (pictured), pink and Hot Coral. SyngentaFlowersInc.com



The bold and the beautiful

New for 2012, *Gardenia jasminoides* 'Coconut Magic' is a **Ball Ornamentals** exclusive. At 5 to 6 in. in diameter, its creamy white flowers are the largest of any gardenia, and have fragrant blooms all summer long, the company says. The low-maintenance plant slowly changes to golden yellow blooms over the season, and doesn't need pruning. Both its height and spread range from 36 to 48 in., and it's hardy in USDA Zones 8b to 11. BallHort.com



Earned its stripes

Reaching 20 in. tall and 24 in. wide, **Monrovia's** new Sun Stripe *Agapanthus africanus* 'Mon-Kageyama' is hardy in USDA Zones 8 through 11. Discovered by F.K. Nursery in Los Angeles, the center is green marbled with yellow stripes, bordered with a wide, soft yellow. Blue flower stalks appear in summer, thriving in perennial gardens or containers. It works well in morning sun, but appreciates dappled shade in hot afternoon. Monrovia.com

Compact stature

As the dwarf form of the popular 'Lime-light' Hydrangea, **Proven Winners'** 'Little Lime' is one-third the size of traditional hardy hydrangeas. Each year, the summer flowers on this deciduous shrub open soft green and turn pink and burgundy in fall. It does best in partial to full sun, and is hardy in USDA Zones 3 to 9. ProvenWinners.com



Just desserts

New in **Terra Nova's** Crisp Series (which also includes 'Blackberry Crisp,' 'Peach Crisp' and new 'Pear Crisp,'), 'Apple Crisp' alum root features ruffled green leaves and a white veil. Its tight, compact mounding habit is suited for moderately well-drained, organic soil types in Zones 4 through 9. The heat-, drought- and humidity-tolerant plant attracts hummingbirds and offers nice winter color. TerraNovaNurseries.com



Worthy namesake

Hardy in USDA Zones 5 through 9, **David Austin Roses'** repeat-flowering English Rose *Rosa* 'Kew Gardens' offers 2.5-in. flowers with five petals. Abundant single flowers are clustered in large heads, similar to a hydrangea. The young buds are soft apricot, opening to white with a hint of soft lemon behind the stamens. The flowers are followed by small red hips, which should be removed to encourage repeat flowering from early summer through the end of the season. Reaching approximately 5 ft. tall by 3 ft. wide, the healthy, thornless bush features upright growth. It was named in celebration of the 250th anniversary of Kew Gardens, the famous Royal Botanical Garden in London. DavidAustinRoses.com