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## Fun in the sun

Bred by **Seeds By Design**, the Ornamental Pepper 'Black Olive' plant is a 2012 All-America Selections winner. Judges said this entry was a standout, especially in southern gardens where heat was a major presence during the 2011 trials. All season long, this plant kept its upright habit with draping leaves and dark purple/black fruit, which appeared in small clusters along the stems. As summer progresses, the fruits mature to red, giving contrast against the dark purple foliage and bright purple flowers. It's great as a 20-in. border plant or a color splash for containers. **SeedsByDesign.com** 

#### **Stop traffic**

'Brakelights Red Yucca' is **Monrovia**'s semi-exclusive compact new color selection of *Hesperaloe parviflora*.



With vibrant red flowers and gray-green foliage, this compact grower reaches 2 ft. tall. It's hardy in USDA Zones 6 through 10 and requires good drainage. Because it does not set seed, it offers a longer bloom period. **Monrovia.com** 



#### **Pleasure cruise**

The repeat-flowering *Rosa* 'The Endeavour' (Ausdisco) from **David Austin Roses** features approximately 50 petals. With dark green leaves, the upper side of the petals is salmon-tinted, while the reverse is soft yellow. The growth remains compact even in the hotter areas — in fact, this is a variety best suited to the warmer U.S. regions (zones 5 through 9). It reaches 4 by 3.5 ft. as a garden bush or up to 8 ft. as a climber. The flower is named for the

*HMS Endeavour*, commanded by Lt. James Cook. It carried the famous explorer on his first voyage to the Pacific Ocean, where he discovered and claimed New Zealand (1769), Australia (1770) and a multitude of Pacific islands for the British crown. **DavidAustinRoses.com** 





#### **Silver lining**

Well-suited to cool-season containers and landscapes, **Ball's** new '3D Silver' osteospermum features blooms that stay open all day and night. The mounded African daisy plant grows between 10 and 14 in. tall and 18 to 24 in. wide. Other new varieties in the 3D line include 'Berry White' and 'Coral Sand,' joining the existing pink and purple colorways. **BallHort.com** 



### **Easy-care evergreen**

Giokumo Cryptomeria is a dwarf Cryptomeria japonica selection with year-round interest introduced by Garden Debut late last year. This compact, densely pyramidal Japanese cedar has a vigorous growth rate. Early growth in the first three to four years is mounding and spreading, but it matures at a height between 8 and 10 ft. and a width of about 6 to 8 ft. after 20 to 30 years. For added interest, Giokumo sports persistent, cinnamon-colored decorative female cones about 3/4-in. long. It has deep green coloration and 3/8-in.-long, spirally arranged, awl-shaped needles that curve inward with a thick, dense habit. Branchlets are eventually deciduous, typically lasting three to four years. GreenleafNursery.com

#### **Dilly of a dahlia**

Taking second place at the American Garden Awards in 2011, **Fides Oro**'s 'Dahlinova Hypnotica Lavender' flowers over and over, even in a partial sun environment, according to the company. Other colors in the Hypnotica series include red, orange, yellow, white, pink, light pink and coral; bi-colors in bronze, rose and purple; "Dark Night" and new "Cherish Pink." **Dahlinova.com** 



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