

## Horticulture



All America Selections is a non-profit organization which has tested and introduced significantly improved new flowers and vegetables grown from seed and bedding plants for 67 years. AAS tests are conducted at trial grounds across North America with official AAS Judges supervising the trials. Listed below are the 2002 AAS Winners. For information visit [www.all-americaselections.org](http://www.all-americaselections.org).

# 2002 All America Selections



### Vinca 'Jaio Scarlet Eye'

Vinca or Catharanthus roseus 'Jaio Scarlet Eye' is a distinct rose-scarlet flower color with a small white center. There is no other vinca with this flower color. The two-inch, non-fading blooms cover the handsome one-foot tall plants. Tested across North America, 'Jaio Scarlet Eye' proved to be heat and drought tolerant. This improved vinca is perfect for gardeners who want season long garden color with minimal garden care. It is easy to grow in a full sun garden or in patio containers.



### Geranium 'Black Magic Rose'

The unusual bicolor leaf pattern distinguishes 'Black Magic Rose' from all other hybrid geraniums. Each leaf has a black center with a green leaf edge. The exceptionally dark foliage contrasts with the bright rose florets and each floret has a small white center. 'Black Magic Rose' is proven to be heat tolerant and flowers freely throughout the growing season. A strong plant, 'Black Magic Rose' can be 10 to 14 inches tall and spread 14 to 18 inches depending upon available nutrients and water. Best performance will occur in full sun. This geranium is perfect for container culture.

### Cleome 'Sparkler Blush'

'Sparkler Blush' flowers freely all season. The plants are covered with pink flowers and are more refined, reaching only 3 feet tall. This smaller size allows gardeners to grow this old fashioned annual in gardens



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with less space and not overwhelm the design. Heat and drought tolerant, 'Sparkler Blush' is a carefree plant. Adaptable to most soil types and growing conditions, 'Sparkler Blush' is a remarkable plant.



### Pansy 'Ultima Morpho'

This AAS Winner has a distinct bicolor design. The upper petals are mid-blue with bright, lemon yellow lower petals and rays or whiskers radiate from the center. 'Ultima Morpho' is named after the Morpho butterfly, which is blue and yellow. A slight variation may occur in the pastel design, but this adds to the variety appeal. Recommended for spring or fall gardens, 'Ultima Morpho' proved to be free flowering all season. Mature plants can spread eight to ten inches and attain a height of five to eight inches. This plant is an excellent performer in containers, but remember to maintain adequate moisture levels.



### Petunia 'Lavender Wave'

'Lavender Wave' earned its AAS Award with a trailing, ground cover habit and exceptional garden performance similar to the famous 'Purple Wave' petunia. In a full sun

location, 'Lavender Wave' can trail three to four feet and attain a height of four to six inches. Because of weather tolerance and botrytis resistance, plants can be expected to flower for the entire growing season. No pinching or pruning of plants is required, only fertilizer and water. Plants are particularly suited for hanging baskets, window boxes and terraced or sloping gardens.



### Petunia 'Tidal Wave Silver'

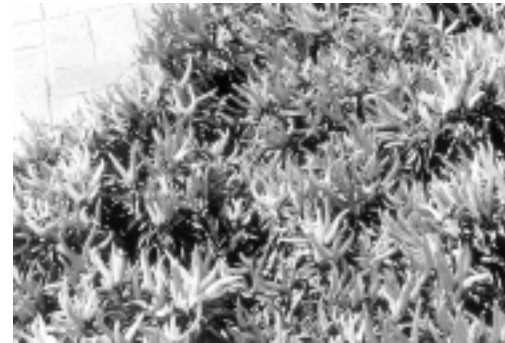
Sporting silvery white blooms with dark purple centers, 'Tidal Wave Silver' is distinct. Unlike other petunias, gardeners can decide the height of the mature plant. 'Tidal Wave Silver' can attain heights of two to three feet if spaced closely together, about 6 inches, and given support such as a trellis. If plants are spaced a foot apart, the mounded, hedge like plants will reach 16 to 22 inches. Neither pinching nor pruning is needed for flowers all season. Exhibiting excellent botrytis resistance and rapid recovery in severe weather, 'Tidal Wave Silver' is also adaptable to container culture.



### Rudbeckia 'Cherokee Sunset'

This Rudbeckia hirta contains a blend of sunset colors; yellow, orange, bronze, mahogany and shades of these colors. The three to four inch flowers are double or semi-double and long lasting as cut flowers. Best when grown in the full sun, 'Cherokee Sunset' plants are about 24 to 30 inches tall, spreading about a foot. Many plants are self supporting and others may need staking. 'Cherokee Sunset' offers gardeners a blend of autumn

colors and late-season garden performance. Flowering profusely the first year, 'Cherokee Sunset' may overwinter in northern gardens.



### Ornamental Pepper 'Chilly Chili'

The first family friendly ornamental pepper with exceptional garden performance. 'Chilly Chili,' as the name implies, has non-pungent fruit. The "heat" was bred out of the peppers, which is perfect for households with children who like to explore their environment. The petite 2-inch peppers changes color from yellow to orange and matures at red. Extremely heat tolerant, 'Chilly Chili' will provide garden color during hot summers. Pepper plants can grow about a foot tall and spread six to ten inches.



### Basil 'Magical Michael'

An ornamental, edible sweet basil, has a clearly refined plant size and shape. 'Magical Michael' plants are uniform and reliably 15 inches tall and 16 to 17 inches wide. This uniformity is rare in sweet basil plants. The lush aromatic, green leaves can be harvested within 30 days of transplanting. Plants may flower when mature in about 80 to 90 days from seed. The small flowers are a curiosity since they are purple and white.



*Cucumber 'Diva'*

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Sweet flavor and high yield describe the improved qualities of 'Diva.' The fruit will be sweet, non-bitter with a crisp texture when harvested at four to five inches. Normally seedless, a few seeds may grow if pollinated by other cucumber plants. 'Diva' produces all female flowers and does not require pollen to set fruit. These traits result in

high yields. Expect mature cucumbers in about 58 days from sowing seed in warm soil. Plants are resistant to scab and tolerant to powdery mildew.



### Pumpkin 'Orange Smoothie'

Children will be infatuated with 'Orange Smoothie' pumpkins. The dark orange, smooth skin is ideal for painting Halloween faces. The size is desirable for young hands, weighing five to eight pounds with a strong, long handle. 'Orange Smoothie' pumpkins will mature early, in about 90 days from sowing seed. Another benefit is the semi-determinate habit requiring less space in the garden. Easy to grow from seed, 'Orange Smoothie' is an all around great pumpkin for carving, painting, decorating and even the meat is sweet for homemade pumpkin pie.



### Pumpkin 'Sorcerer'

'Sorcerer' is a full sized pumpkin, weighing 15 to 22 pounds but produced on a

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