

Flowers sweep yearly awards

Each year 33 special gardens in many parts of the country are planted with flowers, herbs and vegetables, grown, watched and judged for their performance. These are All-America Selection seed trial gardens, where the best of the best are awarded AAS certificates.

This year all the winners are flowers. The Gold Medal Award (the first in 15 years) went to the golden yellow semi-double perennial coreopsis, Early Sunrise. It is a long-flowering plant with stems eight to 10 inches, good for cutting. As the name implies, Early Sunrise prefers a sunny location in the garden.

Marigold, Golden Gate, with

blooms the color of mahogany and sporting gold edged petals, is another sun lover. This is an improved dwarf French marigold with all the attributes to make it desirable.

Both the AAS Flower Award and AAS Bedding Plant Flower Award were given to the petunia, Orchid Daddy. The petals are light orchid with plum veins and the plants in the trial gardens performed wonderfully well in hot/dry and hot/wet conditions. Another plus is that it doesn't have to be cut back for continuous bloom.

TWO VERBENAS were selected. They will be ideal additions in the annual garden. Sandy White has an



down to earth

Marty Figley

upright growth habit with pure white flowers, while Novalis Deep Blue is outstanding. Blossoms are a velvety, violet blue color with a white eye (center).

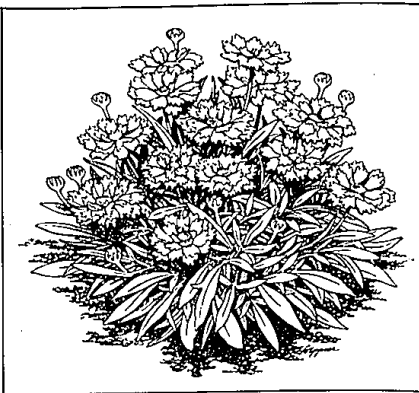
Another winner which tolerated the heat in the test gardens is dianthus, Telstar Picotee. It has crimson red flowers with white borders and is almost maintenance-free. Doubtless, it will add a spark to an annual, sunny area.

If bright orange is the color for you, then Impatiens, Tango, is perfect. A good plant for a hanging basket or patio situation, it thrives in semi-shade of up to a half day of sun, if given adequate moisture.

Torenia Clown Mixture is a riot of color with rose and lavender shades as well as white and blues. This compact plant does best in semi-shade in the annual border or container.

Watch for new labeling on these winners. The AAS emblem will be printed on the top of the plant label, with identification, description, use and care instructions included.

Clyde Robin Seed Co. has introduced a new concept in seed mixes. The first to offer "Meadow in a Can," they now will include mixes for mini-flowers, sun-colored flowers and flowers for drying. The collection will be called Town Homes and Country Gardens.



Coreopsis Early Sunrise is an All American Selections winner

Orchid exhibit announced

Members of the Michigan Orchid Society will exhibit and sell many varieties of orchids Saturday and Sunday in the Garden Court of Summit Place Mall.

In addition to displays of award-winning orchids, educational exhib-

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