

Greenhouse[®]

MANAGEMENT

George (right)
& Nate Lucas

George Lucas, with his wife, Louise, built Lucas Greenhouses from the ground up — and now continues growing the business into the future with his son, Nate.

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PACIFIC PLUG & LINER

Featuring: Bart Noordhuis; Plant Development Services featuring the Encore, Southern Living Plant Collection and Sunset Western Garden Collection; Klassmann-Deilmann; Quality Cuttings Team (HMA Plants); Terra Nova Nurseries

NEW VARIETIES:

PACIFIC PLUG & LINER

1. The hills are alive with the look of a new Edelweiss! This new breeding project was aimed at finding a taller plant with larger flowers from those seen natively in the Alps. In addition, the aim was to find faster-finishing plants as traditional *Leontopodium* is very slow growing. **Alpine Sensation** can be planted in the fall for an early spring finish but does not need vernalization so it can also be planted in the spring for a mid-spring finish.



2. As the popularity of **Echibeckia** continues to grow, we continue to work on improvements to the lineup. The breeding goal is to find varieties with larger and brighter-colored flowers. We have two new selections we plan to release



at Spring Trials this year, names to be announced at that time. One thing to note for growers is the vigor of the program; one 72-cell liner can easily fill larger pots such as 1.5 gallons and deco pots. For a sneak peek, we have included a photo of our marketing director, April Herring-Murray, with one of the varieties this past summer. Note the huge flowers and interesting fringes in the center of the flower.

PLANT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

1. *Camellia sasanqua* **October Magic Ruby** was bred for a full, naturally compact rounded habit and longer bloom time. Brilliant red double flowers from fall to winter. 3-4' tall, USDA zones 7-10. Available to garden centers in 2020.



2. *Ficus carica* **'Little Miss Figgy'** is an excellent ornamental and fruit-bearing landscape plant. With a compact habit, it is smaller in stature than comparable figs, yet bears large, sweet fruit from late spring to fall. Mature size 6-8' high by 3-4' wide. USDA zones 7-10. Available to garden centers in 2020.



3. Bred for strong stems, **White Wedding** stands up straight in the field of paniculatas and holds its flowers upright for better shipping and garden performance. USDA zones 4-8. Available to garden centers in 2019.



📍 LOCATION:

750 Casserly Road, Watsonville, CA 95076

📍 WHY VISIT?

Brush up on your etiquette, because it's time for The Secret Garden at PP&L. Join us at our Watsonville facility to enjoy the finer things in life, and by this, we mean perennials, of course! For 2019, a perennially enchanting day is planned for you as we continue our heavy focus on perennial products by highlighting new varieties within our Planthology programs and welcome new vendor Terra Nova Nurseries!

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NEW VARIETIES:

TERRA NOVA NURSERIES

1. Begonia 'Garden Angel Blush' showcases a mounding, upright habit, with pewter-silver palmate leaves. An easy-to-garden plant for containers or interiors, it blooms small pink flowers in August through September. USDA zones: 7-11. Size: Height: 24", Width: 18", Flower height: 24". Exposure: full shade.



2. Geum TEMPO Rose is a new favorite! This early bloomer produces a plethora of dark, rose-pink flowers on short, dark stems. This easy-to-grow plant has a long bloom time allowing pollinators to enjoy this gem for months. USDA zones: 5-9. Size: Height: 8", Width: 12", Flower height: 21". Exposure: full sun.



3. The tough Heuchera LITTLE CUTIES 'Shimmer' blooms and blooms and blooms! Enjoy deep pink flowers above dense crowns with striking silver-green leaves. Wonderful in containers, borders, mixed beds or as a house plant. USDA zones: 4-9. Size: Height: 5", Width: 11", Flower height: 15". Exposure: part shade, full shade.



PROVEN WINNERS

Featuring: Spring Meadow Nursery, Walters Gardens

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1. **SUNCRECIBLE Yellow** Helianthus is a daylength neutral, vegetative sunflower that will reach a height of 24-42" in full sun, with a spread of 20-32". These large, bushy plants are quite vigorous and will be covered in flowers, blooming continuously from summer into fall. Excellent for cut flower production with a uniform, well-branched habit.



2. **SUPERTUNIA RASPBERRY RUSH** Petunia is destined to be a top seller with major impulse appeal. Lush plants are covered in raspberry pink and white patterned flowers that start early and last all season without deadheading. Gardeners will love the great heat and humidity tolerance too. This plant will grow to a height of 6-12" with a spread of 18-24". Best in part to full sun.



SPRING MEADOW NURSERY

1. Whether you call it Japanese andromeda or lily of the valley shrub, **Interstella Pieris japonica** will have you seeing stars when it bursts into bloom with thousands of lantern-like, ruby-colored blooms in early spring. The long-lasting display is followed by the emergence of dramatic red new growth, and handsome evergreen foliage secures year-round presence and beauty. Thrives in the same conditions as rhododendrons and is deer resistant. USDA zones 5-8, Height/width 3-4'.



📍 LOCATION:

Kirigin Cellars,
 11550 Watsonville Road,
 Gilroy, CA 95020

2020, take a look at retailer opportunities and enjoy lunch or a glass of wine during their visit.

👤 WHY VISIT?

Kirigin Cellars provides a wonderful backdrop for visitors who can see many of Proven Winners' annuals, perennials and flowering shrubs for

👤 WHO TO LOOK FOR:

Registration is available online at springtrialsregistration.com. Attendees who have questions should contact Kerry Meyer at 573-477-9420.