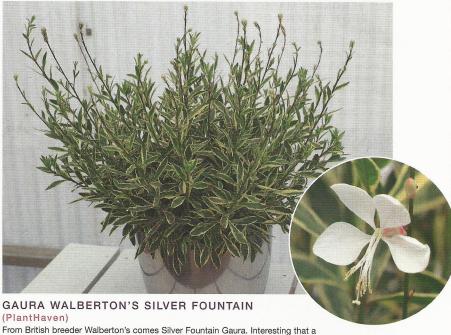




LAVENDER MADRID LAVISH PINK, PURPLE (Green Fuse)

Part of Green Fuse Botanical's First Light Perennials collection, the "lavish" part of Lavish Lavender is its double-flowered or multi-bracted spikes, which make the flowers extra-large and fluffy. Green Fuse has a utility patent on the flower form. Steve Jones told us Lavish makes a good houseplant, too. Zone 7.





PENSTEMON DAKOTA VERDE, BURGUNDY (Terra Nova)

These guys are the shortest hybrids on the market, they claim, at 18 to 24 in. rather than up to 4 ft. or more like a typical penstemon. No vernalization needed, either. And when it's not blooming, the foliage is pretty nice! Burgundy is pictured. Zones 4 to 9.

British breeder is breeding an American prairie native, eh? What makes it stand out in the garden is