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BEST OVERALL PERFORMANCE

SOUTHEAST

Agastache Poquito 'Butter Yellow,' Terra Nova Nurseries, The University of Georgia
Just hearing the word "butter" puts me in a good mood. Seeing the large butter yellow flower spikes on this Agastache from Terra Nova does the trick too. All season I have enjoyed the brightness and wispy habit of this smaller selection from the Poquito series.

Heuchera 'Forever Red,' Terra Nova Nurseries, North Carolina State University

Wow, what a winner! The intense red foliage makes you stop and notice this beauty. Foliage is a brighter, more intense red in the spring when there is cooler weather. Plants are uniform mounds of fiery-red ruffled leaves with white flowers. Did well in our heat and humidity. This is year two out in full sun and it continues to impress.

MIDWEST

Salvia nemorosa Rose Marvel, Darwin Perennials, The Gardens at Ball
Salvia nemorosa Rose Marvel from Darwin Perennials was planted in our front garden beds and provided vibrant color for many weeks.

Digitalis Pink Panther, American Takii, Raker-Roberta's Trial Gardens

We had the opportunity to trial this over the last few years and even early on, it was a solid performer. This year in our gardens, it continuously reflushed, looked great and was very well received by our visitors.

Dianthus Constant Beauty Crush, Green Fuse Botanicals, Mast Young Plants

All new bicolor introductions into the Constant Beauty family. Daylength neutral, continuously



Salvia nemorosa 'Rose Marvel', Darwin Perennials, The Gardens at Ball



Dianthus 'Constant Beauty' Crush, Green Fuse Botanicals, Mast Young Plants



Agastache 'Poquito Butter Yellow,' Terra Nova Nurseries, University of Georgia

blooming, even under the hottest conditions. Hardy to zone 4.

***Spigelia* 'Little Redhead,' Walters Gardens**

Spigelia is native to the eastern United States and is a versatile perennial that does well in sun or shade. The gorgeous, tubular red flowers are a hummingbird magnet, and are produced beginning in late spring, continuing

to bloom through mid-summer. 'Little Redhead' is a superior selection of the species, vegetatively propagated to ensure uniformity.

***Kniphofia* Gold Rush, Walters Gardens, Boerner Botanical Gardens**

I have never seen a first-year perennial bloom like this, much less a *Kniphofia*. I really, really hope it survives our winter. I cannot imagine what it will look like in year two.

NORTHWEST

***Spigelia* 'Little Redhead,' Walters Gardens, Smith Gardens**

We grew these adorable plants in container trials and have since planted them into our landscape display to assess overwintering performance. They have a well-behaved upright habit, are easy to grow with no major pests or diseases, and sport tubular bicolor red/yellow flowers held on curving cymes (like *Crocsmia*).

BEST POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY

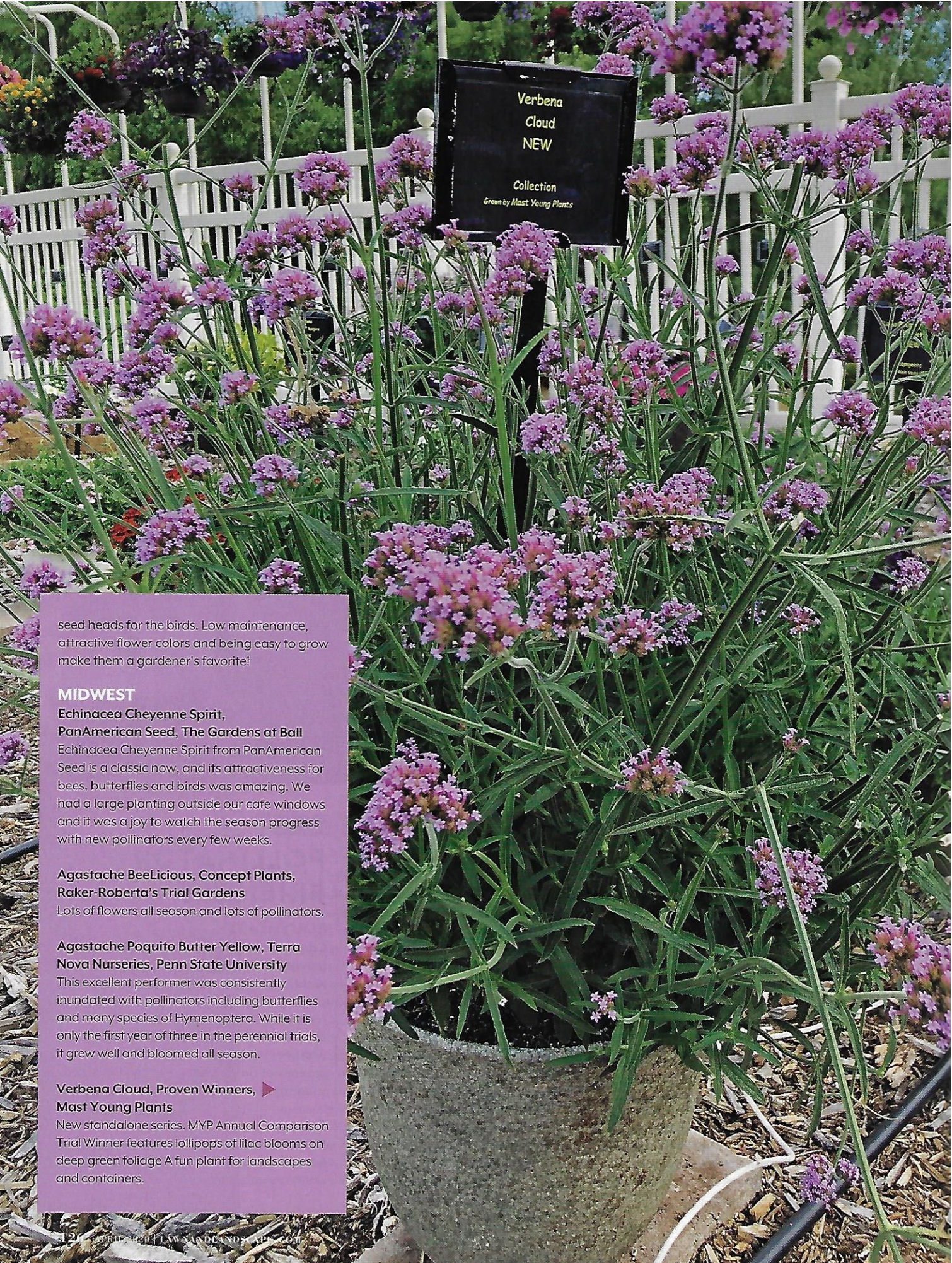
SOUTHEAST

***Caryopteris* 'Gold Crest,' Darwin Perennials, University of Georgia**

'Gold Crest' is an excellent small to medium perennial with bright golden foliage that remained true all summer with clusters of blue flowers. This *Caryopteris* was covered with bees at all times and most importantly covered late in the season to extend its overall usage by pollinators, especially honeybees.

***Echinacea* Kismet Series, Terra Nova Nurseries, North Carolina State University**

Continuous flowering on sturdy upright stems are good for cuts or you can leave the



seed heads for the birds. Low maintenance, attractive flower colors and being easy to grow make them a gardener's favorite!

MIDWEST

Echinacea Cheyenne Spirit,

PanAmerican Seed, The Gardens at Ball

Echinacea Cheyenne Spirit from PanAmerican Seed is a classic now, and its attractiveness for bees, butterflies and birds was amazing. We had a large planting outside our cafe windows and it was a joy to watch the season progress with new pollinators every few weeks.

Agastache BeeLicious, Concept Plants, Raker-Roberta's Trial Gardens

Lots of flowers all season and lots of pollinators.

Agastache Poquito Butter Yellow, Terra Nova Nurseries, Penn State University

This excellent performer was consistently inundated with pollinators including butterflies and many species of Hymenoptera. While it is only the first year of three in the perennial trials, it grew well and bloomed all season.

Verbena Cloud, Proven Winners, ► Mast Young Plants

New standalone series. MYP Annual Comparison Trial Winner features lollipops of lilac blooms on deep green foliage. A fun plant for landscapes and containers.

Verbena
Cloud
NEW
Collection
Grown by Mast Young Plants