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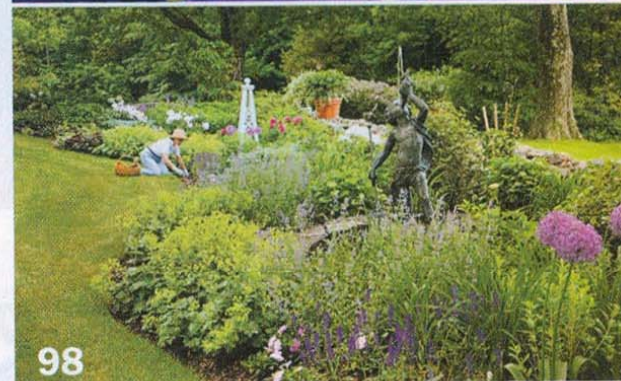
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Breaking Ground

PERENNIALS *Class of 2008*

Be the first gardener on your block to grow these brand-new plants.



Achillea millefolium
'Apricot Delight'

This sturdy, compact yarrow is part of the Tutti Frutti series from Blooms of Bressingham. 'Apricot Delight' reaches just a foot tall and produces a chameleonlike range of pinks from pale apricot to near red. Exposure to full sun intensifies the hues. Wonderful in fresh or dried arrangements. Zones 4–8.



Eryngium planum
'Jade Frost'

This cool sea holly from Walters Gardens produces rounded, leathery blue-green leaves with a prominent white margin. New leaves boast pink margins in cooler weather. Violet-blue flowers are produced in candelabra-branched racemes from an 8-inch plant. Zones 5–8.

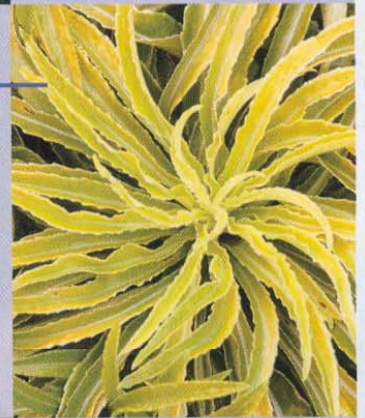
Hibiscus Luna 'Rose'

Dramatic and impressive, this hardy hibiscus from Ball Horticultural tolerates heat and dry conditions once established. Eye-catching deep clear rose blossoms up to 8 inches in diameter are produced on a 3-foot-tall plant. Zones 5–9.



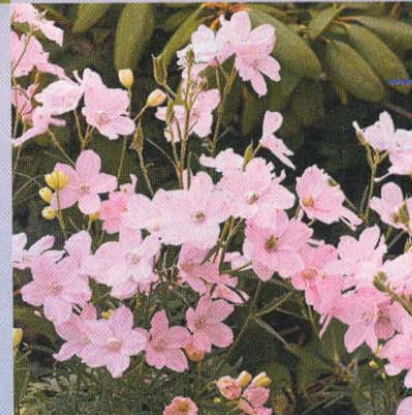
Campanula persicifolia
'Blue-Eyed Blonde'

This golden peachleaf bellflower has distinctive brilliant yellow foliage that gives rise to large 1-inch bells of beautiful deep blue flowers. This variation of the species from Terra Nova Nurseries is a refined and well-mannered hardy perennial that's larger and stronger than *Campanula* 'Kelly's Gold'. Zones 4–9.



Gaillardia Commotion 'Tizzy'

One of the first introductions from Novalis in a new series from Skagit Gardens, this fluted blanketflower produces deep russet-red flower buds on a 2-foot-tall plant that open into flower heads ranging from red to rosy terra-cotta—outlined with just a hint of yellow. Great mounding habit. Zones 5–9.



Delphinium grandiflorum
'Summer Morning'

Unlike the tall, spiky cultivars, this dwarf delphinium forms a compact mound of lacy foliage topped with a multitude of light pink flowers. This heat-tolerant form from Walters Gardens is an early bloomer and reaches a height of 10–12 inches. Zones 3–7.

Echinacea purpurea
'Coconut Lime'

Perfect for regions with high heat and humidity, this first white double-flowering coneflower comes to us from Terra Nova Nurseries. The sturdy flower stems are perfect for cutting. Zones 4–9.



Aquilegia 'Spitfire'

This petite columbine hybrid from Walters Gardens was selected by England's Carl Lowe and boasts small, red-orange flowers with short spurs that dangle from tall stems above a beautiful mound of handsome green foliage in late spring. It reaches a height of 12–16 inches. Zones 3–9.



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