



2012 American Garden Award Winners Announced!

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DOWNERS GROVE, IL, September 12, 2012 – The public has voted and it's time to announce the 2012 American Garden Award Winners! The 2012 American Garden Award, now in its fourth year, featured six new flower varieties chosen by their breeders for their excellent garden performance. Once these new varieties were planted and put on display at the participating gardens, the public was invited to vote on their favorite using one of several voting methods. The votes have been tallied and the three winners are:



Most Popular! Grand Prize Winner

Begonia boliviensis 'Santa Cruz™ Sunset'

Begonia Santa Cruz™ Sunset lights up your garden with an abundance of scarlet/orange blooms. Its elegant softly cascading form is perfect for hanging baskets, urns or mass plantings in your garden. Surprisingly heat, drought and rain tolerant, this summer beauty thrives in any location from full sun to shade.



Second Place Winner

Gazania 'Big Kiss™ White Flame' F1

Gazania Big Kiss™ White Flame has huge white and rose striped flowers that cover full, bushy plants. This carefree, heat loving and drought tolerant annual loves the sun and thrives in tough conditions, all summer long. Extra large flowers and plants make high impact displays in garden beds or containers.



Third Place Winner

Petunia 'Surfinia® Deep Red'

'Finally, the true deep red petunia gardeners have been searching for! For 20 years, Surfinia® has been the best-selling vegetative petunia series in the world, offering superior garden performance with no pinching or pruning needed. Enjoy 'Surfinia® Deep Red' in container gardens or in the landscape from spring through fall.

Look for these exciting winners as seeds or plants at your favorite local retailer or online supplier.

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