

introductions

EXCITING NEW PLANTS YOU'LL WANT TO GROW

Hydrangea

Zelenka Nursery added several members to its Forever & Ever line of hydrangeas. All are hardy in USDA Hardiness Zones 5-9.



Forever & Ever Peppermint



Forever & Ever Blue Heaven



Forever & Ever Together

Peppermint is a bicolor hydrangea that flowers on both old and new wood. Plants produce 10-inch mophead blossoms with a brushstroke of pink or blue in the center of each white petal. Color depends on acid-

ity. Plants have a natural compact, mounding habit. They'll reach 24-30 inches tall and 36 inches wide.

Blue Heaven has large (12-inch), blue or pink mophead blossoms that flower on both old and new wood. Blue Heaven has reliable performance in Northern climates. It's an upright grower reaching 38 inches tall and 36 inches wide.

Together has 8-inch mophead flowers that progress through a spectrum of colors. Blossoms open light green in early summer and turn pink or blue. They mature to violet or rich red by season's end. Together also blooms on both old and new wood. It's a compact grower reaching 25 inches tall and wide at maturity.

For more: Zelenka Nursery, (800) 253-3743; www.zelenkanursery.com.

Sedum

'Sublime' is a new sedum from Intrinsic Perennial Gardens.

It's a vigorous hybrid with multi-season interest. In spring, foliage is shiny green. In summer, the foliage can take on a thin, red edge. In September, light-pink, dome-shaped flowers appear.

As a finale, leaves drop off after a freeze, leaving cinnamon-colored stems all winter.

Plants are upright and clumping. They reach 18-24 inches tall and wide.

'Sublime' is hardy in Zones 4-9.

For more: Brent Horvath, Intrinsic Perennial Gardens, (800) 648-2788, Ext. 15; brent@intrinsicperennialgardens.com.



'Sublime'



Velvet Blazer

Euonymus

Euonymus alata 'Veblzam' Velvet Blazer is a new dwarf burning bush from Lake County Nursery.

Plants have an upright habit and rounded shape. They are slower to break dormancy; Velvet Blazer takes up to two weeks longer than other burning bushes. Plants also color faster in fall and leaves drop later than other euonymus.

Foliage is olive green until it changes to brilliant red. Stems are not winged, so plants have a finer-textured look. Fruit is orange-red.

This shrub reaches 8-10 feet tall and 6-8 feet wide. It's hardy to Zone 3.

For more: Lake County Nursery Inc., (800) 522-5253; www.lakecountynursery.com.

Rudbeckia

Goldsmith Seeds' 'Tiger Eye' is the first F₁ hybrid *Rudbeckia hirta* on the market. Plants are upright and well-branching. The plants are covered with bright, golden-yellow flowers.

'Tiger Eye' has reduced sensitivity to powdery mildew. Plants exhibit never-before-seen uniformity on the bench and strength in the garden. They have an excellent response to plant growth regulators.

For more: Goldsmith Seeds, (800) 549-0158; www.goldsmithseeds.com.



'Tiger Eye'

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