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TOP 5 PROVEN WINNERS® PERENNIALS FOR 2012

New this year, Proven Winners®, the #1 plant brand in America, has partnered with Walters Gardens, Inc., the leading US wholesale perennial grower, to bring superior new perennials to today's busy consumers. Only the very best new and exclusive varieties make the cut, including the 27 new varieties available this year. Don't have room in your garden for so many new perennials? Try these top 5 selected by the perennial experts.

• **Baptisia DECADENCE™ Series**

- Baptisia DECADENCE™ 'Blueberry Sundae' PPAF CPBRAFF
- Baptisia DECADENCE™ 'Cherries Jubilee' PPAF CPBRAFF
- Baptisia DECADENCE™ 'Dutch Chocolate' PPAF CPBRAFF
- Baptisia DECADENCE™ 'Lemon Meringue' PPAF CPBRAFF

Members of the DECADENCE™ Series were hybridized and selected for their unique flower colors and shorter, more compact habit that is better proportioned for today's city gardens. Four color strains are available this year including blue, maroon, deep purple, and yellow.

Height: 2½ -3ft Zone 4-9

- **Hibiscus SUMMERIFIC™ Series**

- Hibiscus SUMMERIFIC™ ‘Berrylicious’ PPAF CPBRAFF
- Hibiscus SUMMERIFIC™ var. ‘Cranberry Crush’ PPAF CPBRAFF
- Hibiscus SUMMERIFIC™ ‘Summer Storm’ PP20443 CPBRAFF

Members of the SUMMERIFIC™ Series were hybridized and selected for their longer bloom time, showier flowers, and neater habit compared to older varieties. They are the focal point of the garden from midsummer into fall, blooming at least twice as long as typical Hibiscus.
Height: 3-5ft Zone 4-9

Heemerocallis ‘Primal Scream’

If you’re looking for a perennial that will make you scream “WOW!”, this is it! Nothing comes close to the spectacular 8 inch wide, glimmering tangerine orange, gold dusted blossoms of ‘Primal Scream’. They are presented in midsummer on tall, graceful, willowy scapes above the attractive arching foliage. It’s no wonder this daylily was awarded the Stout Medal, the highest honor bestowed on any daylily in the US.
Height: 34” Zone 3-9

Hosta ‘Wheee!’ PPAF CPBRAFF

This fun new hosta looks great in combination containers or near the front of the border. You’ll recognize it in an instant by its extremely ruffled foliage. The creamy, rippled margins extend from the tip of each green leaf all the way down to the crown, a highly unusual trait for a hosta. The leaves are of excellent substance too, making them slug resistant in the landscape. Light lavender flowers appear atop purple scapes in midsummer.
Height: 11-18” Zone 3-9

Leucanthemum s. ‘Banana Cream’ PPAF CPBRAFF

You are sure to be impressed by the huge 4-5 inch wide flowers of this selection which open lemon yellow, brighten to light butter yellow, and finally age to creamy white. ‘Banana Cream’ blooms prolifically through the summer atop strong, upright stems. Its healthy looking, compact, dark green foliage is disease resistant, so it looks great all season long. Try planting a few in the landscape or combination containers and you’ll be rewarded with loads of blooms for fresh bouquets.
Height: 15-18” Zone 5-9

For more information about the top 5 Proven Winners Perennials for Spring 2012, go to www.WaltersGardens.com or www.ProvenWinners.com. All will be available at the wholesale level beginning Summer 2011 and at retail beginning Spring 2012.

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