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**Planting tips.**

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**HOSTA OF THE YEAR**

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A must-have hosta for children's gardens and anyone who appreciates a whimsical approach to gardening. Check out those ruffles!

- **Height:** 11-18”
- **Spread:** 28-30”
- **Zones:** 3-9

**PERENNIAL OF THE YEAR**

**'Cat's Pajamas' Nepeta**
This little catmint packs enormous flower power into a single square foot, blooming for months while delighting passing pollinators.

- **Height:** 12-14”
- **Spread:** 18-20”
- **Zones:** 3-8

**LANDSCAPE SHRUB OF THE YEAR**

**KODIAK® Orange Diervilla**
Everything you've ever wanted in a native shrub: summerlong flowers for pollinators, fab fall color, super easy and deer resistant, too!

- **Height:** 36-48”
- **Spread:** 36-48”
- **Zones:** 4-7

**ROSE OF THE YEAR**

**OSO EASY ITALIAN ICE® Rosa**
Excellent disease resistance and prolific blooms in shades of pink, peach and yellow will make this one of your favorite landscape roses.

- **Height:** 18-30”
- **Spread:** 18-30”
- **Zones:** 4-9

**HYDRANGEA OF THE YEAR**

**TUFF STUFF AH-HA® Hydrangea**
Extra-cold hardy buds, waterlily-like flowers and strong rebloom are three exceptional reasons to grow this mountain hydrangea.

- **Height:** 24-36”
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- **Zones:** 5-9

**FLOWERING SHRUB OF THE YEAR**

**PUIGSTER BLUE® Buddleia**
Plump blossoms adorn this neatly mounded shrub for months in summer, a huge draw for monarch and viceroy butterflies.

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The container recipes pictured below were designed and grown by Norman Winter with a goal of discovering heat tolerant plants for his zone 8 climate that could draw in pollinators. As you can see from Norman’s photos at right, they were a huge hit!

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**Norman Winter’s Top 10 List**

**Heat Tolerant Annuals for Pollinators**

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- **LUCIDUS** Lantana
- **VERMILLIONAIRE** Cuphea
- **ROONY** Salvia
- **HEAT IT UP** Gaillardia

Find the planting plans for small landscape ideas within this garden at pwwin.rs/his-landscape.

Learn more about plants that benefit pollinating bees, butterflies and hummingbirds at pwwin.rs/supporting-pollinators.

Learn more about the entire Heat Is On collection – plants that thrive in hot, humid and sunny weather at pwwin.rs/his-collection.
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Insets above at right to left: PEGASUS® Begonia, SUREFIRE® Pink Begonia and COLORBLAZE® VEIL™ Coleus / TOUCAN® Dark Orange Canna, HEART OF THE JUNGLE® Lisianthus, PEGASUS® Orange Ipomoea and COLORBLAZE® VEIL™ Coleus / Sweet Caroline Sweetheart JET BLACK® Ipomoea and COLORBLAZE® Chocolate Drop Coleus / HEART TO HEART® Chocolate® Caladium and COLORBLAZE® Royale PINEAPPLE BRANDY™ Coleus / HEART TO HEART® FAST FLASH® Caladium, HEART OF THE JUNGLE® Lisianthus and COLORBLAZE® GOLDFINCH™ Coleus

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Look at the gorgeous tapestry of colors, textures, shapes and sizes these plants create. Though each plant is different, they all share a preference for warm, humid weather and some shielding from the leaf-scouring afternoon sun. This garden is irrigated regularly so no parching occurs. When you surround yourself with lush plants like these, it’s easy to leave all the cares in the world behind and be present in the moment. Our gardens can provide us with a beautiful place to escape and grow memories with family and friends.

Design tip: The Eclipse of the Sun National Recipe can be nestled into the garden, as seen behind the table setting, or set right onto the patio.

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NEWLY PLANTED SIZE

SPREAD OF MATURE PLANT
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WINTER PINPOINT® Blue Chamaecyparis with greens, berries and INDIANFIRE® Red Conocarpus (beginning)

UNDERSTANDING FOUNTAIN GRASS DYNAMICS

Purple fountain grasses make striking thrillers in containers, but it’s worth understanding how they grow and change through the seasons. They are far more robust than you might expect, with roots that easily pack large pots and leave little room for neighbors as summer wanes.

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At left: GRACEFUL GRASSES® Purple Fountain Grass Pennisetum and GRACEFUL GRASSES® VERTIGO® Pennisetum underplanted with CAMPFIRE® Flame Able, SURFBELLS® Double Orange Calibrachoa, COLORBLAZE® Chocolate Drop Coleus, VERMILLIONAIRE® Cuphea and LUSCIOUS® GOLDENGATE™ Lantana

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DESIGNING WITH

Fantastic Foliage

Orchestrating a steady parade of flowers in a perennial garden takes some time to master, as many are in spectacular bloom for a particular window of time. That’s why you’ll want to consider foliage, too, when planting a botanical tapestry of perennials. By pairing those with a contrasting mix of textures, colors and shapes, visual interest remains high all season. The fleeting flowers will be appreciated all the more as they come and go through the seasons.

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The first in a fabulous new series of highly mildew resistant tall phlox. Large, fluffy clusters of fragrant, light pink flowers with a deep pink eye are a favorite of butterflies.

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Eye-catching fuchsia foliage awakens deep purple, becoming topped with fragrant, blue flowers in spring. Provides beautiful textural contrast to other sun and shade loving perennials.

COLOR SPIRES® ‘Back to the Fuchsia’ Salvia
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Brilliant fuchsia pink flowers strung along charcoal stems bring a rush of color and welcome pollinators back into the garden in late spring. One of our newest favorites!

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‘French Vanilla’ Hibiscus (Rose Mallow)
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A color breakthrough! Soft yellow buds unfurl to creamy custard colored, red-eyed blossoms that cover this robust shrub-like perennial for months beginning midsummer.

‘Toffee Tart’ Heuchera (Coral Bells)
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1. Remove the plant from its container.
2. Place the plant in the hole, cover with the surface.
3. Water the soil, the soil is moist.
4. Add plant food to the planting hole.
5. Put down soil around the plant.
6. Feed plant ties for care instructions and the best place to plant.
7. Water twice a week and adjust as deep as the plant is grown.

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