Annual Trial Garden
Top Performers
2011
By: Katie McCarver
Trials Management

- 1.42 acres of bed space
- Hand irrigation and weeding
- 19-4-23 @ 250 ppm
- 20-3-19 @ 250 ppm (Jack’s Petunia Feed)
- Compost applied in fall
- Beds rototilled in spring as needed
Evaluation Criteria

- Flower Show
  - Earliness of blooms
  - Length of blooming season
  - Color consistency
  - Uniformity of flower shape & size
- Uniformity of plant habit
- Insect tolerance
- Disease resistance
- Ability to withstand environmental elements
Rudbeckia

‘Capaccino’ – Clause (Fleuroselect)

‘Denver Daisy’ - Benary
Cleome and Nicotiana

‘Senorita Rosalita’ - Proven Winners

‘Whisper Mix’ - Floranova
New Guinea Impatiens

Sun Harmony ‘Purple’ - Danziger

SunPatiens ‘Variegated White’ - Sakata
Verbena

Temari ‘Patio Blue’ - Suntory

Temari ‘Patio Red Improved’ - Suntory
Gaillardia

Galya ‘Coral Spark’ - Danziger

‘Apricot’ - Benary
Lantana

‘Tropical Fruit’ - PW
‘Berry Blend’ - PW
‘Lemon Glow’ - BFP
Petunia

Famous ‘Violet Picotee’ - Selecta

‘Vista Silverberry’ - Proven Winner
Petunia

Potunia Piccola ‘Blue Ice’ - Dummen

Petunia Surfina ‘Boquet Red’ - Suntory
Begonia

Drangone ‘Red Baron 2011’ - Dummen

Dragone ‘Sunset’ - Dummen
Begonia
Million Kisses ‘Armor’ - Ball Seed
Zea mays

‘Field of Dreams’ - Floranova
Ipomoea

Sweet Caroline ‘Sweetheart Red’ PW

Desana ‘Lime’ Suntory
Salvia

Evolution ‘Blue’ and ‘White’ Benary

Summer ‘Jewel Red’ Takii
Pennisetum
‘Vertigo’ Proven Winner
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Cyperus
‘King Tut’ Proven Winner
Angelonia

Archangel ‘Raspberry’ BFP

Archangel ‘Purple’ BFP
Artyranthemum and Coreopsis

‘Flutterby Yellow’ Ecke

Solanna ‘Golden Hoop’ Danziger
Calibrachoa

Million Bells ‘Trailing Blue 09’ Suntory  SuperBells ‘Tequila Sunrise’ Proven Winner
Mixis ‘Freestyle # 10’
Danziger

• Lobelia Anabel ‘Brilliant Blue’

• Verbena Veralena ‘Timeless Pink’

• Angelonia Alonia ‘White’
Hibiscus

‘Mahogany Splendor’ – PanAmerican Seed
Coleus

‘Wasabi’ Ball Flora Plant
Artemisia

‘Parfum d’Ethiopia’ Dummen
Heliotropium

‘Simply Scentsational’ Proven Winner

‘Nagano’ - Dummen
Torenia

Kauai ‘Deep Blue’ PanAmerican

Summer Wave ‘Large Violet’ Suntory
Diascia
Picadilly ‘Pink’ Selecta
Otomeria

O’Premiera ‘Pink’ - Danziger
Scaevola

Surdiva ‘Light Blue’ Suntory

Mixis ‘Shea’ Danziger
Oxalis

Allure ‘Ebony’ - Plug Connection

Allure ‘Burgundy’ - Plug Connection
THANK YOU!!

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