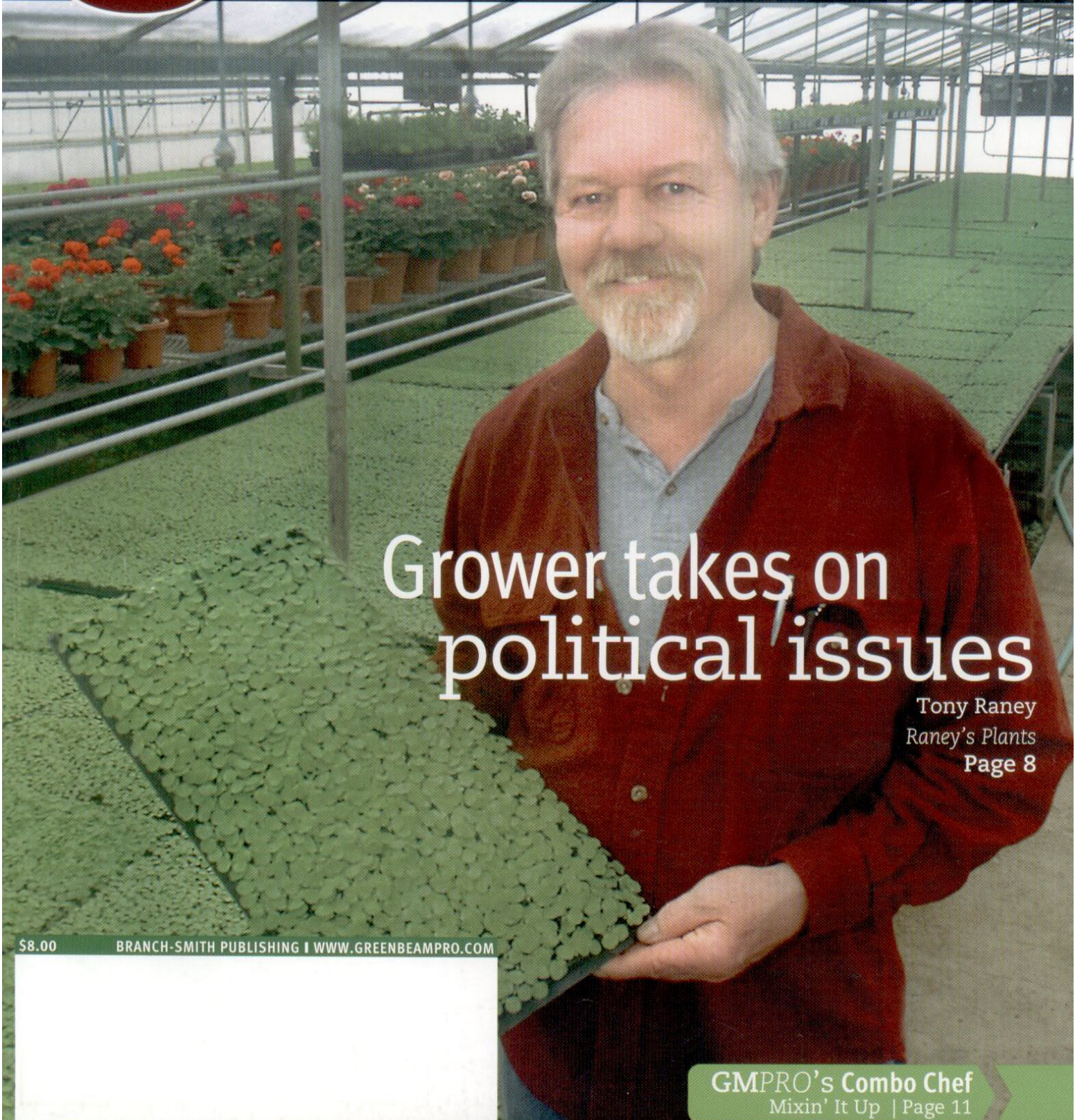


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# Companies offer new annuals

## Agastache

**Gold** and **White & Yellow** are new to Bodger Botanicals' Acapulco series. They possess the same habit and characteristics of the series. Both have excellent outdoor, landscape performance for all geographical regions that is only surpassed by their fragrant foliage.

## Ageratum

*Ageratum corymbosum* '**Azure Skies**' has 6-inch, bright violet-purple flowers. The Hort Couture Plants introduction has large fuzzy leaves that mature to rich purple. Plants reach 30 inches tall and are recommended for large mixed containers.

**Patina Blue** from Syngenta Flowers is an exceptional garden performer with no deadheading required. It finishes fast in 4- to 6-inch pots or premium containers.

## Alyssum

PanAmerican Seed's **Clear Crystal** series includes **Lavender Shades**, **Purple Shades**, **White** and a **Mixture**. The fragrant, large-flowered varieties deliver strong garden performance.

Kieft Seeds' new **Allure** series has a well-branched plant habit and compact pack performance. Colors are **White**, **Pink**, **Bronze**, **Rose**, **Lavender**, **Deep Purple** and **Lemon Yellow**, as well as a **Pastel Mix**.

## Angelonia

**Angelina Violet** and **White evol.** is an improved variety from Selecta First Class.

**Carita Raspberry** from Syngenta Flowers has a compact habit with excellent performance in the greenhouse and in the garden. **Carita Cascade Lavender** is a dense, upright semi-trailing type that fills in quickly for hanging baskets and planters.

## Argyranthemum

Four varieties join the *Argyranthemum frutescens* **LaRita** series from Selecta First Class, bringing the series to nine medium-vigor varieties. **Double Lemon** performs great outdoors. **Dark Pink** has single flowers with



LaRita Double Lemon

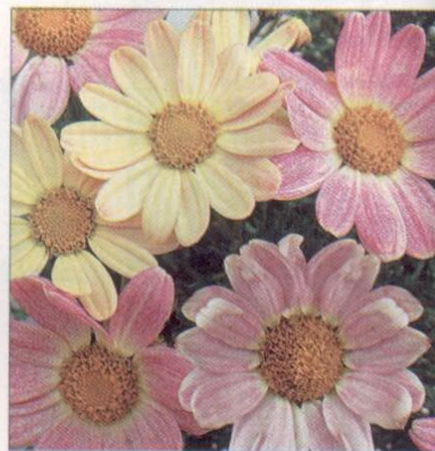
a red center. **Purple** produces large, purple flowers and adds a new color to the series. **Lavender** has a cream center.

Ecke Flower Fields has three new argyranthemums. **Summersong White Improved** has an improved habit.

'**Spring Bouquet**'s flowers start out yellow and fade to different shades of pink to create

a bouquet in a pot.

'**Lipstick**' has fully double flowers that are coral-pink.



'Spring Bouquet'



'Lipstick'

**Butterfly Yellow** from Syngenta Flowers is an excellent outdoor performer. Large, pure-yellow flowers with gold centers make a strong addition to mixed containers.

Syngenta Flowers' **Shere** series gained several additions: **Monroe White Red**, **Monroe Scarlet**, **Monroe Deep Rose** and **Monroe Mini Rose White**. Self-cleaning plants are early to flower with great branching.

## Bacopa

Danziger "Dan" Flower Farm's **Scopia Gulliver Blue Sensation** produces masses of giant, light-blue flowers on a compact, branched plant. It has a mounded-trailing growth habit.



Scopia Gulliver Blue Sensation

**Calypso Jumbo Lavender**, from Syngenta Flowers and bred by Goldsmith, is easy to grow, with a controlled habit and strong branching. Large flowers are great for baskets and mixed containers.

Ecke Flower Fields is offering **Scopia Great Pink** and **Scopia Great Pink Ring**.

## Begonia

Ecke Geraniums, LLC Oglevee Products has four additions to the **Spectrum** series. They have a medium habit and were selected for consistent habit and flower timing. **Blitz** has yellow flowers. **Borias** has soft, pale-pink flowers. **Camilla**'s flowers are pink with a dark blush. **Polly** is medium-pink with a blush.



Spectrum Blitz



Spectrum Borias



Spectrum Camilla



Spectrum Polly

'**Madame Queen**,' a tropical rhizomatous begonia, was introduced by Terra Nova Nurseries. It has large, glossy, copper-colored leaves with ruffled and frilled edges and a red reverse. Prominent, light-green veins radiate from the center of the leaves.

Double-flowered wax begonia **Gumdrop Cherry Blossom** has soft, fully double flowers



Gumdrop Cherry Blossom

in a soft-pink shade. Part of Novalis' Plants that Work by Color program, durable Cherry Blossom flowers profusely all summer.

Benary added **Red** to its large-flowering *B. semperflorens* **Lotto** series. Its 3- to 4-inch flowers make it a good choice for landscape beds. It provides summerlong color in sun and shade.

Benary's **BIG series** offers large flowers, container appeal and landscape potential.



BIG series

The series has three members: **BIG Red with Green Leaf**, **BIG Red with Bronze Leaf** and **BIG Rose with Bronze Leaf**.

Benary also introduced *B. tuberhybrida* **Nonstop Fire**. Its showy shades of yellow,



Nonstop Fire

gold, orange and red provide contrast to its green foliage.

Proven Winners introduced two series of basket begonias.

The **Bellagio** series offers large double flowers in soft colors—**Blush**, **Apricot** and **Pearl**. This series works best in filtered sun in the North and shade in the South.

The **Mandalay** series displays a delicate,



Discovery Orange and Discovery Yellow

compact habit that commercial growers highly covet. Flowers have been improved so that round, tight flower heads appear atop tidy plants.

## Marigold (French)

**Orange Bee** is an addition to Bodger Seed's Hero series. It has large, orange flowers with red highlights.

## Musa

'**Tandarra Red**' from Terra Nova Nurseries is a red banana hardy to Zones 10-11. Waxy



'Tandarra Red'

leaves are deep green with reddish-purple tones and leaf margins.

## Nemesia

**Lemon Mist Satchet** is the latest color in the Ecke Flower Fields series. Flowers are pink with yellow and white.

Selecta First Class' **Serengeti** series went through an overhaul. **White, Sunset** and **Upright Yellow** were improved. Additions



Serengeti Sunny Red



Serengeti Upright Purple

are **Sunny Red, Upright Purple** and **Upright Violet + White**. Large, scented flowers appear all summer.

**Karoo Soft Blue**, originally from the Cape of South Africa, is bushy and neat in habit. It covers itself with elegant, soft-blue flowers. It takes full sun and reaches 10 by 18 inches. It was introduced by Novalis as part of the Plants that Work by Color program.

Ball FloraPlant's **Aromatica** series gained two new members. **Violet Ice** has bicolor flowers that are well-matched to the series. **White Improved** has bigger flowers but is still as fragrant as White.

The **Confection** series, from Syngenta Flowers, bred by Goldsmith, is for cool-season production. Robust plants are loaded with small flowers. Colors are **Blue, Pink** and **White**.

## New Guinea impatiens

**Harmony Orange Star** from Danziger "Dan" Flower Farm has a brilliant radiating



Harmony Orange Star

star in a glowing white color, offset by orange on outer petals. Its growth habit is compact.

Versatile **Icy Blue** was added to Ball FloraPlant's **Celebrette** series.

**Blushing Crimson** brings a new color to Proven Winners' **Infinity** New Guinea impatiens series. Deep-crimson edges fade to white centers. Improvements were also made to **White, Cherry Red, Lavender** and **Salmon**.

**Lavender** and **White** are additions to Selecta First Class' medium-vigor **ColorPower** series.



ColorPower Lavender

## Nicotiana

Eight varieties make up the new **Starmaker** series from Ball Horticultural Co.: **Apple-blossom, Bright Pink, Bright Red, Deep Lime,**