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## Visiting Ball Hort Pack Trials

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*The entry to BallHort Pack Trials*

Off on pleasure bent again, last week I traveled to Santa Paula, California, to visit the BallHort Pack Trials. I know, you're thinking, 'like, is that a running event?' No, it's a chance for nursery people (and lucky gardening editors like me) to see best of the best of what Ball has been working on in its plant-breeding programs and are now ready to introduce to the gardening public. So, everything that has been selected for color, growing habit, flower form, disease resistance, all the things we want a plant to be, are shown to whet appetites and get creative juices flowing. And I saw a lot of grrreate stuff. Here's a look.

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My plant chaperones (l to r) Monique Hakkert, Kristan McGuigan and Erica Zipp, as we set off for a review of the vegetative propagation program highlights.

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