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# New blooms here in time for Mother's Day

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Welcome to the month of May and all the fantastic blooming plants that are available.

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There is good moisture in the soil, but not too much. My favorite color plant, the Knock Out Rose, has the whole family in full bloom at the garden store just in time for Mother's Day. Be sure to check out the blooms on the double pink and double red. You'll think they are hybrid teas on steroids with all those double blooms on just one plant.

Speaking of blooms, let me introduce to you to some of the new flower babies available to you for this coming growing season, some of the best yard color yet and also a great gift for Mom.

Alocasia "Mayan Mask" – A colorful monster of a plant with large green leaves with white veins and dark maroon to purple undersides.

Angelonia Angel Mist "Purple Stripe" – Angel Mist Angelonia display orchid like flowers on lush plants. Purple Stripe is the most vigorous of the Angel Mist varieties. This tough garden plant thrives in heat and is easy to grow. Its charm is the deep purple flowers with bold white edges.

Calibrachoa Can-Can Mocha – The flower has creamy white petals with a splash of dark chocolate at the throat and along the veins. Plants in the Can-Can Series are noted for their strong bi-color contrasts.

Calibrachoa Superbells "Sweet Tart" – An interesting new variety of Superbells from Proven Winners. These petunia look-a-likes with their compact and self-cleaning habit and bright colors, are ideal for containers and hanging baskets. Sweet Tart has a pronounced yellow throat on a pink background that graduates from deep rose to pale pink as the blooms mature.

Coleus Under the Sea "Bonefish" – From the Under the Sea Collection comes perhaps the coolest collection of coleus. The coleus in this collection have a unique crustacean look that makes them irresistible. Fun, durable and exotic.



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Dahlia "Mystic Enchantment" – For those who LOVE "Mystic Illusion," here comes Mystic Enchantment. The mystic Series is known for deep mahogany to black foliage topped with vivid blooms. Enchantment has fire engine blooms with elegant central dark discs.

Geranium Caliente Series – Caliente is a new class of geraniums. They are a cross between an Ivy and a Zonal Geranium, providing the best of both worlds. This plant is bred to have better heat tolerance and more vibrant colors. This geranium has a lot of flower power, and provides a nice contrast to the dark foliage.

Hibiscus "Mahogany Splendor" – This all-new "thriller" features deep burgundy, maple-shaped leaves with serrated edges, an attractive look similar to a Japanese Maple. The flowers are pink, but inconspicuous. The foliage is the main attraction. Can be grown directly in the water as a pond plant. Deer Resistant.

Osteospermum 3D Series '3D Purple' and '3D Silver' – 3D is a whole new dimension of flower! It's an osteospermum that doesn't close; its double blooms stay open all day and night for high-impact garden appeal.

Petunia 'Supertunia White Russian' – Coined the 'Man-tunia', this is a new introduction from Proven Winners. It sports an antique white petal with dark chocolate veins, and is accented by a dark eye. Like other Supertunias, this is great for container or landscape use.

Petunia Suncatcher 'Pink Lemonade' – It is difficult to find a good yellow petunia, however, this one is as close as you may get. This is a superb mounding variety with a unique colorfast combination of yellow and blush pink.

Salvia splendens 'Dancing Flame' – Annual salvias are often quite a bit flashier than their perennial cousins, producing large spikes of brightly colored flowers on short plants. Salvia splendens 'Dancing Flame' takes the flashiness to a new extreme; bright-red spikes of flowers on a brilliant yellow and green variegated plant. This is not a plant for pastel lovers.

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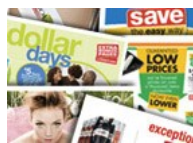
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