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And the winners are....



All-America Selections, which for more than 75 years has been testing and judging plants, has announced its 2010 winners.

Drum roll, please.

In the bedding plant category, zinnia "Zahara Starlight Rose." (Shown, left) Long lasting, with generous blooms, heat and drought tolerant. The perfect plant for beginners.

Also in the bedding plant category, snapdragon F1 "Twinny Peach." The "snap" is missing in this snapdragon: double or butterfly flower forms are missing the jaws. Unique blending of peach tones.

The cool season award winner is Viola F1 "Endurio Sky Blue Matien." Looks delicate, but is tough as nails. Has a unique spreading/mounding quality.

And the flower award winner is gaillardia F1 "Mesa Yellow." Three-inch blooms throughout

the summer Attracts butterflies and is a good cut flower. Cascading quality in pots. Excellent recovery from severe weather.

For a slide show of the winning flowers, go to [The Baltimore Sun's Home and Garden section](#).

For more details on each of the plants, go to [All-America Selections](#).

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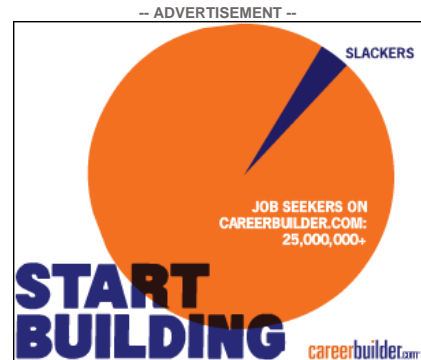
Susan Reimer has spent 16 years writing about raising kids - among other topics - in her column for *The Baltimore Sun*. And every time son Joseph or daughter Jessie passed another milestone - driver's license, college, wedding or a move to a new military duty station - she has planted another garden. Now she will be writing about those gardens - and yours - here on Garden Variety.

Susan isn't an expert gardener, but she wasn't an expert mother, either. Both - the kids and the gardens - seem to be doing well in spite of her.

She lives in Annapolis with her husband, Gary Mihoces, who loves to cut his grass but has noticed that there seems to be less of it every time the kids pass another milestone.

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