

ORNAMENTAL PLANT PERFORMANCE TRIALS  
AT THE OVERTON CENTER

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**NORTH TEXAS WINNER'S CIRCLE AWARDS**

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*Each year plants are chosen which are outstanding performers at these three locations are.*

**2006 Winners**

- Carex Prairie Fire
- Celosia New Look
- Lantana Landmark Rose Glow Improved
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- Lantana Lucky Pot of Gold
- Ornamental Pepper Poinsettia
- Ornamental Pepper NuMex Twilight
- Pentas Butterfly Deep Pink
- Salvia Mystic Spires Blue
- Scaevola Mini Soft Blue
- Vinca Nirvana series

**2007 Winners**

- Celosia New Look Dark Red - Benary
- Coleus Tiny Toes - Ball FloraPlant
- Dorotheanthus Mezoo Trailing Red - S&G
- Euphorbia 'Burgundy Wine' - Proven Winners
- Iresine Blazin Lime - Ball FloraPlant
- Juncus Blue Arrows - PanAmerican
- Lantana Luscious Tropical Fruit - Proven Winners
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- Talinum Limon - PanAmerican
- Zinnia Profusion Knee-High Red - Sakata
- Zinnia Solcito - PanAmerican
- Vinca Cora Series - Goldsmith

## **THE PEOPLE'S PICKS 2006 AND 2007**

- Zinnia Zowie Yellow Flame
- Zinnia Uproar Rose
- Portulaca Rio Scarlet
- Ornamental Pepper Black Pearl
- Petunia Jamboree Light Blue
- Petunia Sunray
- Celosia New Look
- New Guinea Impatiens Sonic Salmon on Gold
- Purple Pineapple Lily
- Hibiscus Copper King
- Rudbeckia Autumn Sun
- Perilla Magilla Purple
- Anagallis Angie Blue
- Vinca Nirvana Cascade Pink Splash

## **TEXAS SUPERSTAR 2008 PROMOTIONS**

- Jatropha May Promotion
- Pride of Barbados July Promotion

## **TEXAS SUPERSTAR 2009 PROMOTIONS**

- Salvia Mystic Spires Blue April Promotion
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- Graptophyllum Chocolate May Promotion
- Thryallis May Promotion
- Vinca Cara Burgundy May Promotion
- Vinca Nirvana Rose and Pink Blush May Promotion

# OUTSTANDING PERFORMERS IN WINTER TRAILING PETUNIA TRIALS

## FALL GREENHOUSE TRIAL - NO LIGHTING USED

These cultivars reached 50% flowering in 77 days or less from a late August sowing and scored a performance rating of 8 or better on a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being the best.

- Avalanche Cherry, Lilac, Pink, White, and Salmon Shades
- Easy Wave Cherry, Salmon, Shell Pink, Blue, Red and White
- Explorer Blue, Coral, Lavender, Pink, Purple, Rose, and Rose Pink
- Opera Deep Rose
- Ramblin' Burgundy Chrome, Pink, Shades O'Pink, and Violet
- Wave Blue

## FALL/WINTER FIELD TRIAL

These cultivars scored a flowering rating of 2 or better on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the best by March 1.

- Avalanche Pink and White
- Easy Wave Blue, Red, and Salmon
- Ramblin' Neon Rose
- Tidal Wave Hot Pink

These cultivars scored a flowering rating of 3 or better on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the best by March 16. Those marked **GCB** had good center bloom at that time.

- Avalanche Lilac (GCB) and Pink
- Easy Wave Blue, Red, and Salmon
- Explorer, Purple (GCB), Rose, Rose Pink, and White
- Kahuna Violet (GCB) and White (GCB)
- Opera Deep Rose (GCB)
- Ramblin' Lavender, Lilac Glo, Neon Rose (GCB) and Violet
- Rapide Bright Rose (GCB)
- Tidal Wave Hot Pink (GCB)
- Trailblazer (GCB)
- Wave Blue

## THESE CULTIVARS MADE BOTH THE FIELD AND GREENHOUSE LISTS

### With **GCB**

- Avalanche Lilac
- Explorer Purple, Rose and Rose Pink
- Opera Deep Rose

### Without **GCB**

- Avalanche Pink
- Easy Wave Salmon, Blue and Red
- Ramblin' Violet
- Wave Blue