

**All Gardens
Great & Small**
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NEW VARIETIES FOR 1998
Gardeners are looking for new plants every year. Here are new flowers and vegetables that are featured in 1998 mail order seed catalogs, seed packets, or as bedding plants at garden centers. This is the first in a series.

Aquilegia Flabellata "Cameo" Series. Five-inch (13 cm) "Cameo" is delightful for flowering in 4-inch (10 cm) pots and then planting out as a fully hardy perennial. Cameo's silver-green, compact foliage adds beauty to the garden when not in bloom. Four separate colors and a mix.

Begonia "Eureka" is a new, more vigorous series, designed for superior garden performance, and

available in a full range of both green and bronze leaf colors. Plants of Eureka fill beds with color more fully and more quickly. The extra vigor helps them thrive in tough weather, heat and humidity, and they perform equally well in sun and shade. Bronze leaved rose.

Begonia Hortensis "Inferno Series." An interspecific cross has resulted in a very versatile Begonia series, ideal as a bedding plant in mass plantings for the landscape as well as production for hanging baskets and large containers. New to the series is a green-leaf rose, white and pink and a bronze-leaf rose.

Begonia "Super Olympia" Ser-

ies F1 Hybrid. The Olympia™ Series has earned the reputation for superior greenhouse and garden performance. Olympia is a proven performer in the home garden and for the landscape professional. Super Olympias have 4 separate colors and a "mix," a brighter red, a striking new rose; and a beautiful pink, and white. All this on earlier, more uniform plants with larger flowers.

Bellis "Galaxy" flowers quickly in autumn and can be used as a fall bedding plant along with pansy, or flowering kale/cabbage. It has a pretty semi-double pomponette flower shape with a yellow heart, uniform with compact habit, and will flower continuously all winter in mild areas. In colder areas, it will go dormant and flower again in spring. "Galaxy Red."

Cynoglossum Amabile "Jeans." The colors of the '90s, stone-washed denim-blue. Rich flowering borderplant of approximately 35 cm that keeps ornamental value after flowering for its seed-pods turn from green to purple. This Cynoglossum is an excellent choice for trendy near-natural plantings.

Dianthus "Floral Lace Light Pink," a light rose pink, and "Floral Lace True Rose," a deeper rose shade, feature the largest flowers of their type, with lacy, serrated edges. Both of these elegant new varieties are extremely heat-tolerant.

Felicia "Sprint Merchen" from the same family as the well known "Blue Dairy," Felicia heterophylla, Spring Merchen is a dwarf, heavily branching plant, especially is sown in the autumn. The color is predominantly sky blue with a small percentage of pink, rose and purple.

Fuchsia Hybrid "Fete Floral" is

a rich and free-flowering fuchsia easily raised from seed. The plant habit is upright and branching stems that become woody with age. The many pendulous blooms

are in clusters together in crowded, terminal racemes of a bright red color. They are followed by attractive deep purple berries.

Old Iron Club Plans Antique Days

The Ickesburg Fire Company and the Perry County Old Iron Club present the fifth Annual Antique Days, Friday, October 3 through Sunday, October 5, at the carnival grounds located behind the firehouse in Ickesburg.

The event will begin Friday at noon with tractor registration. The feature tractor for this year is John Deere. At 3 p.m. the food stands will open.

New for 1997 is a limited-edition postcard which you will be able to obtain a cancellation mark at the show grounds. Only 500 of these cards were printed.

Saturday kicks off at 9 a.m. when the flea market, craft area, and all displays of working equipment will open. The working displays consist of antique tractors and automobiles, hit and miss engines, blacksmithing, broom making, threshing of grain, baling straw, sawmill, and hammermill.

The Fall Harvest Parade will step off at 1 p.m. and will feature marching units, floats, antique automobiles, and antique farm machinery. A pedal tractor pull competition is scheduled to be held at 3 p.m. This competition is open to anyone between the ages of three and 103 and is bound to

be a fun event to come out and participate in. If you're not interested in the pedal pulls, you can enjoy a BBQ chicken dinner which will also be available at 3 p.m.

Entertainment is scheduled to take to the bandstand from 5 to 8 p.m. After the entertainment is finished, the sky will be filled with a fabulous fireworks display at 8 p.m.

Sunday begins with a community worship service at 8:30 a.m. in the firehouse with 9:30 marking the opening of the flea market and craft area along with the display of working equipment.

A pig roast will be the main attraction for the lunch crowd. The roast will be served starting at noon. Last chance to compete in the pedal tractor pull competition will be at 1 p.m. The horse pulls will begin at 2 p.m. and will wrap up the events for the show.

No charge for parking and there is no fee for admission. Come to Ickesburg, Millerstown exit of 22-322, follow Rt. 17 West. For more information, contact one of the following show officials: Leroy Fleisher (717) 582-4973 or Rich Hoffner (717) 582-7423.

Outdoor Gardens

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A newcomer to railroad gardening, Nancy Robinson, who lives at Long Level, along the Susquehanna River, explains that she got started when she saw the society's display during the York Area Garden Show held at the York Fairgrounds in February.

She was put in touch with Boll who helped her to get started through advice and reading material. "I just loved it. I went crazy over it," Robinson said.

She describes her railroad garden as "little because I'm just starting out," indicating that she too will probably expand as she continues the hobby.

Her tracks are over river stone she brought up from her boat landing in addition to other material she used to make stable.

A friend built her a schoolhouse, a log cabin, a railroad station, and a train station. "He's working on my farm now," she added. "He builds them all for me and I paint them."

Her husband, Palmer Robinson, at first dismissed her plans, but "he got into it and now he's my chief engineer and electrician." He's an electronics lab technician with York International.

"We're kind of at a stand still," she said, "because I had gotten Thomas the Tank Engine — I just love Thomas — and his transformer went bad, now I'm waiting for his transformer to come back," she said.

"Mine's not ready for an open house, but I love to go around to see the others," she said.

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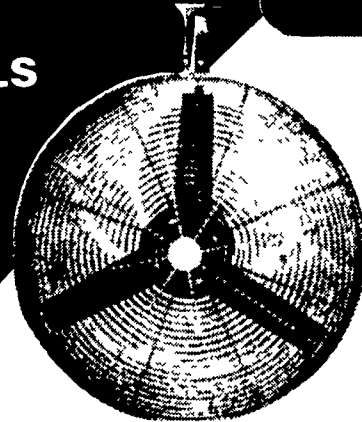
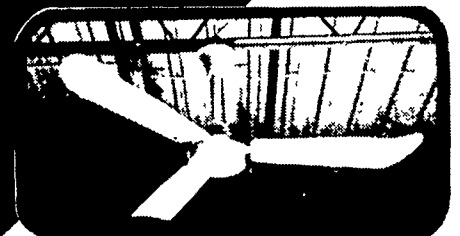
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