## **New Meaning To 'Colorful' Gardening**

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George Weaver of Etters in York County, a Master Gardener since 1995, waters container gardens at the Trial Garden at John Rudy Park. The gardens are a project sponsored by York County's Penn State Extension Office and cared for by Master Gardeners from the area.

landscapers and gardeners.

"In Pennsylvania, retail sales of nursery plants exceeds \$200 million. York County has 334 registered nursery, greenhouse, landscape and garden center businesses representing 5.5 percent of the 6,034 green industry businesses located in Pennsylvania. Extension programs are currently reaching 23 percent of these businesses in York County," Becker said.

He said, "In it's first year, 70 'best' plant performers were evaluated in the York trial, including 27 annual and perennial flowers in the Gardener Selects trial. Thirty Master Gardeners donated 400 hours to plant, maintain, and evaluate plants in the trial.

"As a result, the program increased York countian's exposure to the identity, culture, and use of desirable 'new' plant varieties used throughout the green industry."

While the "Misty Lilac Wave Petunia" topped the recommended list of plants in the 1999 York County trial because of its outstanding color and habit, the Celosia Argentata with bright scarlet plumes with bronze leaves, and Coreopisis Rosea, a fast growing, spreading perennial for naturalizing-both previously mentioned-were also on the recommended list.

Others on the list were Petunia X hybrida "Mini

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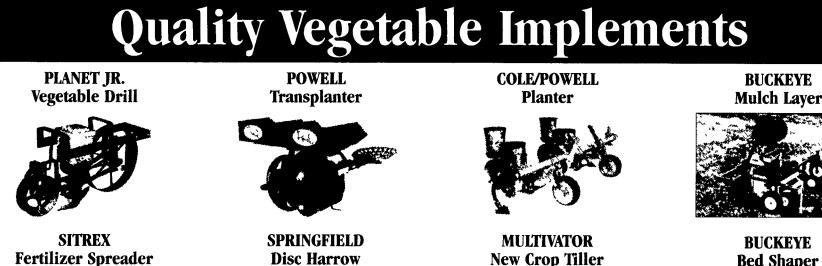
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