

# Selection committee picks fewer selections

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 Look forward each year to the announcement of the All America winning vegetables and flowers. This year marks the 80th anniversary of this announcement, and although there seems to be a lack of numbers this year, the selections committee more than made up for the lack of numbers with seemingly beautiful and useful bits of plant life that will soon grace our gardens.

All America Selections is a non-profit organization that oversees the planting, growing, harvesting and introduction of never-before grown flower and vegetable varieties. There are actually 200 profes-



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sional gardeners in America and Canada who grow the plant life to maturity.

They submit their best offerings to the committee for judging and then the best of the best is offered for sale to the public. It is indeed a tough ticket for these outstanding cultivars to reach our backyard garden.

The selection process was organized in 1932 and seldom has their

been so few introductions made as there are this year. There are only five selections for 2012.

Apparently, in the eyes of the judges, none of the other hundreds and hundreds of submissions were worthy.

It was also a bit distressing that the committee was so late in making the announcement of the new selections that it was impossible for the seed catalogues to list their availability.

But here are the winners, in all their new found glory. First, we have an ornamental pepper called

BLACK OLIVE, described by the judges as truly a standout. It features a bushy 20 inch high growing habit and forms little black or purple fruit in small clusters on its stem. The peppers will turn red in the fall, and are indeed edible, but fiery hot! The bright purple flowers and dark purple foliage add to its usefulness, and is highly recommended for container growing.

Gardeners who enjoy vincas will absolutely love the new JAMS N' JELLIES BLACKBERRY vinca that boasts deep purple 2-inch blooms that have a white eye. The flower petals appear almost black. The easy-to-grow plants have excellent tolerance to heat and drought.

Then we have an award winning salvia called SUMMER JEWEL PINK. It is listed as a dwarf plant with a prolific blooming capability that will bloom as much as two weeks earlier than other salvias. It is said to be a favorite of hummingbirds.

Next, a couple of interesting vegetable winners. One is a slightly spicy pepper whose name is CAY-ENNETTA that yields dozens of 3 to 4 inch fruit that have extremely good pepper flavor. The extra thick foliage protects the fruit nicely from sun scald.

In my opinion, the 2012 All America Selection with the most overall interest is a new four to six pound

watermelon named FAIRIE. There have been several new so called "ice box" watermelon introductions in the past 10 years, but this one is a non-traditional melon. It matures into a creamy yellow outside color with thin stripes, and deliciously crisp pink-red flesh inside. The vines are extremely vigorous but spread to only about 10 feet. FAIRIE is its name.

There you have it...this year's rather meager offerings from the All America Selections committee, circa 2012. If you can find the seed or plants this year, you'll be lucky. But if you do, you can depend on them to grow and produce exceptionally well!

# Changing spring weather can damage fruit trees

We got the Master Gardener training under way Tuesday, Feb. 7, this year and we are offering it Sharon Springs. In the first session, Ward Upham, Kansas State Horticulture Specialist, discussed winter dormancy of fruit trees. We sometimes see fruit tree damaged during early springs that turn back to winter with sudden cold snaps. I found his remarks interesting based on the weather we have been having.

Ward explained that plants that become dormant in preparation for winter must have a certain number of "chilling hours" before the buds will begin growth the next spring. "Chilling" hours are those in which the temperature remains between 32 and 45 degrees F. Plants differ in the number of chilling hours needed, with those adapted to colder climates usually requiring more than those adapted to warmer zones. Even plants within the same species can differ markedly in the number of chilling hours required for bud break. For example, apple varieties range from a low of 250 (or fewer) chilling hours to a high of 1700.

The chilling requirements of some plants have been met already this



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winter. For these plants, dormancy is over and warm periods can lead to bud swell or even flowering. We have had reports of daffodils blooming in Wichita. Unfortunately, buds that have swollen have lost virtually all of their winter hardiness and can be damaged by severe cold.

So what do you do if you have a plant that has swollen buds? Actually, there is not much you can do to slow the bud development process because it is completely dependent on weather. However, watering during dry weather may help in an indirect way. Roots can suffer drought damage during the winter. A tree with a damaged root system and damaged buds will be slower to recover than one with just damaged buds. Readily available soil moisture will aid in keeping the plant healthy so it will be better able to recover from cold damage. Also, it is important to determine

if the swollen buds are flower buds or leaf buds. Even if the flower buds are killed by cold temperatures, the health of the plant should not be affected. If, in addition to the swollen buds, you also see small buds on the stems, then the swollen buds are flower buds and the small buds are leaf buds.

Leaf buds are more hardy than flower buds but even they can be killed if they have lost their winter hardiness. Even if the leaf buds swell and are killed by a cold snap, a healthy tree will still be able to sur-

vive. There are secondary buds that remain dormant unless the primary bud is killed. Secondary bud growth may be slower and less vigorous, but the tree will eventually recover.

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