

# ANNUALS & EVERLASTINGS

We have merged annuals and everlastings into one section. It does make sense to think of both categories of plants as having significant merit as bedding plants. What makes everlastings extra-special is that they can also be dried. Much to our delight, visitors to the farm often exclaim how lovely gomphrenas or celosias are in a border. These plants enhance the landscape without any need for cleaning, maintenance, or attention. On the other hand, some species do not lend themselves to a bright display because they really are "work" plants. They are constantly being harvested. *Helichrysum*, or the tall *Bracteantha bracteata*, should be relegated to the cutting garden, where it matters not whether they are graceful. The first part of the Annuals/Everlastings section is a listing of six-packs of plants. The last two parts are a listing of single pots. We have included a legend suggesting the most appropriate way to use these plants. Use these symbols to choose plants for your garden.

Bedding = ♪ Cutting = ✂ Drying = ☞

Flats of annuals and everlastings will contain six plants (unless noted otherwise). Price is \$2.40 per flat until April 1; \$2.85 thereafter.

(4000) **AGERATUM.** *A. houstonianum*. 'Blue Horizon'. A 20"-tall variety with branching stems and abundant medium-blue flowers all summer. Graceful in the border. ♪✂☞

(4002) **AMARANTHUS.** *A. caudatus*. **Love-Lies-Bleeding.** Unusually showy large plant with cascading magenta flowers. These plants are enjoyable in any cutting garden and they dry well for use in swags. ♪✂☞

(4003) **AMARANTHUS.** *A. cruentus*. **Prince's Feather.** Showy large 18" spikes of deep maroon. Large main flowers and side shoots are showy in borders. ♪✂☞

(4005) **ARCTOTIS.** *A. stoechadifolia*. 2' plants with abundant pale silvery blue daisy-like blooms. Showy in the garden and good to cut. Foliage is handsome silvery green. ♪✂☞

(4010) **ASTER.** *Callistephus chinensis* 'Bouquet Powder Puff' mix. Two-foot-tall plants with double flowers on sturdy stems. Broad color variety, excellent to cut. Very reliable. ♪✂☞

(4030) **BLUE LACE FLOWER.** *Trachymene caerulea*. 18" plants with delicate lacy blossoms that resemble blue Queen Anne's Lace. Best planted in groupings. Beautiful to cut. ♪✂☞



(4035) **CALENDULA.** *C. officinalis* 'Pacific Beauty'. 18". Mixed colors of cream, yellow, and orange. Sometimes called **Pot Marigold**. The petals may be used as a saffron substitute. ♪✂☞

(4040) **CALIFORNIA POPPY.** *Eschscholzia californica*. 18". The original glowing orange California wildflower. Blooms all summer. Attractive foliage. Will reseed freely. ♪✂☞

(4046) **CELOSIA, Plumed.** *C. argentea plumosa*. **Celosia 'Forest Fire'** is lovely in the border. It is also useful fresh and dried. Many flowers on 2-3' plants. Reddish burgundy flower spikes are striking, cradled by the dark green leaves with wine veining. ♪✂☞

(4050) **CHINESE FORGET-ME-NOT.** *Cynoglossum amabile*. 'Firmament Blue'. Bearing true blue flowers on 18-24" stems, these plants resemble the perennial myosotis. Excellent performers, good for cutting, and very handsome in the garden. ♪✂☞

(4060) **CLEOME.** *C. hasslerana*. 'Pungens' mix. White to deep rose. 3-4' tall, also called Spider Flower. An outstanding background plant and cut flower. ♪✂☞

(4065) **COLEUS.** *C. x hybridus*. 'Rainbow' mix. Colorful foliage plants for sun, shade, garden, or container. May be slipped or potted up for winter house plants. Broad color range in flats. ♪✂☞

(4070) **COSMOS**. *C. bipinnatus* 'Sensation' mix. 4" plants with abundant blooms all summer. White, pink, and rose. Excellent for cutting. Graceful garden flowers. ♡✂

(4075) **COSMOS**. *C. sulphureus* 'Ladybird' mix. Bushy 20-36" plants with brilliant semi-double blossoms in shades of yellow, orange, and scarlet. Good for cutting. ♡✂

(4077) **FOXGLOVE**. *Digitalis purpurea* 'Foxy' mix. This annual variety will bloom when plants are about 18" in midsummer and continue blossoming into the early fall. Colors are quite varied, all with spotted corolla. Showy plants make beautiful cut flowers for bouquets. ♡✂

**GOMPHRENA**. *G. globosa* and *G. haageana*. All of the **Globe Amaranths** are extremely popular annuals, useful as dried material and for their beauty as bedding plants. Bushy plants produce hundreds of globe-shaped flowers. ♡✂

- (4079) **GOMPHRENA**, Clear White.
- (4080) **GOMPHRENA**, Pink to Cerise.
- (4081) **GOMPHRENA**, Magenta.
- (4082) **GOMPHRENA**, Damask Rose.
- (4083) **GOMPHRENA**, Orange.
- (4084) **GOMPHRENA**, Bright Red.

(4085) **HELICHRYSUM**. *Bracteantha bracteata*. **Strawflower** is perhaps the best known dried flower. Large flowers, mixed colors. Plants are tall and rangy, not very attractive, but their showy blossoms make them worth growing. ✂

**IMPATIENS**. *I. walleriana*. All the impatiens offered are of the 'Accent' Series, known for their free-flowering bedding, container, and garden performance. 12" brightly colored, shade-loving flowers. Choose by color. ♡

- (4086) **IMPATIENS**, Cranberry Red.
- (4087) **IMPATIENS**, White.
- (4088) **IMPATIENS**, Apricot.

(4090) **LARKSPUR**. *Delphinium consolida*. As the botanical name suggests, larkspurs are annual delphiniums. Plants will be a combination of rose and deep blue, the best colors for using fresh and for drying. Excellent garden flowers. ✂

**LIMONIUM**. *L. sinuatum*. **Staffee**. Masses of dainty flowers on 2' stems. Excellent plants for using fresh and for drying. ♡✂

- (4091) **LIMONIUM**, Mixed Colors.
- (4093) **LIMONIUM**, True Blue. A clear medium blue, difficult to find.



*Lisianthus* 'Echo' Series

## CASCADING PLANTS

Four plants are offered, all with a cascading and spreading habit, making them especially useful for containers or window boxes. **Price is \$2.35 each until April 1; \$3.25 each thereafter.**

(4390) **CALIBRACHOA**. *C. sp.* 'Celebration Rose'. Mounding and trailing plants with profuse small petunia-like flowers all summer. Warm rosy red blossoms handsome alone or in combination with other plants. Hardy.

(4391) **CALIBRACHOA**. *C. sp.* 'Celebration Apricot'. Small blossoms of this petunia-like trailing plant have apricot petals and veined throats with darker ochre-to-rust streaks of color. These plants are perfect for hanging baskets, window boxes, tubs, or patio containers.

(4393) **SCAEVOLA**. *S. aemula* 'Diamond'. Clusters of brilliant flowers, violet-blue with white variegation, on trailing stems of dark green foliage. Blooms all summer in containers or gardens. Also makes a nice indoor plant.

(4396) **ORNAMENTAL SWEET POTATO VINE**. *Ipomoea batatas* 'Blackie' is a dramatic variety with deep purple, broadly indented leaves. Vigorous in full sun to partial shade.

(4120) **LISIANTHUS**. *L. russellianus* 'Echo' Series mix. These showy American natives have been bred for the cutting garden and container growing. The 18" plants produce tulip-shaped blooms on the tops of the stems. Mixed colors of blue, rose, and white. ♡✂

(4125) **LOBELIA**. *L. erinus* 'Crystal Palace'. Deep blue flowers on compact 5" plants with bronzy foliage. Sun, partial shade. Lovely in the border, containers, and window boxes. ♡

(4140) **MARIGOLD**. *T. patula* 'Queen Sophia' mix. Standard 12" French type with a variety of gold, orange, and scarlet plants in each flat. Vigorous plants spread into beautiful bushes, blooming all summer long. ♡✂

(4145) **MARIGOLD**. *T. tenuifolia*. **Signet**. Lovely very small flowering type, Signet has mounds of orange, bronze, and yellow bicolor blooms with lemon-scented foliage. Plants are 18-20" tall. ♡✂

(4150) **NASTURTIUM**. *Tropaeolum majus* 'Jewel' mix. Semi-double compact 12" plants with brilliant flowers held well above foliage. Good for bedding or containers. Edible flowers. ♡✂

(4155) **NICOTIANA**. *N. alata* 'Nicki' mix. Also known as **Flowering Tobacco**, these 18" bushy plants bear fragrant trumpet-shaped flowers in white, pink, and red. Sun to partial shade. ♡✂

(4157) **NIGELLA**. *N. damascena*. **Love-in-the-Mist**. Graceful ferny-leaved plants with upward-facing flowers surrounded with hairy green bracts. Once flowers mature they are followed by large, showy green and maroon pods that are excellent to dry. Flowers may be cut for fresh bouquets. ♡✂

**(4160) PETUNIA.** *P. x hybrida* 'Purple Wave'. This variety, an All-American winner, is perhaps the most familiar of the Wave series. Plants are 6-7" tall, suited for ground covers, rock gardens, pots, and baskets. Vigorous and very floriferous. Plants need no deadheading and hold up well in all kinds of weather. Blooms are a rich magenta with contrasting purple veins. ♡✂

**(4165) PETUNIA.** *P. x hybrida* 'Easy Wave Shell Pink'. Petals are a delightful pink color with a light throat. This spreading petunia was judged as "out-

standing cultivar" and "uncontested best-of-class" by University of Florida trials team. Color, leaf, and bloom period are superior. ♡✂

**(4167) PETUNIA.** *P. x hybrida* 'Easy Wave White'. First white spreading petunia. Its centers stay full and compact but it is fast-growing. The plant does not need pinching. It can stand cold and heat and will tolerate dry and wet conditions. ♡✂

**(4170) RUDBECKIA.** *R. hirta* 'Toto Rustic'. This **Gloriosa** is a short-lived perennial and is grown as an annual. Standing only 10" tall and covered with heavily textured flowers all summer, it is heat-resistant, and weather-tolerant. ♡✂

**(4180) SALPIGLOSSIS.** *S. sinuata* 'Royale' mix. **Painted Tongues** are relatives of the petunia, but their flowers are much more showy. Blossoms have rich velvety texture and delicate veining that contrasts with the flower colors. Broad color range - gold, scarlet, rust, maroon. Plants 1-2' tall. ♡✂

**(4182) SALVIA.** *S. farinacea.* **Blue Salvia.** Our most popular true blue spike for drying. But don't let that prompt you to bypass this plant either as a cut flower or a bedding plant. It has a reputation as a prolific bloomer, with elegant, bushy form. Flowers on 2' plants. Long-blooming, attractive plants. ♡✂

**(4185) SALVIA.** *S. viridis.* So many people have remarked on its beauty in our annual beds. The bracts are white, pink, or purple, and a grouping of this salvia provides lovely garden color. Lasts into the fall. ♡✂

**(4190) SNAPDRAGONS.** *Antirrhinum majus* 'Rocket' Series. A dependable source of blooms all summer from this excellent hybrid with 30-36" stems that do not need staking. Broad color range, from white to yellow, pink, lilac, and red. ♡✂

**(4195) SWEET PEA.** *Lathyrus odoratus* 'Royal' mix. An old-fashioned favorite. Strong vines with abundant blossoms in mixed colors. Long-blooming. Fragrant and long-lasting cut flowers. ♡✂

**(4197) SWEET WORMWOOD.** *Artemisia annua.* Also called **Sweet Annie**, this popular 4-5' green artemisia holds its color and sweet fragrance for years when dried. Use in bouquets, wreaths, or hang dried in a humid area for lasting fragrance. ♡✂

**(4200) VERBENA.** *V. bonariensis.* **Tall Lavender Verbena** is an uncommon free-flowering verbena. This 3-4' tall variety is covered with small vibrant lilac flowers on sturdy stems. A perennial, grown in our climate as an annual, this plant appealed not only to us but to many of our visitors. Recommended as a garden plant and a cut flower. Its blossoms dry beautifully to a soft slate blue. ♡✂

**(4220) ZINNIA.** *Z. elegans.* 'Cut and Come Again' mix. A medium-sized zinnia with blossoms about 2-3" across, but not as large as the 'State Fair'. A good size for bedding, bouquets, and for sand drying. Broad color range. ♡✂

**(4225) ZINNIA.** *Z. elegans.* 'State Fair' mix. One of our favorite flowers for cutting and garden color. Large 3' plants with 5-6" blooms in many vibrant colors. State Fairs hold their form and color beautifully when dried in fine beach sand. ♡✂

## NEW GUINEA IMPATIENS

In this offering, we are listing three different new varieties of **New Guinea Impatiens**, *I. hawkeri*. These plants are known for their ability to flower well in full sun to partial shade. Flowers are larger than the regular impatiens and foliage is usually more lush and deeply toned. Plants will come in individual 4" pots. They are easy to grow in the border, containers, window boxes, or hanging baskets. At summer's end, we suggest that you lift and pot any in-ground plants or repot your container plants to be enjoyed during the winter months. Given good light and ample moisture, New Guinea Impatiens make excellent indoor plants as well as bedding material.

**Price is \$1.95 for each plant until April 1; \$2.25 thereafter. The collection (one plant of each of the three offered) is \$5.75 until April 1; \$6.75 thereafter.**

**(4370) Harmony Cherry Ice.** Reddish rose with bronze leaves. It is a striking container specimen, large and heavily flowered by mid-summer. A reliable performer.

**(4375) Harmony Dark Red.** Dark red flowers have a solid center and bronze foliage. Plants are known for exceptional basal branching and uniform habit. Stunning.

**(4380) Harmony Raspberry Cream.** Large pinkish lavender blooms with a contrasting rose and dark mauve pattern on one significant petal. Star-like delineation and bronze foliage are striking.

**(4385) New Guinea Impatiens Harmony Collection.** One plant each of the three colors.



# CHOICE COLLECTION 1

Choice annuals on this page are used primarily as bedding plants and cut flowers. Some, like browalia, are front-of-the-border plants. Calliopsis and calendula have multiple uses, including culinary. Morning Glory will climb 12' in a summer. Datura, an annual from the tropics, is fragrant. Price is 80¢ per pot until April 1; 95¢ per pot thereafter or, if you order early, you can also try the whole collection (one pot of each of the 12) at a special price of \$9.00 until April 1; \$11.40 thereafter.

(4245) **BROWALIA.** *B. americana*. 'Blue Bells'. Compact 9" mounding plants that bloom all summer long. Delicate foliage covered with small bell-like upward-facing flowers in shades of blue. Much admired. ♡☞

(4246) **CALENDULA.** *C. officinalis* 'Touch of Red Buff'. Elegant new variety, silvery apricot petals with red reverse and mahogany eye. Tall 18-24" bushy plants with abundant flowers to cut fresh. Blooms until early fall. ♡☞

(4247) **CALLIOPSIS.** *Coreopsis tinctoria* 'Finest' mix. This annual form of coreopsis is one of the finest annuals of our cutting garden. Very cheerful color-banded daisies of yellow, gold, orange, bronze, and burgundy mixtures. Pretty in the border. ♡☞

(4248) **CERINTHE.** *C. major purpurescens*. Deep purple bell-like flowers at the ends of fleshy-leaved stems. Attracts bees and hummingbirds. Very unusual and recommended. ♡☞

(4249) **DATURA.** *D. innoxia*. White. The common name **Angel's Trumpet** most accurately describes the dramatic flower form. Large white outward-facing blooms cover the 2-3' plants. Good garden and container plant. Showy spiny pods follow blooms. Recommended. See a lavender-flowering Datura on page 16. ♡☞

(4252) **LAVATERA, Rose.** *L. trimestris*. By midsummer these plants produce lush foliage on 2-3' stems and then abundant blooms of hibiscus-like flowers in a warm pink with contrasting veins. They are stunning in the garden and long-lasting when cut fresh. ♡☞



(4260) **MORNING GLORY.** *Ipomoea tricolor*. 'Heavenly Blue'. Handsome 6-12' climbing annuals with lush foliage; 3-4" flowers are an intense blue with centers that turn lighter in late summer. ♡

(4265) **NICOTIANA.** *N. sylvestris*. Tall Fragrant White Nicotiana. A tall 4-5' Flowering Tobacco with very fragrant white flowers. Use in the border or as a cut flower. ♡☞

(4267) **SCABIOSA.** *S. atropurpurea*. This deep maroon, almost black flower stands on stalks reaching from 24-36". Flowers are excellent in cut flower arrangements, where they will last and last. A significant presence in the garden, this plant will also produce unusual attractive large pods for drying. ♡☞

(4290) **SUNFLOWER.** *Helianthus annuus* 'Soraya'. This is the first sunflower to win an AAS selections award. Thick sturdy stems up to 6' tall with branching stems that support numerous 4-6" blossoms. A plant may yield up to two dozen warm yellow blooms with traditional dark centers. Showy border plant and a favorite sunflower for cutting fresh. ♡☞

(4300) **ZINNIA.** *Z. angustifolia* 'Profusion Cherry'. Gold medal winner from the All-American Selections, this is a zinnia for bedding and cutting. The 1' low-growing spreading plants are well suited to the front of the border. Bright green foliage with 2" warm rosy pink single blooms all summer. Sand dry. ♡☞

(4305) **CHOICE COLLECTION 1.** A garden sampler including one pot each of the 12 plants described above.



(4250) **HELIOTROPE.** *Heliotropium arborescens* 'Mini Marine'. Bushy compact 14" plants with large fragrant deep purple flowers. May be used in the annual border or in containers to be brought in at summer's end. ♡☞



## CHOICE COLLECTION 2

In contrast to the preceding collection, this group has been grown primarily for drying. But, give these plants a try as bedding plants and cut flowers. You will be surprised. There are some old favorites, some uncommon varieties, and a few plants that have been introduced to American growers just recently. Price is 80¢ a plant if ordered by April 1; 95¢ each thereafter. The Everlasting Collection, one each of the plants listed below, will cost \$7.50 until April 1; \$9.50 thereafter.

**(4310) ACROCLINIUM.** *Helipterum roseum*. Lovely daisy-like flowers in white to deep pink with yellow centers. Plants produce abundant flowers. Showy accents for bouquets and arrangements. ♡✂️

**(4311) AMMOBIUM.** *A. alatum 'Bikini'*. **Winged Everlasting** is a productive 2' upright plant with long stems and numerous small bright white flowers with clear yellow centers. If picked when small, the flowers are pure white. If left to mature, centers will turn from yellow to brown. All stages are useful in design. ♡✂️

**(4312) BROOM CORN, Red.** *Sorghum bicolor*. Very tall ornamental sorghum with long stems and arching shiny red seedpods. Pods are showy in arrangements and wreaths. Stems may be used to make homemade brooms. ♡✂️

**(4313) BROOM CORN, Black.** *Sorghum nigrum*. Another tall grass, the 6-8' plants produce a number of large seed heads that are shiny dark brown to black. Broom corns are easy to grow and the dried material is dramatic. Attractive plants need not be harvested until early fall. ♡✂️

**(4314) CELOSIA.** *Celosia spicata 'Cramer's Amazon'*. Introduced by a colleague from Pennsylvania. We saw this everlasting at the American Association of Specialty Cut Flower Growers when we attended as guest speakers. The flowers are a stunning deep rose version of the well-known pink wheat celosia. ♡✂️



**(4316) CELOSIA.** *Celosia spicata. 'Enterprise Red'*. Eye-catching burgundy seed heads are 3-6" long. They are excellent in arrangements, woven into wreaths, or, in combination with celosias, amaranthus, or broom corn, fashioned into attractive swags. When picked as cut flowers, the spikes will have greenish tonalities, creating a sumptuous multicolored effect. ♡✂️

**(4317) DATURA, Lavender.** *D. innoxia* is a four-foot-tall plant with a spread of four feet. It has beautiful trumpet-like fragrant lavender flowers which open towards evening. The fragrance is sweet and pervasive. It is a delight to walk near the plant. After the plant blossoms, it produces magnificent two-to-three inch pods which open up to reveal dark brown seeds. Try it. ♡

**(4318) FOUNTAIN GRASS.** *Pennisetum setaceum*. Excellent accent plant as well as producing everlasting seed heads. Large mounds of 18" grass produce many arching green to mauve seed heads. Good to cut fresh or to dry. Leaves also dry well. ♡✂️



**(4319) FEATHER TOP.** *Pennisetum villosum*. Similar in growth and uses to the grass described above. **Feather Top** has large iridescent beige flower stalks that are showy in the garden and in dried arrangements. ♡✂️

**(4320) HELICHRYSUM.** *Bracteantha bracteata 'Bright Bikini'* mix. Double and semi-double 2" flowers bloom all summer long on 12-14" plants. This versatile plant is a delightful bedding form of the tall production type of helichrysum that is also known as **Strawflower**. These flowers are also used for drying. A mix of white, yellow, orange, pink, and red colors. ♡✂️

**(4325) CHOICE COLLECTION 2.** Ten plants in single pots, one of each.