







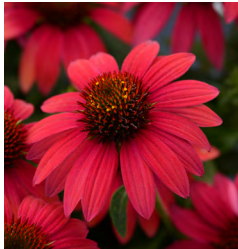






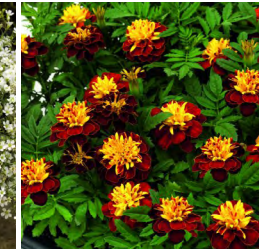













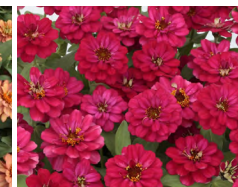

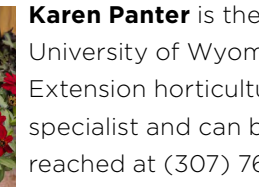


Great performances in Laramie’s All-America Selections Display Garden

The University of Wyoming has played host since 2012 to the only All-America Selections (AAS) Display Garden in the state. Every year AAS provides seeds and plant material to display and to help determine the best varieties for our area. The main garden is just west of Old Main on the Laramie campus. We grow and display flowering annuals and perennials. All-America Selection is an organization devoted to testing and displaying new varieties of annual and perennial flowering plants and vegetables. According to the association’s web site (all-americaselections.org), its mission is “to promote new garden varieties with superior garden performance judged in impartial trials in North America.” The process involves students who do the vast majority of the seed sowing and transplanting at the Laramie Research and Extension Center greenhouse complex. A volunteer professional gardener maintains the areas. Here are a few of the best performers we’ve showcased over the years.



							
Canna ‘South Pacific Orange F1’ – This one is a cousin of ‘South Pacific Scarlet’.	Canna ‘South Pacific Scarlet F1’ – Annual. This beauty only reaches about 12 to 15 inches tall.	Celosia ‘Asian Garden’ – Pink/red blooms on plants that love sunshine.	Cuphea ‘FloriGlory Diana’ – Gorgeous pink flowers on mounded plants.	Delphinium ‘Cheer Blue F1’ – Perennial. Compact delphinium with showy blue flowers.	Dianthus ‘Interspecific Jolt Pink F1’ – Generally sold as annuals, often overwinters successfully.	Dianthus ‘Interspecific Supra Pink F1’ – Annual. Bright pink flowers with fringed edges.	Echinacea ‘Cheyenne Spirit’ – Perennial. Overwintered successfully for several years.
							
Echinacea ‘Sombbrero Baja Burgundy’ – Perennial. Violet-red flowers great for cutting. Touted to be deer resistant.	Gaura ‘Sparkle White’ – Treat this one as a beautiful white annual. It does not overwinter successfully in Laramie.	Geranium (Pelargonium) ‘Brocade Cherry Night’(left) and ‘Brocade Fire’ – Annual. Produced blooms all summer, especially if kept free of spent flowers.	Geranium (Pelargonium) ‘Calliope Medium Dark Red’ – Annual. A prolific bloomer all summer.	Geranium (Pelargonium) ‘Pinto Premium White to Rose F1’ – Annual. Beautiful pink zonal geranium.	Gypsophila ‘Gypsy White Improved’ – Annual. Good for small garden beds, this short, mounding plant blooms with fluffy white flowers.	Marigold (Tagetes) ‘Super Hero Spry’ – A petite French marigold with darker red outer petals and yellow/gold inside petals.	
							
Marigold (Tagetes) ‘Big Duck Gold F1’ (left) and ‘Big Duck Orange F1’ – Annual. Neon colors make these African-type marigolds pop!	Nasturtium ‘Baby Rose’ – Annual. Mounded plants, great for small gardens and containers.	Osteospermum Akila ‘Daisy White F1’ – Annual. Loves our high light and cool nights.	Penstemon ‘Arabesque Red’ – Treat as an annual in Laramie. Blooms all summer.	Petunia ‘Evening Scentsation F1’ – Annual. Lilac-colored flowers on mounded plants.	Petunia ‘Tidal Wave Red Velour’ – Annual. Blooms all summer.	Petunia ‘Wave Carmine Velour F1’- Annual. Spreading plants result in a blanket of color all summer.	
							
Rudbeckia x ‘American Gold Rush’ – Perennial. Shorter than most other rudbeckia.	‘Summer Jewel Lavender’ (left), Salvia ‘Summer Jewel Pink’ (center), Salvia ‘Summer Jewel White’ (right) – Annual. There are several colors in the ‘Summer Jewel’ series, and all perform beautifully in our Laramie climate.			Zinnia ‘Profusion Double Deep Salmon’ (left) and ‘Profusion Double Hot Cherry’ – Annual. They do not get much taller than about 12 inches in our area but bloom prolifically all summer.		Zinnia ‘Profusion Red’ – Annual. An addition to the ‘Profusion’ series.	

Photos courtesy AAS.

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