

Who determines the AAS Winners?

Independent AAS Judges determine the AAS Winners by judging and scoring the entries. The Judges score each entry from 0 to 5 points, with 5 being the highest, basing their scores on the extent to which the AAS entries exhibit improved qualities over the comparison varieties. Judges report their scores at the end of each growing season. AAS uses an independent accounting firm to calculate the average score of each entry. Only the entries with the highest scores are considered for a possible AAS Winner designation. AAS Judges determine which new, never-before-sold entries have proven garden performance to be introduced as an AAS Winner.

What qualities does the Judge score?

Judges look for significantly improved qualities such as earliness to bloom or harvest, disease or pest tolerance, novel colors or flavor, novel flower forms, total yield, length of flowering or harvest, and overall uniqueness or performance.

What is the difference between an AAS Trial Ground and an AAS Display Garden?

AAS Trial Grounds are where the AAS Judges evaluate and score the entries to determine the AAS Winners. AAS Display Gardens grow the AAS Winners (after they are announced) for the public to view. AAS Display Gardens do not evaluate and score entries but are a very important element of the AAS public relations program.

All Trial Ground and Display Garden locations can be found at www.aaswinners.com.

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For More Information

All-America Selections Winners offer gardeners reliable new plant varieties that have proven their superior garden performance in Trial Grounds across North America. For images, details about the history, testing program, judges and Display Gardens you are invited to browse the AAS website at: www.aaswinners.com



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What is All-America Selections?

All-America Selections is a non-profit organization that tests and introduces AAS Winners each year. AAS was founded in 1932 and continues as the oldest independent plant testing organization in North America.

Every year, new, never-before-sold varieties are submitted for testing in our Trial Grounds where professional horticulturists determine which varieties will be deemed winners based on their garden performance.

AAS relies on a public relations program to inform gardeners about AAS Winners. New winners are announced three times each year.

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2012 AAS Flower Winners

Ornamental Pepper 'Black Olive' *Capsicum annuum*

The AAS Judges said this entry was a standout, especially in the southern gardens where heat was a major presence during the 2011 trials. All season long this beauty keeps its upright habit with nicely draping leaves and dark purple/black fruit which appear in small clusters along the stems. As summer progresses, the fruits mature to red giving a beautiful contrast against the dark purple foliage and bright purple

flowers. Retailers and growers can sell this multi-use ornamental as a 20" border plant, a great color splash for containers or as a cut flower in mixed bouquets. *Bred by Seeds By Design*



Vinca 'Jams 'N Jellies Blackberry' *Catharanthus rosea*

A stunning vinca with a most unique and exciting color that appears almost black in some settings. The novel color drew many positive comments from both judges and trial visitors. The velvety deep-purple flowers are an excellent accent plant and work beautifully in combination with other flowers that are powder blue, bright pink, white and/or lavender. Mature plants are 12 to 16" tall making them perfect

as a medium height divider. The 2-inch dark purple flowers are offset by shiny, deep green foliage creating a striking color combination. *Bred by Kirin Agribio-PanAmerican Seed*



2012 AAS Bedding Plant Winner

Salvia 'Summer Jewel Pink' *Salvia coccinea*

Sister to AAS Winner Salvia 'Summer Jewel Red', this dwarf-sized, compact plant just 15 to 20 inches tall blooms prolifically throughout the growing season. Abundant soft pink half-inch blooms fill the slender but sturdy stems. As a bonus, the blooms appear almost two weeks earlier than other pink salvias used as comparisons. And of course, the hummingbirds love pink, just as much as they do red! Commercial

growers will appreciate the earliness, excellent pack performance and uniformity. *Bred by Takii & Co, Ltd.*



For additional information and images, please visit the AAS Website at www.aaswinners.com



2012 AAS Vegetable Winners

Pepper 'Cayennetta' F1 *Capsicum annuum*

Everyone will love this excellent tasting mildly spicy pepper that is very easy to grow. Slender, tapered 3- to 4-inch peppers fill the well branched upright 20-inch plant. No staking is required, making it a perfect plant for container or patio gardens. Unique to this variety is good cold and heat tolerance and a dense foliage cover that protects the fruits from sun scorch. 'Cayennetta' is an all-around good choice no matter where you're gardening. The great pepper-taste, heavy yield and prolific fruit set outshone all comparisons. *Bred by Floranova Ltd.*



Watermelon 'Faerie' F1 *Citrullus lanatus*

'Faerie' is a non-traditional watermelon in that it has a creamy yellow rind with thin stripes yet still yields sweet pink-red flesh with a high sugar content and crisp texture. Home gardeners will like growing something unique in their garden and the fact that the vines are vigorous yet spread only to 11' means it takes up less space in the garden. Each 7-8" fruit weighs only four to six pounds making it a perfect family size melon. Professional growers will appreciate the disease and insect tolerance as well as the prolific fruit set that starts early and continues throughout the season. *Bred by Known-You Seed Company*

