

## Annuals That Deliver! Plants That Please Clients

- Most people want annuals that bloom all summer until hard frost with little or no deadheading...but they may want other features too.
  - The way annuals are planted is changing – some people still like “bedding” areas of a single plant, but a “field style” is becoming more popular.
  - Today’s annuals are nitrogen hogs...forget high-phosphorous fertilizers. (I use a combination of 1 part synthetic time-release and 1 part organic such as Plant-tone; this provides nutrients all summer and fall.)
1. *Papaver rhoeas* (corn poppy) – for gardeners, maybe not for clients (Can’t mulch, they die by end of June, don’t transplant)
  2. *Amaranthus* that self-seeds in my cutting garden. Gardeners.
  3. Big Pink Begonias (Proven Winners) and *Euphorbia* Diamond Frost sun or part shade
  4. Annual beds at Duke Gardens [www.hr.duke.edu/dukegardens](http://www.hr.duke.edu/dukegardens) with Pentas, *Setcreasea pallida* (purple heart), ornamental peppers, sweet potato vine and other annuals.
  5. Assorted seed-grown marigolds with *Scaevola* and ‘Snow Princess’ *Lobularia* in C.L.’s fragrance/bird garden.
  6. Pink Sunpatiens, *Bidens* Goldilocks Rocks and ‘Snow Princess’ *Lobularia* (Volcano Phlox in background with *Actea* ‘Brunette’)
  7. *Salvia elegans* ‘Golden Delicious’ with African Blue Basil (*Ocimum kilimandscharicum* × *basilicum* ‘Dark Opal’) with ‘Profusion’ Zinnias and *Lobularia* Snow Princess.
  8. Detail pineapple sage ‘Golden Delicious and A. blue basil.
  9. Dahlias, *Verbena bonariensis*, and annual *Salvia* planted “field style.” This is where annual garden plantings are going.
  10. Sentry World in Stevens Point, WI – Short *Verbena bonariensis* (‘Lollipop’ or Meteor Shower or Cloud 8), zinnias, marigolds, petunias, sweet potato vine etc.
  11. *Cannas* and Six Pack annuals (red *salvia*, zinnias, marigolds and *Ageratum* ‘Blue Horizon’ in C.L.’s “Annual Alley” with nasturtiums and “Marguerite” sweet potato vine.
  12. Annual alley with self-seeded Lime Green *Nicotiana*
  13. Test soil to see if fertilizer is required. See above.
  14. Zinnias for cutting and butterflies.
  15. Profusion zinnias – yellow and dark apricot, *Ageratum* ‘Blue Horizon’, red hibiscus (*Hibiscus acetosella*), and *Coleus* Sedona.
  16. Pink Profusion Zinnias
  17. Deep Apricot Profusion Zinnias
  18. Deep Apricot P.Z. with *Vitex* shrub, *Echinacea* ‘Milkshake’, *Calamintha nepetoides*, *Mecardonia* ‘Gold Dust’.
  19. Sunpatiens Variegated Spreading Salmon – closeup
  20. Sunpatiens Variegated Spreading White – closeup

21. Sunpatiens Variegated Spreading salmon in garden
22. Tall annuals for late-season color. *Hibiscus acetosella*, and Cleome Senorita Blanca.
23. C.L.'s deck-surrounding flower bed: *Coleus* 'Red Head', *Nicotiana langsdorffii* 'Varigata', *Nicotiana mutabilis*, *Hibiscus acetosella*, *Ipomea* 'Sweet Caroline Sweetheart Purple' in perennial bed with *Agastache* 'Blue Fortune', *Patrinia scabiosifolia*, & *Coreopsis* 'Star Cluster'
24. Lobularia Snow Princess and Frosty Knight – 3 slides
25. *Fuchsia* 'Gartenmeister Bonstedt'
26. Sunbini *Sanvitalia*
27. *Scaevola* 'Blue Wonder' and White Improved (PW)
28. Drought tolerant: Superbena Blue verbena, pink purslane, and *Mecardonia* 'Gold Dust.'
29. *Evolvulus* "Blue My Mind" – plant close together.
30. *Gomphrena* – purple variety and 'Strawberry Fields (red)
31. Tricolor Garda ornamental peppers.
32. Little Ruby™ *Alternanthera dentata*
33. *Dorotheanthus bellidiformis* 'Mezoo Trailing Red' mixes well with succulents + variegated *Pilea* for small containers.
34. Tropicals. Hollywood Hibiscus
35. *Mandevilla* 'Alice du Pont' and Sun Parasol *Mandevilla* Apricot
36. *Ixora coccinea* often sold as a "tree" or standard.
37. Coral porter weed (*Stachytarpheta mutabilis*) hummingbirds
38. *Canna* – especially effective backlit.
39. Bonfire Begonia with Rex begonia and Algerian ivy
40. Waterfall Soft Pink Begonia
41. *Solenia begonia* – good in part shade to full sun.
42. Lemon Slice *Calibrachoa* (more long lasting than some) with Frosty Knight Lobularia.
43. *Angelonia* Angelface Steel Blue – long lasting, big flowers
44. *Oregano* 'Kent Beauty'
45. King Tut Papyrus – 2 slides – with coleus and *Canna*
46. Cleome Senorita Blanca for large containers
47. *Cuphea* vermilionaire – a hummingbird magnet
48. New large *Euphorbia* 'Diamond Mountain.'
49. Let's not forget Nasturtiums from seed and creative fun with **Smart Pots** [www.smartpots.com](http://www.smartpots.com) in troughs and on top of tree stumps.

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