

# New 1957 Annuals Listed; Phlox, Petunias Included

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Most flower gardeners like to be among the first to plant the new varieties. Surely one or two new varieties do add interest to one's garden—not only for oneself, but also for all who visit the garden during the season. This year is exceptional in that there are so many new flowers to choose from. I shall devote this column to a brief discussion of what I consider to be the best of these new varieties.

Let me begin by mentioning the three 1957 All-America winners. These are the flowers that have been selected for All-America awards by a panel of judges who observe the latest varieties on variously located trial grounds. Although these award-winning flowers may be originated in any part of the world (this year they came from Holland, Japan and the United States), each must grow well in every part of this country in order to win the approval of the All-America judges.

**New Phlox**  
"Twinkle Little Star" phlox was born and bred across the Atlantic in Holland. Many people I talk with seem to think that in the flower world Holland is famous for tulips only, but this is not so. Many of our finest flower seeds originate there. Twinkle Little Star is a new strain of an old-time favorite called "Star of Quedlinburg" or

just "Star" Phlox for short. Twinkle Little Star gets its name from its dainty dwarfness. The plants grow only to 7" in height. They are bushy, compact, and covered with star-shaped flowers in many colors and color combinations. One feature that attracted the attention of the All-America judges is the number of new colors that are not found in the old tall strain. Twinkle Little Star makes an excellent low border or "edge", and an entire bed of these flowers can be really spectacular.

Another All-America winner is "Glitters", a red and white bicolored petunia and a true F1 hybrid. The rich Fire Chief red and contrasting pure white stripes make a brilliant combination. The compact, dwarf plants are excellent for bedding. Their wonderful uniformity makes them ideal for borders, as well as for pots and boxes. The hybrid vigor of the strain keeps it blooming over a long period even in the hottest weather. Gorgeous big blooms measuring about 2 inches literally cover the plants. Glitters well deserves its All-American rating and is sure to be very popular this year.

**New Petunia**  
The third All-America winner for 1957 is another petunia, called "Red Satin", and here is something really super in a red petunia. Take the richest,

smoothest red imaginable, add a dash of orange and you have a red that beats them all. Then add a perfect mound of a plant, a foot high and a foot across, smother it with flowers of this remarkable red, and you have Red Satin. As a true F1 hybrid, it has all the virtues of hybrid vigor—including floriferousness, uniform plant habit, resistance to hot weather. I can recommend Red Satin for any garden without a single reservation.

But all new varieties are not entered in the All-America competition. Many seedsmen like to offer their customers varieties that are not available elsewhere. As a result, some excellent new varieties are not All-America varieties.

An outstanding flower among this group is "Golden Pygmy" marigold, featuring the richest yellow of this miniature family of marigolds. It is being made available by only one seedsman this year, so keep a sharp watch for it in the store flower seed displays. Although the mature flowers of Golden Pygmy are pure yellow, the younger blossoms are marked in mahogany at the base of the petal. This gives a contrasting sparkle that is delightful. I can recommend the strain highly for a low border or bed of rich golden yellow. It is also an excellent variety for miniature bouquets or for indoor decoration in small

pots. Being extremely easy to grow, Golden Pygmy has a wonderful future, and you can get a lot of satisfaction out of being one of the first to have it.

Another new marigold is "Crackerjack", one of the largest Marigolds grown. Many of the flowers actually measure up to 5 inches in diameter! The huge ruffled, tightly-petaled peony-flowered blooms include all of the marigold colors from primrose to orange. The flowers extend beyond the foliage to give a more showy effect than other strains of this type. Crackerjack is an early bloomer. It, too, is easy to grow, has a long blooming season, and is excellent for cutting.

This year has a new Zinnia, too. It is called "Ortho-Polka", or just "Polka" for short. This delightful strain of large zinnias has the same attractive markings as the smaller Peppermint Stick zinnias. Polkas are striped, dotted and mottled in such contrasting color combinations as red and white, pink and white, red and orange, orange and yellow. Occasional straight colors lend emphasis to the combinations.

The 4 inch fully double flowers are excellent for cutting. Plants are vigorous, resistant to heat and drought, easy to grow. A bed of Polka zinnias will add color and interest to any garden. Try one or two of these new

## NEWS NOTES from Crater High School

Spring is in the air, and Twirp season is on the way. Twirp season is an annual event sponsored by the Girls League. Thursday and Friday, the gentle sex will conduct an uprising against all eligible males. During these two days, it is perfectly legal for girls to ask boys out, but—The Woman Is Requested to Pay! Social

graces will be turned around, with girls opening doors, carrying books, paying for lunches, and generally practicing all the courtesies expected of the male of the species.

Twirp season will be climaxed with a costume ball Friday night. Girls ask boys to the ball, pay their way, and take advantage of the fact that all the dance

beauties in your garden this year. One packet will give you plenty of plants. They will help to make your 1957 garden the most interesting ever.

es will be lady's choice. For the two days of Twirp season, students will be found in the most unusual of costumes. There will be a color day, when all students will wear certain colors or be fined, and there will be a backwards day, when all clothing is turned backside forward. General chairman for Twirp season is Irma Penwell.

Dave Mack has been elected president of the Future Farmers of America chapter for 1957-58. Other officers elected in the secret candidate election last week were Lyle Bigham, vice president, and Bob Lichti, secretary. Treasurer for next year will be George Gilman, and the assistant treasurer chosen was Bill White. Carl Vanderpool was elected reporter, and Alan Barnes was chosen for sentinel.

The sixth annual spring concert was presented by the music department last Friday night. Norman Carothers conducted the band, girls glee club and the varsity choir in a repertoire of spring music. Rather unusual was a selection by the varsity choir, "Brumbasken i Bumba." The audience listened in curios-

ity, then broke into gales of laughter as a mournful cat "meow" through the song with the nonsensical words about cats, mice, and roof-tops.

When the song was almost finished, the laughter of the audience began to effect even the choir and the director. The director collapsed over the piano top and the whole choir doubled over, tears of merriment streaming down each face. When the hubbub had subsided, the choir finished the song, which had been recorded. For the enlightenment of readers who may have been curious last Friday, the "Cat" was Bruce Weatherston, a deep bass.

Fred Herrman received the most valuable player trophy at the basketball banquet last Wednesday night. The banquet, sponsored by the Comettes, was held at the Tally Ho.

Other players who received trophies were John Greb, free throws, and Fred Herrman for rebounds. Randy Campbell received the sportsmanship trophy. Comette president, Rose Drake introduced Sara Turner who gave grace, and Pat Medley, who was mistress of ceremonies. Fred Warner gave the after dinner speech. The president was presented a gift from the Comettes. Head basketball coach, Jim Nau, spoke to the group and introduced Chris Baker and Steve Benston, Bill Morse, and H. P. Jew-



This spring bonnet of pearl grey and white straw features a mobile straw daisy with rhinestone center. Designer is Walter Marks.

Give your Lenten meals an extra touch of goodness with white table wine. Marinate fish fillets in sauteur for half an hour. Remove fillets from wine, season, dip in crumbs, dot with butter and bake in a very hot oven. Serve with tartar sauce.

et, who presented the trophies.

Miss Bergloitt Larson, administrator of the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital, was guest speaker at a Girls League meeting last Wednesday. Miss Larson spoke to the group about vocations and fields open to girls in hospital work.

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