

Plantpeddler held our annual Variety Day, Friday August 7, along with celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the company. The trials were held in the new site, completed the Spring of 2020, and represents an investment in grower success by “Testing the Best in the Midwest”. The event showcased nearly 1,500 varieties of vegetative annuals in large containers, hanging baskets and beds from a global array of breeders.

Growers, breeders, brokers, and retailers spent the day evaluating the Trial Gardens, attending seminars by industry professionals, and touring the greenhouses. Presenters included: Broch Martindale, Corteva; Elizabeth Burdett, Selecta; Mike Faber and Ivan Izzo, BFG; Nathan Sell, Dümme Orange; Dr. Christopher Currey, Iowa State University. Participants had the opportunity to vote on their top three varieties. The winner this year, Bracteantha Granvia Gold, finished seventh in 2019, and was the overwhelming first choice for 2020.

## The Top 25 Varieties:

Ranking	Genus	Series and Variety	Breeder
1	Bracteantha	Granvia Gold	Suntory
2	Begonia	I'Conia Upright Fire	Dümme Orange
3	Begonia	Encanto Pink	Beekenkamp
4	Begonia	Mistral Orange	Selecta One
5	Verbena	Vanessa Compact Neon Pink	Danziger
6	Dahlia	LaBella Medio Fun Purple Improved	Beekenkamp
7	Begonia	Mahogany Cherry	Westhoff
8	Eupatorium	Elegant Feathers	Kientzler
9	Petunia	Hippy Chick	Danziger
10	Verbena	Temari Trailing Red	Suntory
11	Angelonia	Alonia Big Bicolor Purple	Danziger
12	Impatiens Insp	Sunpatiens Compact Tropical Rose	Sakata
13	Euphorbia	Hip Hop	Fleurizon
14	Begonia	I'Conia Portofino Citrix	Dümme Orange
15	Petunia	Ray Pistachio Cream	Danziger
16	Catharanthus	Soiree Double Pink	Suntory
17	Lantana	Havana Sunset	Dümme Orange
18	Petunia	Itsy Magenta	Syngenta Flowers
19	Lantana	Bandana Cherry Sunrise	Syngenta Flowers
20	Coleus	Stained Glassworks Golden Gate	Dümme Orange
21	Bidens	Golden Empire	Danziger
22	Verbena	Vanessa Compact Optik Lavender	Danziger
23	Osteospermum	Zion Purple Sun	Selecta One
24	Calibrachoa	MiniFamous Neo Double OrangeTastic	Selecta One

Tie 25	MultiLiner	DuraBella Red White & Blueberry	Danziger
Tie 25	Geranium Insp	Calliope Large Orange Splash	Syngenta Flowers
Tie 25	Verbena	Lanai Upright Twister Watercolor	Syngenta Flowers
Tie 25	Begonia	Hiemalis, Hailey Pink	Koppe
Tie 25	Petunia	Ray Black	Danziger

The event was made even more enjoyable by the perfect weather, outstanding color in the gardens, with food and networking under the big tent. We greatly appreciate all of the breeders for submitting genetics, all supporting vendor partner sponsors, the team at Plantpeddler for all the efforts and hosting, and especially everyone who attended.

Mark your calendars: Plantpeddler Poinsettia Variety Day on December 3, 2020. Plantpeddler Variety Day on August 6, 2021. Please make plans to attend both events. For more information and images from this or other Plantpeddler events, please contact us at [stacyb@plantpeddler.com](mailto:stacyb@plantpeddler.com). Thank-you.