GROWERTALKS

New Products

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Innovations

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Ball Horticultural Company

Fanciful Impatiens give a distinctive look to the landscape with exceptional vigor and dense, multi-petal blooms. They are excellent for landscapes, mixed containers and hanging baskets. Varieties provide season-long, profuse color. The newest addition for 2009 is Moonlight Rose Mix, a combination of rose-, pink- and white-colored blooms. Also available: Stardust Mix, Orchid Rose Improved, Coral, Formula Mix, Salsa Mix, Sweetheart Mix and Tropical Mix. Height: 10 to 12 in.; spread: 14 to 16 in. Part to full shade. Contact Ball Horticultural Company, Reader Service Number 150

BioWorks, Inc.

Scientific Certification Systems announces the expansion of the VeriFlora Program, a sustainability certification program for plants and flowers, to include the approval of products and input materials that support sustainable production practices. BioWorks is the first company to achieve such approval. The first approved product, RootShield Granules, is a beneficial fungus that provides season-long control of root diseases. It is



non-toxic to humans and animals, and considered environmentally safe for use on ornamental and vegetable crops. Contact BioWorks, Inc. Reader Service Number 151



Jelitto Perennial Seeds

Dramatic, bold and architectural are words often used to describe the commanding features of globe thistles. Echinops bannaticus Star Frost has a shorter habit with nice branching and a profusion of golf ball-sized white blooms, plus decorative foliage. The domed blooms are made up of dozens of tiny individual star-shaped flowers, each with five pure-white slender petals. Besides decorative cut flowers and distinct ornamental value, they are easy to grow in average soils in full sun and are cold hardy to Zone 3. Contact

Jelitto Perennial Seeds, Reader Service Number 152

Grimes Horticulture

The Logro Series of annual plants is genetically fit to meet the needs of greenhouse growers and landscapers, and eliminate overgrowth and water waste in the greenhouse without chemicals. Because Logro produces full-sized flowers on smaller plants, they use less water and save on irrigation. Plants have shorter internodes that resist stretching, branch freely, flower earlier and produce more flowers on more compact plants. Logro includes a variety of popular crops used in landscape plantings for both hot summer conditions and warm winter seasons. Contact Grimes Horticulture, Reader Service Number 153



Tava Systems

Tava Systems' new conveyor belt extends and retracts with the simple turn of a handle. If you need to keep your walkways open, then this belt will fill that requirement. This option can be located at the end of long-length post row conveyors or on shorter

conveyors in your work area. Contact Tava Systems, Reader Service Number 154

Co-Ex Corporation

Compared with sheets of the same weight and thickness, the Polisnake multi-walled structured sheet allows for an increase in loading of up to 60%. Due to unique reflection and refraction characteristics of the Polisnake sheeting, light transmission does not decrease, but actually intensifies. Each distinctive channel traps air, creating an excellent thermal barrier from the exterior side of the sheet to the interior side. Contact Co-Ex Corporation, Reader Service Number 155