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Subject: Some of my children in Saturday's SFA Gardens sale

***Aquilegia x puryearana* 'Blazing Stars' (Blazing Stars Columbine):** A seed propagated hybrid between the Texas natives, *Aquilegia canadensis* and *Aquilegia chrysantha hinkleyana*. Red and yellow flowers with large blooms. Named for late friend Pam Puryear of Navasota where the cross first occurred. Her native selections came from her cousin Emily Lott who was working on Texas columbines for a master's project at Sul Ross. Ten years of selection for desired form and color. Introduced by Color Spot in 1999.

***Bignonia capreolata atrosanguinea* 'Helen Fredel' (Helen Fredel Cross Vine):** A unique crossvine from then then 95 year old Helen Fredel's (now deceased) garden in Bryan, Texas. Dr. Welch first thought it looked like a cross between *Campsis* and *Bignonia*. Flower color is something between 'Atrosanguinea' and 'Tangerine Beauty'...red-orange with a yellow throat. Flower size is larger than both however. Originally on an old two-story house in her neighborhood.

***Bougainvillea x* 'Eddie Fanick' (Eddie Fanick Bougainvillea):** A showy, double red, variegated sport of 'Manila Red' from the wonderful old Fanick's Nursery in San Antonio, Texas.

***Hibiscus moscheutos* 'Peppermint Flare' (Peppermint Flare Rose Mallow):** A white sport of Sam McFadden's 'Flare' with chimera pink flecks and stripes. A sport from a private garden in Nacogdoches. Designated a *Texas Superstar*.

***Lantana x hybrida* 'Buttercream' (Buttercream Lantana):** A sport of 'Silver Mound' that starts out yellow like 'New Gold', turns pale yellow like 'Lemon Mound', and finally white like 'Silver Mound'. Has chimeral white flecks in the flowers. Occasionally reverts back to 'Silver Mound'. I found it at the now closed Naconiche Gardens nursery.

***Lantana montevidensis* 'Imperial Purple' (Purple Trailing Lantana):** Purple flowered, white eyed sport of trailing lavender lantana from plants obtained from Joe Toquigny in Seguin. Introduced by Lone Star Growers. Designated a *Texas Superstar*.

***Lonicera x americana* 'Pam's Pink' (Pam's Pink Honeysuckle):** A bushy, pink and cream flowered honeysuckle from Pam Puryear's grandmother in Navasota. Like 'Gold Flame' without the gold or the mildew. Possibly *Lonicera x americana*, one of the parents of *Lonicera x heckrottii*. Also sent around as 'Navasota' and 'Welch', which both trace their origins back to the cuttings Pam gave me while I worked with Lone Star in San Antonio. Dr. Welch originally thought it was 'Gold Flame'. Has attractive purple stems and lightly fragrant flowers. Sterile with no seed.

***Lycopersicon esculentum* 'Tycoon' and 'Tygress' (Tycoon and Tygress Tomatoes):** Two outstanding determinant tomatoes from Dr. Jerry's Parsons' Texas A&M tomato trials which he has conducted for 35 years. He says Tycoon is the best ever and the new Tygress was selected as this year's San Antonio Rodeo Tomato after winning last year's trial.

***Malvaviscus* x ‘Big Momma’ (Big Momma Turk’s Cap):** An intermediate cross I made between a pink *M. arboreus* and a red *M. drummondii* at SFA. Large flowers all season on a large plant. *Designated a Texas Superstar.*

***Malvaviscus* x ‘Pam Puryear’ (Pink Turk’s Cap):** A cross of the white form of *M. drummondii* onto ‘Big Momma’. Flowers start off coral pink changing to lighter pink. Received the *Lynn Lowery Award* from the Native Plant Society of Texas. Designated a *Texas Superstar.*

***Malvaviscus drummondii* ‘Red Hot’ (Red Spread Turk’s Cap):** A larger flowered spreading Turk’s cap from my breeding program.

***Petunia x violacea* ‘Parson’s Picotee’ (Parsons’ Picotee Petunia):** A fragrant, reseeding, heat tolerant, grandchild of the famous Laura Bush petunia with flowers variegated white.

***Phlox paniculata* ‘John Fanick’ (John Fanick Phlox):** A heat tolerant, fragrant, compact phlox with light pink flowers and darker eyes. Found it in a lady’s yard on Rigsby street in San Antonio. Named for late good friend and fabulous nurseryman, John Fanick. Designated a *Texas Superstar.*

***Rosa banksia* ‘Fragrant Snowflake’ (Fragrant Snowflake Lady Banks Rose):** An intoxicatingly fragrant delicate, single white Lady Banks rose. A vigorous seedling selected by the late Robert Bayse from seed from Italy. He was looking for an easier to root form for a roostock and for blackspot resistant breeding stock. It’s the most fragrant rose I’ve ever grown.

***Rosa x hybrida* “Nacogdoches” (‘Grandma’s Yellow’):** A tough, disease resistant, yellow hybrid tea I found at the Old Stone Fort Motel in Nacogdoches, Texas. Named ‘Grandma’s Yellow’ by Jerry Parsons and introduced as a *Texas Superstar* and “The Yellow Rose for Texas”.

***Rosa x gallica* “Scottsville” (Scottsville Rose):** Collected from the oldest rose in Texas, planted in 1834 in the old Scottsville Community east of Marshall. A once bloomer old European type with very double magenta flowers.

***Rosa x noisettiana* “Fanick’s Pink Marechal Niel” (Pink Marechal Niel Rose):** This fragrant heirloom climbing tea-noisette rose came from the late Eddie Fanick’s house at the old Fanick’s Nursery in San Antonio. It has buttery yellow flowers that are “air brushed” with hot pink in cool weather. It might be the rare old German noisette, ‘Kaiserin Friedrich’.

***Rosa x odorata* “Big Momma’s Blush” (Big Momma’s Blush Tea Rose):** An old heirloom tea rose from my late great-grandmother, Miss Dee Smith. Story was the family brought it from Tennessee. It’s pale coral pink, and is similar if not identical to Ruth Knopf’s ‘Rock Hill Peach Tea’. They look very much like the original tea rose, ‘Hume’s Blush Tea Scented China’.

***Rosa x polyantha* ‘Marie Daly’ (Marie Daly Rose):** A fragrant, pink flowered sport of the popular polyantha, ‘Marie Pavie’ from my mom’s back yard in Arcadia. Color is pinker in cooler weather and on newly opened flowers. Mostly thornless and grown on its own roots from cuttings. Propagate from thornless shoots only. Named after one of my dearest (deceased) friends.

whose yard I mowed as a kid. Introduced by King's Nursery. Designated a *Texas Superstar* and *Earth Kind* rose.

***Salvia azurea* 'Little Boy Blue' (Dwarf Pitcher Sage):** A compact seedling selection of our native East Texas salvia. In the wild this species gets six feet tall!

***Salvia farinacea* 'Augusta Duelberg' (White Duelberg Sage):** A vigorous white selections I made from Augusta Duelberg's grave near LaGrange, Texas. A prolific reseeder.

***Salvia farinacea* 'Henry Duelberg' (Henry Duelberg Sage):** A vigorous dark indigo-blue selection I made from Henry Duelberg's grave near LaGrange, Texas. A prolific reseeder. Designated a *Texas Superstar*.

***Salvia farinacea* 'Rebel Child' (Rebel Child Sage):** A chance hybrid between 'Henry Duelberg' and 'Cedar Hill' which is intermediate between the two and earlier blooming when cut back. Its flowers are larger and bluer than Papa Henry. Named for my grandfather Rebel Eloy Emanis.

***Tecoma stans* 'Gold Star' (Gold Star Esperanza):** A precocious, prolific flowering "yellow bells" selected from a private residence in southwest San Antonio. Introduced by Lone Star Growers. Designated a *Texas Superstar*.

***Verbena canadensis* 'Rosie' (Rosie Pink Verbena):** A pink form of our native East Texas verbena found along the edge of the Sabine National Forest. Named for my late sweet terrier, Rosie.

***Verbena x hybrida* 'Blue Princess' (Blue Princess Verbena):** A prolific, heat tolerant, perennial verbena that I obtained from the Royal Horticultural Society's nursery at Wisley, in England, on a trip with J.C. Raulston. Introduced by Lone Star Growers. Designated a *Texas Superstar* and *Mississippi Medallion* winner as "Biloxi Blue".

***Vitex agnus-castus* 'Flora Ann' (Flora Ann Pink Chaste Tree):** Pinker great-grandchild of 'Salinas Pink', named for my late dear friend, Flora Ann Bynum of Old Salem, North Carolina.

***Vitex agnus-castus* 'Lecompte' (Blue Chaste Tree):** Most beautiful vitex I ever saw. Long sapphire-blue flower spikes. From a little old yard in Lecompte, Louisiana. Called "Texas Lilac" and promoted as a *Texas Superstar*.

For a list of most of the plants available at the spring sale visit sfagardens.sfasu.edu

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