

Greg Grant Plant Introductions

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.

* *Chrysanthemum x* "Mildred Golden" (Mildred Golden Mum): A super vigorous white anemone flowered perennial mum from an old homeplace in Arcadia. It's really a groundcover. Named for my grandmother's sister's first husband's mother who grew it.

Chrysanthemum x "Alcine Johnson" (Gold Button Mum): A vigorous, small flowered, golden flowered button mum from the old Johnson homeplace in Arcadia.

Chrysanthemum x "Ruth Williamson" (Maw Maw's Christmas Mum): A late blooming, brick red, perennial garden mum from our late friend and arboretum volunteer extraordinaire Ruth Williamson.

Chrysanthemum x "Red Buttons" (Red Button Mum): A vigorous, small flowered, red perennial button mum from a Texas garden.

Crinum x 'Diane Welch' (Diane Welch Crinum): An open pollinated seedling of *Crinum bulbispermum* 'Album' I selected from a batch of seed I collected at Mercer Arboretum. Looks like a *Crinum powellii album* on steroids. Very floriferous.

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*.

Hibiscus x 'Jackie Grant' (Jackie Grant Hibiscus): A self seedling from a nightblooming cross between 'Blue River II' and a light pink sister of 'Moy Grande'. Named by friend Sue Ripley because it was the fattest hibiscus she ever saw! Large pink flower, gray-green pest resistant foliage, and self sterile.

Kosteletzkya virginica 'Cassandra Loos' (Cassandra Loos Marsh Mallow): A seedling selection of our native Texas salt marsh mallow with overlapping pink petals. Named for late friend, and wife of friend Peter Loos.

Kosteletzkya virginica 'Peter Loos' (Peter Loos Marsh Mallow): A seedling selection of our native Texas salt marsh mallow with fairly dark pink petals. Named for friend Peter Loos.

Lantana camara 'Greg Grant' (Variegated Lantana): An unstable yellow variegated sport of old fashioned "ham and eggs" lantana with pink and yellow flowers that I found at a New Braunfels Church beneath a shrine to the Virgin Mary surrounded by praying nuns. Named and introduced by Glasshouse Works. It's no good! Destined to be rare or extinct.

Lagerstroemia indica 'Piroska' (Red Crapemyrtle): An almost red seedling selection I made in San Antonio while working at Lone Star Growers. It has an upright habit, isn't patented, and has none of the white buds associated with the newer patented true reds.

Lagerstroemia indica 'Thelma Wheeler' (Arcadia Crapemyrtle): A nice, cold hardy, lilac-purple heirloom selection from an old homeplace in Arcadia. I have an allee' of it planted up my driveway.

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*. Fragrant butterfly attractor.

Lonicera x '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 had it as "Gold Flame".

Lupinus texensis 'Texas Maroon'/'Alamo Fire' (Maroon Bluebonnet): An Aggie Maroon strain of the Texas State Flower. Took years of selection from original blue tinges on pink flowers in a field of pink bluebonnets in LaPryor. A joint introduction with Dr. Jerry Parsons. Introduced by Wildseed. Designated a *Texas Superstar*. A European *Fleuroselect* Novelty winner. What's in commerce now is actually the "red" strain improved and selected by John Fanick and Jerry Parsons.

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 x 'Red Hot' (Red Spread Turk's Cap): A spreading selection with slightly larger red flowers. Dr. Parsons likes this one best.

Malvaviscus x 'Sweet Lips' (Sweet Lips Turk's Cap): A coral-red selection with a lighter blush on the outside of the flower.

Malvaviscus x 'White Lightning' (White Turk's Cap): This is a more vigorous white form of Turk's cap than the one that used to be passed around. It's not perfect but better.

Pentapetes phoenicia 'Pinkie' (Pink Pentapetes): A seedling selection from my mom's yard in Arcadia. True from isolated seed.

Pentas lanceolata 'Stars and Stripes' (Variegated Pentas): Green and white (actually tricolored) splashed variegated leaves with red flowers. A sport of 'Ruby Glow' from my trials at Lone Star Growers in San Antonio. Best variegation in full sun. Introduced by Peterson Brothers. An *Athen's Select Proven Winner* plant from which (like all my other intros) I get NO ROYALTIES! Also part of the *Southern Living Collection*. Most in the trade have unfortunately been allowed to drift into a less desirable speckled variegated

Petunia violacea (*P. integrifolia*) 'VIP' (VIP Petunia): A vegetatively propagated, small flowered, heat tolerant petunia with violet colored flowers. Reseeds prolifically and naturalizes to some degree in the South. A selection from seed collected in Stuttgart, Germany. Introduced by Lone Star Growers. A 1999 TAMU CEMAP promotion. Designated a *Texas Superstar*. Mostly dropped from the trade due to virus and replaced by 'Laura Bush'. I went on to select pink and white flowered forms as well.

Petunia x violacea 'Laura Bush' (Laura Bush Petunia): A seed propagated, heat tolerant, reseeding petunia that occurred as a cross between *Petunia violacea* and a block of old fashioned petunias (*Petunia x hybrida*) from Dr. Welch's stock (mostly whites). Introduced by Peterson Brothers. A joint introduction with Dr. Jerry Parsons, with the TAEX in San Antonio. Designated a *Texas Superstar*. Unfortunately most of the seed sold is now produced in Europe and will gradually become less adapted to the heat of the South.

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*.

Pistacia chinensis 'Red Man' (Red Man Chinese Pistache): A sterile, seedless, male selection I made from a batch of seedlings in Arcadia. Has a compact habit and dark red fall color.

Rosa banksia 'Snowflake' (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 rootstock and for blackspot resistant breeding stock. It's the most fragrant rose I've ever grown.

Rosa chinensis 'Speedy Gonzales' (Climbing Martha Gonzales): A climbing sport of 'Martha Gonzales' that I found in a San Antonio hospital parking lot while Jerry Parsons was inside trying to die. Very vigorous with maroon new growth. Heavy spring bloom with scattered repeat. Introduced by King's Nursery in Tenaha. Somewhat similar to the original wild China rose, *Rosa chinensis spontanea*.

Rosa x hybrid "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 "Canary Island" (Canary Island Rose): A once blooming, fragrant, dark pink European rose from an old specimen in San Antonio which I found in my "search for the San Antonio rose). Brought over from the Canary Islands. Introduced by the Antique Rose Emporium.

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 odorata "Satin Cream" (Thornless Tea Rose): An old, completely thornless, very pale yellow tea rose from my Search for the San Antonio Rose years ago.

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 flowered. 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.

Rudbeckia maxima 'Golda Emanis' (Yellow Foliaged Giant Cone Flower): I selected this yellow foliage giant black eyed Susan from a large native stand in Cherokee County and named it for my great aunt. It has chartreuse-green foliage and the normal tall golden yellow flowers. The best foliage color is during the winter months and in full sun.

Ruellia brittoniana 'Colobe Pink' (Dwarf Pink Ruellia): A dwarf pink flowered Mexican Petunia. A cross of *Ruellia brittoniana* and *Ruellia brittoniana* 'Chi Chi' from my yard in San Antonio. Plant patented and introduced by Color Spot Nurseries as *Bonita* _{tm}. Designated a *Texas Superstar*.

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 reseeded.

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 reseeded. 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.

Taxodium distichum 'Cajun Snowfall' (Cajun Snowfall Baldcypress): A weeping variegated baldcypress that isn't stable and burns on contact with air! It was a sport of a variegated seedlings I found while at LSU. It's destined for extinction of course.

Tecoma stans 'Butterscotch' (Butterscotch Esperanza): A butterscotch yellow hybrid seedling with dark eyespot I raised and Jim Berry selected.

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".

Verbena x hybrida 'Tie Dye' (Tie Dye Verbena): A sport of a great grandchild of 'Blue Princess. Similar to 'Pinwheel Princess' but with pink overtones. Introduced by Plant Delights Nursery.

Verbena x hybrida 'Tiger Rose' (Tiger Rose Verbena): The most vigorous of any perennial verbena. Has gaudy magenta flowers with purple stripes. Possibly the virus-free version of 'Fiesta'. From my Great Aunt's yard in Arcadia. The most common old verbena in East Texas.

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*.

Vitex agnus castus 'Salinas Pink' (Pink Chaste Tree): At the time, the pinkest vitex I had ever seen. Light pink flower spikes. From Mrs. Salinas' yard in San Antonio. Planted by her mother.

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