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Despite some warm, humid weather (and a brief, but substantial, rain shower), visitors to this past weekend's Blueberry Jubilee in Poplarville took the opportunity to visit our Trial Gardens. In this issue, we feature some of the visitor favorites, including varieties that will surely brighten the early summer landscape or patio.



Ricinus communis 'Carmencita Bright Red' (above), an ornamental castor bean from Benary, is seed-grown and currently available on the market. This is the first time we have had this variety in our Trial Gardens, and it certainly has been an attention grabber. The bright red seed capsules blend well with the burgundy-tinted leaves. Its sister variety, 'Carmencita Pink', is shown below. [Here's an important note from the Benary website: "Seeds are poisonous, do not eat or feed and keep away from children!"]



Canna 'Cannova Lemon' (above), a 2016 addition to the Cannova series of seed-grown, F1 hybrid cannas from Ball Ingenuity, puts on a show of lemon-yellow flowers on plants that are not too tall and not too short!



Old wheelbarrows never die, they just gain character!

Featured at left atop the vinca and verbena is *Agastache* 'Golden Jubilee', an All-America Selections winner from 2003. The lavender flower spikes are a bee magnet above the aromatic, golden-green foliage.



The South Mississippi Branch Experiment Station is located at 711 W. North St., Poplarville, MS 39470 (across from Pearl River Community College). From the intersection of Highways 11 and 26, go ½ mile north on Hwy. 11 and one block west on W. North Street. The Trial Gardens are open daily during daylight hours. Removal of plant materials is prohibited. For questions about the gardens, call 601-795-4525.

