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The 2015 variety trials are long over, but we did carry a few varieties through the winter to evaluate their winter survival (we had a mild winter) and spring flowering. *Calibrachoa* Superbells® Garden Rose and the Hello!™ series of gerbera daisies, both from Proven Winners, have been definite standouts for color in their second spring. These 2016 introductions are available as plants from garden centers.



Gerbera Hello!™ Sunshine (above) produced a flush of bright yellow flowers with the arrival of warm weather. *Calibrachoa* Superbells® Garden Rose (below) passed the winter as a solid green ground cover, then burst forth with an abundance of flowers in spring.



Gerbera Hello!™ Pumpkin (above) and Hello!™ Magentamen (below) have smaller flowers than florist-type gerbera daisies, but plants are more durable for use in the landscape and in patio containers. Planted in the ground in spring 2015, plants grew steadily through the summer and had their best flower display in fall. Plants were transplanted into containers in late fall and remained outdoors over the winter. Any brown leaves were removed in early spring as new growth emerged.

