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This is the season for petunias in the Trial Gardens, so we are sharing several vegetatively propagated varieties that have stood out in our spring evaluations.



Petunias in the ColorRush™ series from Ball FloraPlant will be new in garden centers in 2017. Flowers are borne nicely above the foliage on these mounding plants. Shown above are ColorRush™ varieties Pink (top), Blue (middle), and Pink Star (bottom). Be sure to visit the Trial Gardens to view the performance of these and other petunias as we move into summer.



The yellow and fluorescent pink flowers of petunia Supertunia® Daybreak Charm (above) from Proven Winners are abundant on well branched plants in the Trial Gardens. This variety is new in garden centers this year.



Supertunia® Picasso in Blue® petunia (above) was a favorite in the Trial Gardens last year and is once again this year. The green edges on the petals warrant a close-up look.



Supertunia® Vista Bubblegum® (left) is another returning favorite with a vigorous, mounding habit and flowers that truly remind us of the bubble gum we enjoyed as kids.

Both of these varieties are from Proven Winners and available as plants from garden centers.