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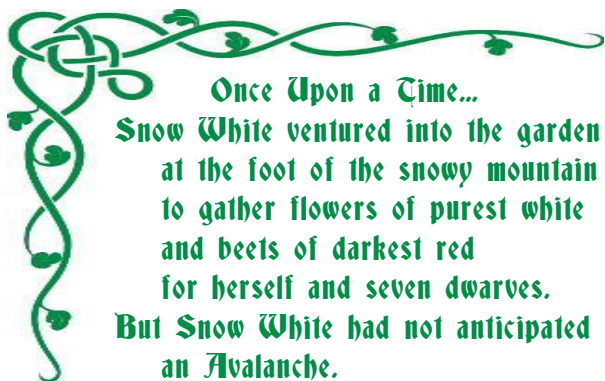


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Once Upon a Time...

Snow White ventured into the garden at the foot of the snowy mountain to gather flowers of purest white and beets of darkest red for herself and seven dwarves. But Snow White had not anticipated an Avalanche.



'Avalanche' beet (above) is an All-America Selections (AAS) winner for 2015. The creamy white flesh and mild, sweet flavor is a departure from traditional dark red beets. Our crop showed a flush of light pink to tan on the outside, with the white interior great for fresh eating. Non-beet lovers should try 'Avalanche', which was bred by Bejo Seeds.



At left is a young, but floriferous plant of the new Valiant™ Pure White vinca (periwinkle) from PanAmerican Seed. The Valiant™ series has been bred to perform in the landscape under environmental stresses and is resistant to Phytophthora blight. Seeds and plants are currently available on the market.



Salvia 'Summer Jewel White' (above), an AAS winner for 2015 and bred by Takii & Co., Ltd., is shown in our AAS Display Garden. This may be our favorite in the Summer Jewel series for its flower production and branching. *Gaura lindheimeri* 'Sparkle White' (below), an AAS winner for 2014 and bred by Kieft Seed, was grown from seed sown this year.

