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New begonia varieties from Benary provided colorful displays in our container trials during the spring season. *Begonia Nonstop*[®] Mocca White Improved (below), a tuberous begonia, produced large, white flowers against the background of dark foliage (and the foliage is attractive on its own). *Begonia Funky*[®] Pink (right, top) is a compact, semi-trailing, hybrid begonia, well suited for use in baskets so the flowers may be viewed closer to eye level. White-flowered *Begonia boliviensis* Santa Barbara (right, bottom) is also good for raised planters and baskets.



In our area, these new begonias should be grown with some shade. With the arrival of hot, humid summer weather, avoidance of overwatering is critical.

All three of these new varieties are propagated by seed, but are also available to growers as plugs. Plants will be available on the retail market in 2017.

