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Caladiums have been cultivated in gardens for their colorful foliage for over two centuries. Modern breeding has brought a wider selection of plant sizes and foliage colors, along with greater sun tolerance and plant vigor. Here we feature three fancy-leaved varieties and one strap-leaved variety that were favorites in our 2015 and 2016 container trials. These plants were grown in 3-gallon containers under light shade (but plants can also be grown in the ground). During the plants' dormant period, the container media was kept more on the dry side until new growth began in spring. Tubers of these new varieties were sent to us by Bates Sons & Daughters, long-time caladium growers in Lake Placid, Florida.



Above: *Caladium* 'Garden White', a large, fancy-leaved variety with delicate green venation. Leaf color can be almost solid white.

Right, top: *Caladium* 'Sizzle', a strap-leaved variety with reddish to pinkish leaves, darker veins, and a shorter stature. This variety should do well in hanging baskets. If grown under shadier conditions, the leaves may be more pinkish in color.

Right, middle: *Caladium* 'Strawberry Star', a fancy-leaved variety with white leaves that are accented with red speckles.

Right, bottom: *Caladium* 'Royal Flush', a fancy-leaved variety with leaves that have a deep red center and a green border.