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Trial Gardens and HortResearch at the South Mississippi Branch Experiment Station

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Pepper Mad Hatter (above), an All-America Selections (AAS) Winner for 2017 from PanAmerican Seed, displays its three-sided shape and bright summer colors, providing a bit of whimsy in the garden and in the kitchen. This variety of Capsicum baccatum (a South American species) is a sweet pepper with perhaps just a bit of mild heat near the seeds. "Curiouser and curiouser!" cried Alice.

Thunbergia alata Lemon A-Peel® (below), from Proven Winners, may be allowed to meander over the sides of a container or encouraged to climb up a supporting trellis (or perhaps follow Alice down the rabbit hole).





 $m{T}$ omato Patio Choice Yellow F1 (above), another AAS Winner for 2017 and developed by Seeds By Design, fits well in containers, producing bright yellow cherry tomatoes on compact, determinate plants. When we went back to take a photo of the plant covered with ripe fruit, to our dismay we found the March Hare had eaten them all. "OFF WITH HIS HEAD!" shouted the Queen of Hearts.

 $oldsymbol{T}$ orenia Kauai Burgundy (below) and other colors in the Kauai series find a place in our gardens every year because of their dependable display of bright, cheerful flowers (and valiant attempts to grin like the Cheshire Cat).





The South Mississippi Branch Experiment Station is located at 711 W. North St., Poplarville, MS 39470 (across from Pearl River Community College). From the intersection of Highways 11 and 26, go ½ mile north on Hwy. 11 and one block west on W. North Street. The Trial Gardens are open daily during daylight hours. Removal of plant materials is prohibited. For questions about the gardens, call 601-795-4525.

