

HighLights



Trial Bardens and HortResearch at the South Mississippi Branch Experiment Station

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Don't underestimate the power of pink! The pink polka-dotted foliage of *Hypoestes* Hippo® Pink has provided color all season in our part-shade container trials. *Gomphrena* TruffulaTM Pink has shown non-stop flower production in full sun since planting in spring, and plants are not too tall, not too short, but just right in height for both landscape use and containers. *Scaevola* Whirlwind® Pink has bloomed and bloomed in full-sun container trials since spring planting, and has also done well in light shade. These three new selections from Proven Winners are performing admirably in our heat and humidity. They will be available as plants in garden centers starting in 2019.

Vinca Mega Bloom Pink Halo, an All-America Selections winner for 2017, thrives in the heat in our AAS Display Garden and is disease-resistant.

Pentas Graffiti[®] Pink (along with other colors in the Graffiti[®] series on the market from Benary) perform reliably well in the heat of summer and will provide a good flower display for us through the first warm weeks of fall.













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.

