



# HighLights



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Bright flower colors on well-branched plants provided an eye-catching display in the Trial Gardens during late spring and early summer on varieties of *Gaillardia* (blanket flower) in the Mesa series from PanAmerican Seed/Kieft Seed. After the flowers had faded, we sheared off the old flowers to promote another round of bloom later in the season. 'Sedona Sun', a new ornamental pepper, continues to provide warm colors of the Southwest.



*Gaillardia* 'Mesa Red' (above), new for 2017 from PanAmerican Seed/Kieft Seed, provides a new flower color in the Mesa series. *Gaillardia* 'Mesa Bright Bicolor' (below) is currently on the market.



Ornamental pepper 'Sedona Sun' (above), a new variety for 2017 from PanAmerican Seed, produces fruit that turn from yellow to orange atop compact plants. Plants will grow well in the ground or in containers. The fruit are edible, but prepare for the fruit to be hot!

*Gaillardia* 'Mesa Yellow' (below), an All-America Selections winner for 2010, produces bright yellow flowers on mounding plants. This variety also received a 2010 Fleuroselect Gold Medal in Europe.

