



# HighLights



Trial Gardens and HortResearch at the South Mississippi Branch Experiment Station

Volume 3, Number 18

October 12, 2016

Published by Dr. Gene Blythe

Even white can create an eye-catching display in the garden. Here are a few of our best performers (and more than just flowers) from the 2016 Trial Gardens and the All-America Selections (AAS) Display Garden.



Pumpkin 'Super Moon' (above), an AAS winner for 2016, continues to grow in size in our AAS Display Garden. The large, pure white, blemish free pumpkins provide a nice contrast to traditional orange pumpkins.

A collection of pumpkins makes an attractive fall display. In the photo below, four white 'Super Moon' pumpkins are joined by 'Cinderella's Carriage', an AAS regional winner for 2014 (left front, a mature orange fruit; left rear, an immature, light orange fruit), along with 'Pepitas', an AAS winner for 2016 (on the right, with green stripes). 'Pepitas' is also grown for its hullless (naked) seeds that are an easy-to-eat, tasty, and nutritious snack after roasting.



*Artemisia stelleriana* Quicksilver™ (above), new for 2017 from Proven Winners, produces silvery-white foliage and grows fairly quickly as a ground cover, but is easy to prune if plants go a bit out of bounds.

Zinnia 'Zahara XL White' (below), from PanAmerican Seed, was a long-blooming performer in this year's Trial Gardens, with flowers featuring a ring of bright white petals around the orange centers.

