

# GARDEN TIME

If you read "Garden Time" last week you will remember that I discussed the modus operandi of the All-America Selection trials, and discussed two gold medal zinnia varieties for 1971, "Peter Pan Plum" and "Peter Pan Pink." We will continue with other winners in the flower trails for 1971.

First an F-1 single Dianthus chinensis hybrid "Queen of Hearts" which received a silver award for 1971. It is the first F-1 hybrid dianthus and is noted for its vigor, uniformity and mass bloom characteristic throughout the summer and fall. The erect growth reaches a height of 12 to 15 inches and is 8 to 12 inches across.

"Queen of Hearts" has brilliant scarlet red single flowers which are 1 to 1½ inches wide and grouped in small clusters. The leaves give a dense cover to the base of the plant. This variety is classed as a hardy annual and may overwinter in mild climates. It blooms well from seed the first year planted.

Hibiscus (moschentos) "Southern Belle" is also a silver medal winner for 1971. This new variety, a vigorous F-1 hybrid, grows to a height of 5 to 6 feet and has 7 to 10-inch single flowers.

The flowers of "Southern Belle" are formula mixed — crimson, red, rose, pink, white and white with a red eye. It will bloom from seed the first year planted if the seeds are planted indoors and the small plants set in the open. The tops die down with hard freezes but will come up and bloom for many years.

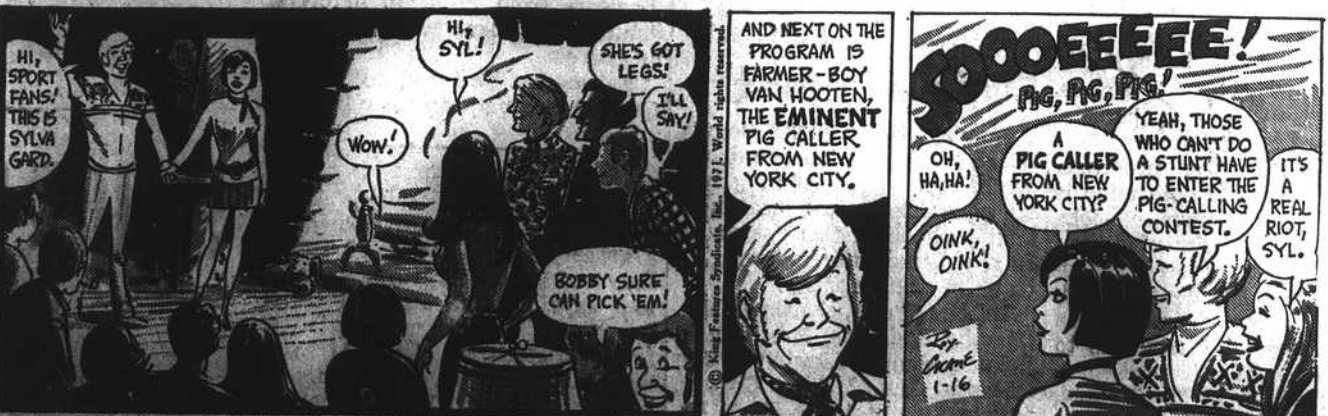
Snapdragon, "Little Darling," wins a bronze medal award. It is a open-faced F-1 hybrid color mixture that grows about 12 inches tall. It is similar to "Bright Butterflies," a previous but taller winner. This variety withstands windy locations quite well and is excellent for both cut flowers and landscape border planting.

A hollyhock "Silver Puffs," a bronze medal winner, is the first hollyhock. It grows only about 2 feet tall. The fluffy double flowers are a delicate silvery-pink.

There is only one vegetable for 1971 — "Early Xtra Sweet" sweet corn. It is reported to be truly extra sweet. The ears are 7 to 9 inches long and 1½ to 2 inches in diameter. It has 12-16 rows of kernels per cob and grows to a height of 5 to 6 feet. "Early Xtra Sweet" is a bronze medal winner for 1971.

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