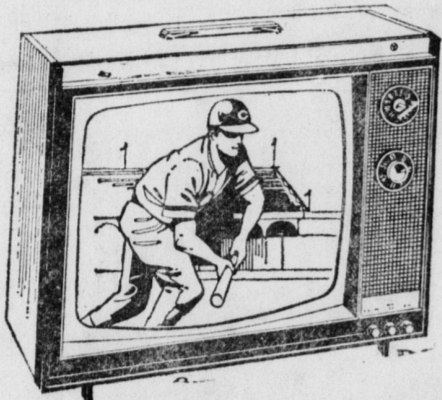


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It is time to announce the All-America flower and vegetable winners for 1974. We will begin with the flowers and continue with both flowers and vegetables in our next article.

For 1974 we have six flowers: zinnia, Scarlet Rusties; zinnia, Peter Pan Orange; celosia, Red Fox; dianthus, Magic Charms; cosmos, Diablo; and a marigold, Showboat. This is a rather large number of introductions for one year. As I write this, I am looking at color photographs of all six of these flowers. They are beautiful and you will want to plant them in 1974.

There are only two vegetable winners for 1974: a new bush acorn squash, Table King; and a new wax bean, Goldcup.

First, the flowers. Marigold, Showboat, is the first flower ever introduced to win an award in All-America Selections, All-Britain Trials and Fleuroselect (the European flowers trials).

The yellow flowers are 2 1/2 inches across, fully double and are produced on 12 inch spread. Among the earliest of all marigolds, the first flowers appear within five weeks from seed, and continue from seed, and continue blooming from early summer until hard frost.

This new variety is exceptionally good for edging, beds, borders, window boxes, and other

container plantings. They remain dwarf and glamorous for the entire blooming season.

Chowboat is a triploid and for this reason seed germination is rigidly below that of normal. It starts the seed indoors and transplant to a sunny outside location.

Cosmos, Diablo. The flowers of Diablo are semidouble, two inches across, opening a bright orange then deepening in color to fiery red. It has an upright branching growth habit with attractive leathery green foliage. It has good weather tolerance, pest resistance and thrives in a wide range of soil conditions—even poor soil. Sow directly in the garden after danger of frost has passed.

Dianthus, Magic Charms. This variety is the first hybrid dianthus mixture and has the brightest color range yet produced in a dianthus. Plants are very bushy, six inches high and covered with 1 1/2 inch diameter flowers in salmon, pink, scarlet, crimson, white and two unusual "speckled" bi-colors.

Magic Charms is a hard annual and will grow easily from seed sown directly in the garden as soon as the soil can be worked. For earlier flowers, start seed indoors and transplant.

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Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Henry LoRay Henderson, late of Cleveland County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at 907 Church Street, Kings Mountain, North Carolina, on or before the 20th day of June, 1974, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment to the undersigned.

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