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Award Winning SunPatiens® Available in a New Color for 2011



New SunPatiens® Spreading
Corona

Vista, California, Spring 2011 – The stellar garden performer, SunPatiens®, has amazed gardeners from coast to coast with its almost unbelievable ability to thrive in full sun, heat and humidity. When many other annuals are “done” for the season, SunPatiens’ “three season performance” keeps it going strong until the first hard frost hits. Not only is SunPatiens great in tough spots with full sun and heat, but it is also available in a wide range of colors and in two habits: the Compact Series is upright while the Spreading Series has a mounding form.

New for 2011 is Spreading Corona, a spreading type that is ideal for hanging baskets and containers. Spreading Corona can grow up to 36” tall and 48” wide in optimal garden conditions but is more likely to reach 24” tall and 36” wide.

Over the past few years, SunPatiens, and its breeder Sakata, have received many awards for garden performance and innovation. Most recently SunPatiens received an award of merit from the Royal Horticultural Society in London.

Ray French, product manager at Floragem comments: “Gardeners and landscapers are looking for low maintenance annuals, and SunPatiens offer color in hot, all day sun with minimal care other than watering. Feedback from university test gardens, landscapers, and gardeners all over the country has been overwhelming. These plants really do perform well in the sun, rivaling the other traditional full sun plants for overall color impact. SunPatiens is a no-brainer for showy spring, summer and fall color”.

VIVA! SunPatiens, including the new color Spreading Corona, will be available nationally this spring and summer at The Home Depot®.



VIVA! is the premier plant program nationwide at the Home Depot. VIVA! has introduced a variety of new and noteworthy flower varieties into the U.S. and Canadian markets and contains a mixture of annuals, perennials and woody ‘color’ for use in home landscapes by home gardeners or landscapers. By looking at new flower breeding from around the world, VIVA! and The Home Depot bring innovative new garden ideas to homeowners from coast to coast.

Additional information on VIVA! plants is available at www.vivagarden.com or homedepot.com.

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