2014 Michigan Garden Plant Tour
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The following plants were identified by attendees and the host sites as their top five for 2014. Please contact the company for more details or talk with your plant broker for availability.

**C. Raker & Sons, Inc.**
- *Begonia ‘Rim Magenta’*
  - Ideal in baskets
  - Large flowers
  - Flowered all summer
  - A Danzinger item
- *Begonia ‘Vermillion Red’*
  - Both for beds/baskets
  - Large Red flowers
  - Flowering all Summer
  - A Beekenkamp item
- *Celosia ‘Kelos Magenta’*
  - Container/In ground bed item
  - More compact
  - Long lasting flowers
- *Delosperma ‘Wheels of Wonder-Fire Red’*
  - Bedding item
  - Steady Performer
  - Held up in wet, cool weather, did not split
- *Petunia ‘Panache Marshmallow’*
  - A Hort Couture item
  - Hanging Basket
  - Large Clean White Flowers
  - Flowered late in season

**Four Star Greenhouse, Inc.**
- *Calibrachoa ‘Superbells Cherry Red’Improved*
  - Earlier Flowering
  - Longer Flowering
  - 6/10” tall 14-20” spread
  - Full Sun
- *Cuphea hybrid ‘Vermillionaire’*
  - Long Blooming
  - Heat Tolerant
  - Humming Bird attractor
  - 18/28” ht. – Full Sun
  - 12/24” width
- *Euphorbia hybrid ‘Diamond Delight’*
  - Most vigorous on the market
  - Heat, humidity, drought tolerant
  - Mounding Habit
  - Low Maintenance
- *Lobularia hybrid ‘Dark Knight’*
  - Early & continuous flowering
  - deep purple color
  - Cold tolerant – till frost
  - 10/15” ht., 18-36” width
  - Full to part sun
- *Sutera hybrid ‘Blue Bubbles’*
  - Double blue flowers
  - 3”/6” ht.
  - 12”/14” width
  - Full sun

**Mast Young Plants**
- *Calceolaria ‘Calynopsis Series’*
  - Unique pocketbook flower
  - Early annual/tolerate mild frost
  - Full sun
  - 10”/12” tall
  - 6 colors in series
- *Coleus ‘Marrakesh’*
  - Self branching/compact
  - Part to full shade
  - Not a frequent bloomer
  - Mounding 14”/16” ht.
- *Hibiscus ‘Honeymoon Series’*
  - Perennial
  - 8” diameter blooms
  - Sturdy stems
  - Drought/heat tolerant
  - 24”/26” tall
- *Nemesia ‘Nesia Sunshine’*
  - Large flowers
  - Compact 12”/24” ht. mounding habit.
  - Stood out all summer
- *Petunia Cascodias ‘Indian Summer’*
  - Very unique/attractive color
  - Slightly ruffled petals
  - Semi trailing
- **Pell Greenhouses, Inc.**
  - *Petunia* ‘Good and Plenty’
    - Mounding habit
    - Day neutral response
    - Tight growth habit
    - Does not split
    - 14 Colors
  - *Salvia* ‘Cathedral’
    - Very compact
    - Easy to flower
    - Great for 4” pots
    - Six colors
  - *Scaevola* ‘Scampi’
    - Compact plant
    - White handles heat well
    - Also available in pink and blue
  - *Sutera* ‘Betty Series’
    - Very heat tolerant
    - Large flower
    - Available in white, pink, blue, deep blue
  - *Verbena* ‘Vivid Series’
    - Strong series, resistant to powdery mildew
    - Compact growth
    - 4” pots
    - 6 colors

- **Spring Meadow Nursery, Inc.**
  - *Buddleia* ‘Miss Violet’
    - Rich purple blooms
    - Compact
    - Deer resistant
    - Full sun
    - Hardy to -20 degrees F
  - *Hydrangea* ‘Let’s Dance Rave’
    - Rebloomer
    - 24”/36” ht. & width
    - Blue pink, purple
    - pH affects color
  - *Hydrangea* Little Quick Fire’
    - Dwarf
    - White flowers turn pink
    - Drought tolerant
    - Blooms new wood
    - Thriller in container
  - *Rosa* ‘Oso Easy Lemon Zest’
    - Disease resistant
    - Medium height
    - Sunny canary yellow flowers
  - *Sambucus* ‘Lemony Lace’
    - Cut leaf foliage
    - Deer resistant
    - Medium height
    - Foliage red/yellow
    - Red fruit in fall
    - Tolerates full sun

- **Walters Gardens Inc.**
  - *Allium* ‘Millenium’
    - Compact clump glossy Green leaves
    - 2” rosy purple flower
    - July – Aug. bloom
    - 15”/2” ht.
  - *Agastache* ‘Rosie Posie’
    - Compact plant
    - hot pink, magenta calyxes
    - Midsummer/early fall
    - Dense compact ball 18”/22” ht.
  - *Heuchera* ‘Fire Alarm’
    - Best Red Heuchera
    - Fiery red to mahogany red
    - In summer heat
    - Large full clump
    - Heat/humidity tolerant
  - *Hibiscus* ‘Midnight Marvel’
    - Deep wine purple foliage
    - Scarlet flowers 8”/9”
    - Compact habit 4ft.tall
    - Zone 4-9
  - *Lecanthenum* ‘Whoops-a-Daisy’
    - Improvement on ‘snow cap’
    - Fuller individual blossoms
    - Dense, rounded ball shape
    - No vernalization needed to bloom

The 2015 Michigan Garden Plant Tour dates are July 27 to August 7, 2015