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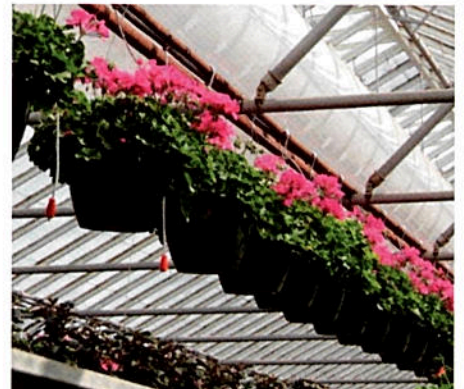
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Some plants — just like All-Star athletes — make everyone around them look better. What's a plant you can use — and recommend — with confidence? We've asked ILCA members to share their thoughts on proven performers.

The 'Caliente' Series of geraniums are exceptional crosses between two different species of *Pelargonium*s that combine the best features of both parent plants. If you are looking for an annual geranium series that is disease-resistant, self-cleaning, and in almost constant bloom, then look no further. Available in eight colors -- orange, lavender, hot coral, deep red, coral, pink, rose, and fire; there is something for every color palette! I have seen these colors described as "flashy" and also "iridescent," but what I tell my customers is simply that these plants glow. And the flowers certainly don't command all of the attention, either. The slightly mounding, semi-trailing foliage remains tight and tidy all season, very different than your typical sprawling ivy type.

'Caliente' geraniums are beautiful en masse for a low maintenance pop of color in full sun to part shade. They also combine well with other heat-loving annuals like lantanas and annual vincas, and they are not container thugs that take over a pot when mixed with other plants. ✂

'Caliente' Series *Pelargonium*



'Caliente' Series <i>Pelargonium</i> facts—	
Size:	Flowers/foliage:
12-18" tall and 12" wide	Large, shatter-resistant, single petaled flowers in 8 colors :Orange; Lavender; Coral; Hot Coral; Deep Red; Fire; Pink; and Rose. Medium to dark green foliage
Maintenance:	Culture:
Occasional removal of spent flower stems (petals drop on their own)	Full to part sun (full sun in the north, morning sun in the south) Heat loving Disease resistant

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