

Garden Notes

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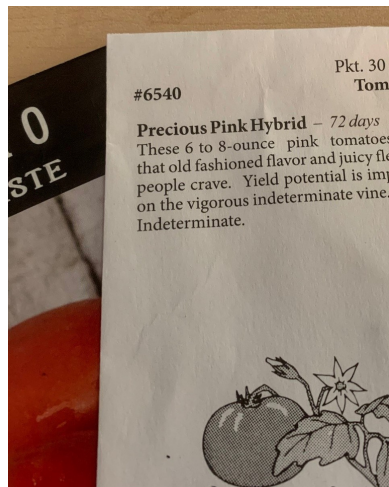
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Seed Purchases

If you plan to start some tomatoes or peppers from seed next season, you may want to order your seeds now. You can always buy a few plants at the local nursery but if you are interested in a special selection, there are good online sources for quality seeds. Be careful not to buy more seeds than you need.



Color with Diascia

Add a bright spot to the winter landscape by planting Diascia or twinflower in a container.

These annuals perform well in our mild winters and can continue into spring as temperatures slowly warm. Make sure your containers have good soil for proper drainage.



Camellia

In a winter dominated by browns and greens, it is pleasant to see the bright colors of the camellia. In general, camellias are low maintenance plants in the landscape. They may have a scale insect issue but that can be managed with a horticulture oil application.

Plants prefer some shade with *C. sasanqua* selections tolerating a little more sun.

There are hybrids available too. Visit a nursery to pick out your favorite flower color and shape.

To see a beautiful collection, visit the Camellia Gardens at the UWF campus this month.