For the 2021 FNGLA Performance Trials, breeder companies will have their new varieties showcased in three different venues. Whether you are looking for shade or full sun beds; an opportunity to trial in containers or hanging baskets; or exposure to industry members & consumers...FNGLA’s Flower Trials would like to make a place for you!

**2021 Trial Site Information**

**Walt Disney World**

The number of flowering plants used at Disney World each year is astounding and the trial gardens at the Walt Disney World Nursery are where many of the new varieties are tested before they make their final debut on stage. Over 3.5 million bedding plants and annuals are used across the 4,200 acres of landscapes and gardens. The trial area is full sun and each variety will be planted in a 22 sq ft area in square plots as pictured below.

**Beautiful Harry P. Leu Gardens**

This garden is a 50-acre botanical oasis just minutes from downtown Orlando. All areas will be the equivalent to 132 sq ft featuring six varieties but will not be designed in exact square plots. Additional areas could be explored if demand for shade options dictated the need for such.

**University of FL/IFAS Orange County Extension Services**

This location offers a special micro-climate consistently 5 degrees cooler than the surrounding areas! It is full sun. Container options would also be available if specified by breeder. All beds will be equivalent to 132 sq ft featuring six varieties and will be laid out in 22 sq ft plots as seen below.
General Information

TRIAL LOCATIONS:

• Walt Disney World Trial Site
  This site offers full sun options. The trial gardens will be located backstage at the Disney Nursery. Disney’s Horticulture team will also showcase the trial process during the Epcot® International Flower & Garden Festival. Industry access is available during the trials and offers close monitoring and maintenance of the gardens. Trial Site Manager: Melissa Shepherd, Melissa.Shepherd@disney.com

• Harry P. Leu Garden Trial Site
  This garden is the trial’s shade option. The location serves as a strong outlet to the public. During the months of April through August, approx. 50,000 people come to visit Harry P. Leu Gardens and have the opportunity to visit the trials. Trial Site Manager: Eric Sondgeroth, eric.sondgeroth@cityoforlando.net

• University of Florida/IFAS - Orange County Extension Services Trial Site:
  University of Florida’s Orange County Cooperative Extension Service will offer a more organized format with varieties placed in plots so industry members can review the performance of each variety separately. This location serves as a strong resource for local landscape professionals. Trial Site Manager: Kelly Greer, Kelly.Greer@ocfl.net

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
Important Information:
To have your varieties shown in the 2019 Florida Flower Trials, we need you to fill out your bed commitment form and trial programming sheet and return them to FNGLA by December 15, 2020.

Growers Participating in the Trials are:
• Brad’s Bedding Plants
• Speedling

Submitting Seed Varieties:
Please send all seed varieties to FNGLA office. They will be organized and sent to Speedling with instructions.
FNGLA Office Address:
Linda Reindl
FNGLA
1533 Park Center Drive
Orlando, FL 32835

Submitting Vegetative Varieties:
All vegetative varieties should be clearly marked for FNGLA’s Florida Flower Trials and sent to Brad’s Bedding Plants.
Attent: Jerry Goble or Seth Marrero
Brad’s Bedding Plants, Inc.
14070 Starkey Rd
Delray Beach, FL 33446
Phone: 561-637-3669

PLANTING WEEK:
All three locations are scheduled to be planted Week 10 (March 8-12).

INDUSTRY PROGRAM:
• Florida Flower Trial’s Industry Conference Dates: TBD

TRIAL DURATION:
Plants will be installed Week 10 and run through Week 35. Varieties that decline significantly prior to Week 35 will be removed and date documented.

TRIAL EVALUATION:
Each trial site will have a site manager who will work with interns or master gardeners to maintain the gardens and collect data. Varieties from breeders participating in the National Plant Trial Database will be submitted and all trial results will be posted on FNGLA’s newly designed website specifically for documenting the trial evaluations.

Photographs will be taken of each bed starting with the installation. Both photos of the full bed and individual variety photos will be taken and available for the breeders and industry to review.