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Introducing Unusual, New Seed Varieties For Every Climate

(NAPS)—American gardeners who sow may reap pleasant rewards this year with unusual, new flower and vegetable seeds from British seed company Thompson & Morgan. Among them are five easy-to-grow varieties that are suited to thrive in all U.S. growing climates.

Perhaps one of the most distinct and beautiful new flower varieties this year is Rudbeckia 'Chim Chiminee,'™ the Thompson & Morgan 2001 Flower of the Year. This one-of-a-kind Rudbeckia is the result of more than 10 years of breeding and development. It has been bred so that each flower has a collar of unusual, quilled petals circling each bloom, a trait never seen before in Rudbeckia history.

Flowering in a striking autumnal range of colors from bronze to yellow through gold to mahogany, horticulture experts say 'Chim Chiminee' is sure to be a show-stopping centerpiece in gardens this summer. While thriving in full sun, the half-hardy annual can withstand just about any weather condition, even heavy rain and hail.

The other new stars of this growing season are:

- Poppy 'Flemish Antique,' a beautiful double-flowered poppy with a profusion of creamy petals splashed with orange-red. This hardy annual is easy to grow on any soil in a sunny position. Its antique appearance adds an elegant charm to cottage gardens and borders.

- Aster 'Lilliput Blue Moon,' a stunning deep violet pompom with blooms edged in delicate pinky violet. Flowering in the summer, this uniform bushy and free-flowering annual provides an outstanding display in bedding, borders and containers.



Introducing 'Chim Chiminee,'™ history's first quilled-petaled Rudbeckia and one of 80 unusual, new seed varieties from Thompson & Morgan.

- Lupin 'Blue Bonnet,' an annual lupin with decorative spires of royal blue and pinky-white bi-colored blooms. Growing 24-36 inches tall, 'Blue Bonnet' is excellent as a border filler or cut flower. Flowering in the summer, this half-hardy annual prefers a deep, well-drained soil in full sun.

- Herb Lime Basil, a unique citrus herb with a striking twist of lime. With Herb Lime Basil, cooks worldwide can now use Basil to add a striking twist of lime to desserts and savory dishes.

To find out more about Thompson & Morgan's wide selection of flower and vegetable seeds, visit local nursery and garden centers, log on to www.thompsonandmorgan.com, or, call (800) 274-7333 for a free 2001 seed catalog.