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## For Immediate Release

### 2012 Mississippi Medallion Award Winners

**Brandon, MS** – The MS Medallion Plant Selections Committee proudly announces the 2012 Mississippi Medallion Award Winners - Supertunia Vista Bubblegum and Butterfly Weed *Asclepias tuberosa*.

#### **Supertunia Vista Bubblegum**

The clear, bright pink blooms have been impressing growers and gardeners alike for the past couple of years. This plant is outstanding in hanging baskets and containers. Use in the landscape as a single planting or mix with Supertunia Vista Fuchsia and Silverberry. They flower earlier, grow taller and spread wider than other petunias.



#### **Butterfly Weed *Asclepias tuberosa***

Butterfly weed is a flowering perennial that is low maintenance, attracts a lot of butterflies, and is deer resistant.

Known botanically as *Asclepias tuberosa*, it can grow between 18 to 36 inches tall and up to 24 inches wide. This plant has an upright, clumping growth habit. The clusters of tubular flowers are primarily various shades of orange, but some selections have flowers shaded towards yellow or red.



Butterfly weed can grow anywhere in Mississippi as long as there is good drainage. This plant does not like to have wet feet. It has a deep taproot and has difficulty being transplanted.

Butterfly weed is a magnet for butterflies, especially Monarch butterflies. In the fall of the year plantings can be covered with literally 100s of Monarch caterpillars.

Combination plant the orange flowered butterfly weed with blue flowering Mississippi Medallion winners Victoria Blue salvia, Biloxi Blue verbena, or Blue Daze

evolutus for dynamic landscape color contrast.

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