The Use of Pelargonium in Combination with other Flower Plants for their Use in Decorating Terraces and Semi-Shaded Areas

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Abstract
The Pelargonium represents flower plants which are of particular interest because of the colour of inflorescences, leaves and long flowering period (Băla Maria, Floricultură generală și specială, 2012). They are used to decorate windows, terraces, and gardens during the hot season (Cantor Maria, Plante ornamentale de interior, 2008). They can be placed in pots, but also directly into the soil, depending on location, and they can also be used on their own or in combination with other flower plants consistent with the place where they are going to be located: direct sunlight, shade, partial shade (Doina Anton, Floricultură generală, 2003).

The association of Pelargonium with other flower plants in arrangements was performed at Teaching Facility of the University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Banat Timisoara. For these arrangements Pelargonium Zonale plants were used: Blanka, Jitka, Alena and mixed.

Key words
arrangements, association, Blanka, Jitka, Alena

Material and Methods

The material used in flower arrangements is made up of areal Pelargonium plants: Blanka (white), Jitka (coral pink), Alena (red) and mixed (cyclamen), in association with different flowering plants (see figures below). The vases are of burned clay and of enamelled ceramic, of different shapes and sizes. The substratum is flower soil.

Results and Discussions
Fig. 1 For the first arrangement (Figure 1) we used 6 bromelias (*Billbergia nutans*), 4 peperomias (*Peperomia optusfolia*), 3 geraniums (areal *Pelargonium Jitka*).

Fig. 2 In the second arrangement (Figure 2) are 5 *Peperomia optusfolia*, 2 *Adiantum raddianum* and 2 areal mixed *Pelargonium*.

Fig. 3 The third arrangement contains 3 *Clorophitum comossum*, 2 *Plectrantus coleoides*, 2 areal *Pelargonium Blanka*, 1 areal *Pelargonium* with bicoloured leaves, 2 *Asparagus sprengheri* and 4 white *Viola tricolor*. 
Fig. 4 The fourth arrangement contains 1 *Plectrantus coleoides*, 2 *Nephrolepsis exaltata*, 1 areal *Pelargonium Jitka*, 6 *Viola tricolor* (violet).

Fig. 5 The fifth arrangement contains 2 *Plectrantus coleoides*, 2 areal *Pelargonium Alena*, 2 areal Pelargonium mixed red and 1 *Pelargonium peltatum*. 
Fig. 6 The sixth arrangement (Figure 6) contains 4 *Plectrantus coleoides*, 4 areal *Pelargonium Alena*.

**Conclusions**

With a little imagination, we can use flowering plants in extraordinary flower arrangements meant to enjoy us and to decorate the spaces in which we live: dwellings, terraces, yards, and also public places: institutions, parks, gardens, etc.

**References**