

Dasanthera

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The Dasanthera penstemons have received a lot of attention in the bulletin over the years, and with good reason. Their flowers are large and brightly colored, and the evergreen foliage of most species adds to the year-round garden, as well as to the glory of spring. These species are among the most reliably perennial, especially when grown in the well-drained soils of rock garden. This is a group that is fairly easy in cultivation in the Pacific Northwest, native home to many, in the Northeast, and in western Europe.

In this issue, we feature the cultivars and hybrid selections of these species. The color photos give a record of the cultivars as they now exist. It is our hope that more of you will grow these plants, having seen them.

The Lodewicks' article on the botanists of the early Pacific Northwest complements the Dasanthera article by giving us a glimpse of the lives of the people who first became acquainted with these plants.

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