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**On the Front Cover:** Brugmansia 'Xena' by Lisa Nassal (US)  
**On this page:** a couple Brugmansia photos by Eduardo Sanchez  
 We thank them both for the use of the beautiful photos.

## New Cultivar Names . . .

### **Brugmansia ‘Baldessarini’**

**Hybridizer:** Marek Perniš (SK)

**Seedling Parent:** Marek Perniš (SK)

**Pod Parent:** ‘DS Smart’

**Pollen Parent:** ‘Cardinal’

**Form:** Double or More

**Breeding History Set:** cubensis

**Position:** pendent

**Color:** Very dark Pink/Red/Burgundy

**Notes:** Beautiful, elegant and very nicely shaped large flowers. Flowering is very reliable. The color of the flowers is very bright.



### **Brugmansia ‘Carla’**

**Hybridizer:** Marek Perniš (SK)

**Seedling Parent:** Marek Perniš (SK)

**Pod Parent:** ‘Fascination’

**Pollen Parent:** ‘Mademoiselle’

**Form:** Double or More

**Breeding History Set:** cubensis

**Position:** pendent

**Color:** Pink

**Notes:** Very nicely shaped, elegant flowers with long petal tips. Medium strong growth. Very reliable flowering.



### **Brugmansia ‘Charlesbourg’**

**Hybridizer:** Marek Perniš (SK)

**Seedling Parent:** Marek Perniš (SK)

**Pod Parent:** ‘Vulkantraum’

**Pollen Parent:** ‘Fantaghiro’

**Form:** Double or More

**Breeding History Set:** cubensis

**Position:** pendent

**Color:** White/Cream

**Notes:** A very robust cultivar with beautiful, elegant flowers with long petal tips.



**Brugmansia 'Clemson Tiger 2  
Cade Klubnik'**

**Hybridizer:** Marek Perniš (SK)

**Seedling Parent:** Janice Lee (US)

**Pod Parent:** 'Angels Exotic'

**Pollen Parent:** 'DS Flamme'

**Form:** Double or More

**Breeding History Set:** cubensis

**Position:** nodding

**Color:** Apricot/Melon/Peach

**Notes:** Nice large fluffy stuffed bloom, very fragrant. Color starts white and turns to peach, melon, pink and lasts a week before dropping. Roots easily in water or damp soil. Short plant. Bush-like form.



**Brugmansia 'Coral Island'**

**Hybridizer:** Marek Perniš (SK)

**Seedling Parent:** Marek Perniš (SK)

**Pod Parent:** 'DS Smart'

**Pollen Parent:** 'Cardinal'

**Form:** Single

**Breeding History Set:** cubensis

**Position:** pendent

**Color:** Very dark Pink/Red/Burgundy

**Notes:** Beautifully shaped large flowers, good growth and reliable flowering.



**Brugmansia 'De Kempen'**

**Hybridizer:** Bart Van den Ackerveken (BE)

**Seedling Parent:** Bart Van den Ackerveken

**Pod Parent:** 'Mitzy's Kiss'

**Pollen Parent:** 'Madame de Pompadour'

**Form:** Double or More

**Breeding History Set:** cubensis

**Position:** nodding

**Color:** Pink

**Notes:** Triple separated skirts. Solid bloomer.



**Brugmansia ‘Elf Hats’****Hybridizer:** Fred Sommer (US)**Seedling Parent:** Fran Sewell (CA)**Pod Parent:** ‘White Russian’**Pollen Parent:** ‘Sommer Sunrise’**Form:** Single**Breeding History Set:** cubensis**Position:** pendent**Color:** White/Cream

**Notes:** The Deep Green serrated leaves are large and grows well in the heat of the summer. The Profusion of Blooms is outstanding. In a short growing season this brugmansia will give many flushes. The blooms reminded me of Elves Caps.

**Brugmansia ‘Frolic’****Hybridizer:** Elizabeth Fichtl (US)**Seedling Parent:** Fran Sewell (CA)**Pod Parent:** ‘DS Tilleul Menthe’**Pollen Parent:** ‘Ruffles and Flourishes’**Form:** Single**Breeding History Set:** cubensis**Position:** nodding**Color:** Very dark Pink/Red/Burgundy

**Notes:** The prolific flushes of blooms make this brugmansia stand out. The fragrance fills the air. Beautiful deep green leaves. Propagation is excellent.

**Brugmansia ‘GG Reborn’****Hybridizer:** Gonda Grammet (BE)**Seedling Parent:** Gonda Grammet (BE)**Pod Parent:** ‘Zumba’**Pollen Parent:** ‘GG Matisse’**Form:** Single**Breeding History Set:** cubensis**Position:** nodding**Color:** Pink

**Notes:** ‘GG Reborn’ has the positive properties of ‘GG Matisse’. She is a strong plant and produces many flowers several times a year. Its most important characteristic is that it can tolerate the heat very well.



**Brugmansia ‘Giggles’****Hybridizer:** Fred Sommer (US)**Seedling Parent:** Thea Prpic (HR)**Pod Parent:** unknown**Pollen Parent:** unknown**Form:** Double or More**Breeding History Set:** cubensis**Position:** nodding**Color:** Yellow

**Notes:** 'Giggles' forms a small bush that never exceeds 5ft in height. She blooms constantly and simply doesn't stop creating single, double or triple blooms at the same time. She creates blooms on every node, tiny stem twig, root twig, absolutely everywhere.

**Brugmansia ‘Grandma Helena Lomnicka’****Hybridizer:** Marek Perniš (SK)**Seedling Parent:** Marek Perniš (SK)**Pod Parent:** ‘DS Smart’**Pollen Parent:** ‘SB Virgil’**Form:** Double or More**Breeding History Set:** cubensis**Position:** pendent**Color:** Orange

**Notes:** Very nice flower shape. It blooms very reliably. This cultivar is dedicated to the eternal memory of my grandmother Helena Lomnicka.

**Brugmansia ‘Grandma Maria Pernisova’****Hybridizer:** Marek Perniš (SK)**Seedling Parent:** Marek Perniš (SK)**Pod Parent:** ‘DS Smart’**Pollen Parent:** ‘SB Virgil’**Form:** Double or More**Breeding History Set:** cubensis**Position:** pendent**Color:** Very dark Pink/Red/Burgundy

**Notes:** Beautiful mixed orange-salmon-dark pink color, reliable flowering and good growth. I named this cultivar in eternal memory of my grandmother Mária Pernišová.



**Brugmansia 'Imogen's Angel'****Hybridizer:** Lee Betts (UK)**Seedling Parent:** Lee Betts (UK)**Pod Parent:** 'Kurpark Bad Salzschlirf'**Pollen Parent:** 'Joli'**Form:** Single**Breeding History Set:** cubensis**Position:** pendent**Color:** Apricot/Melon/Peach

**Notes:** Intermediate large funnel shape that bulges in the middle. Flower emerges green/yellow, changing to cream and finally deep peach with slight pink on petal tips. Highly scented sweet fragrance.

**Brugmansia 'Lille Ven'****Hybridizer:** unknown**Seedling Parent:** Kathrin Neumann (DK)**Pod Parent:** 'Mystic Fire'**Pollen Parent:** unknown**Form:** Single**Breeding History Set:** arbovulsa**Position:** nodding**Color:** Very dark Pink/Red/Burgundy

**Notes:** Forms a smaller bushy plant and produces lots of flowers; virus tolerant; so far under higher temperatures no virus activity detected. Leaves are pubescent; no scent.

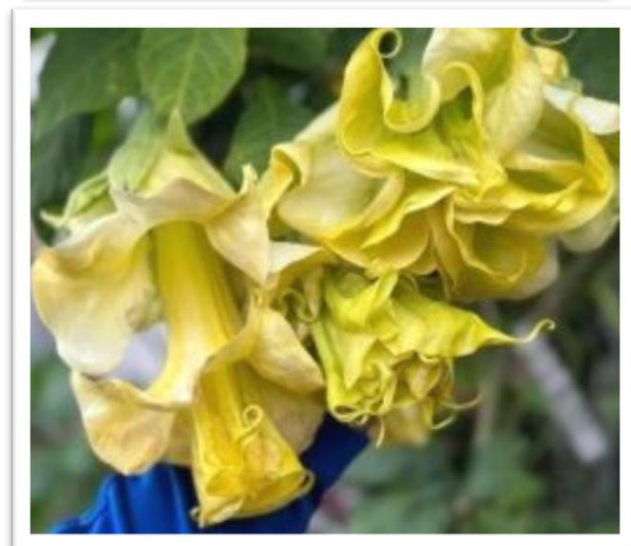
**Brugmansia 'LSU Tiger Jaye'****Hybridizer:** Janice Lee (US)**Seedling Parent:** Janice Lee (US)**Pod Parent:** 'Louka'**Pollen Parent:** unknown**Form:** Single**Breeding History Set:** cubensis**Position:** nodding**Color:** Apricot/Melon/Peach

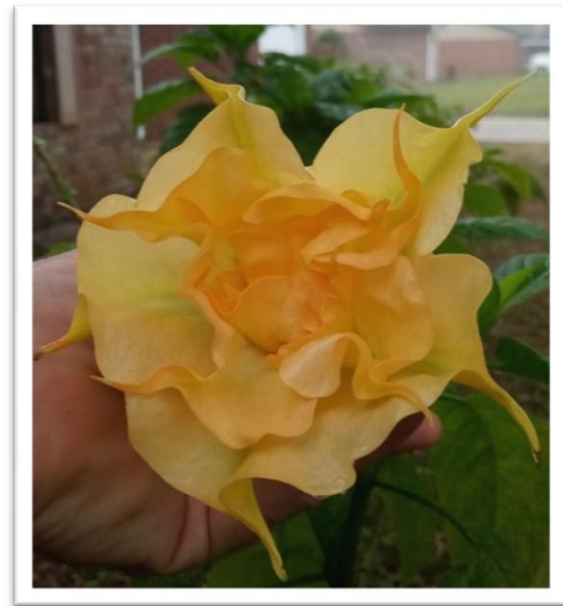
**Notes:** Blooms start white and yellow changing to gold, then finishing up peach/orange color fully open. Single bloom. Very fragrant, easy to root in water, medium height. Held up great in our 108 degree F heat wave blooming.



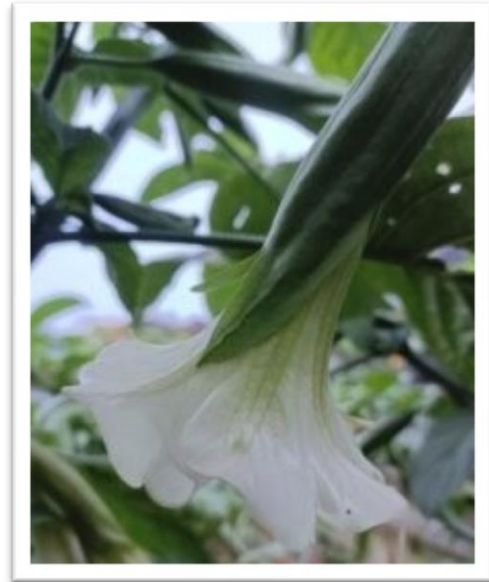
**Brugmansia ‘Maximiliana’****Hybridizer:** Marek Perniš (SK)**Seedling Parent:** Marek Perniš (SK)**Pod Parent:** ‘Petra’s Magic’**Pollen Parent:** ‘Rosa Ballerina’**Form:** Double or More**Breeding History Set:** cubensis**Position:** pendent**Color:** White/Cream**Notes:** Very large, beautifully shaped, long-lasting flowers.**Brugmansia ‘MC Ekai Cheng’****Hybridizer:** Micah Charles Cheng (US)**Seedling Parent:** Micah Charles Cheng (US)**Pod Parent:** ‘Triple A’**Pollen Parent:** ‘Charlie's Sunset’**Form:** Double or More**Breeding History Set:** cubensis**Position:** pendent**Color:** Pink**Notes:** Rapid growth, heat and cold tolerant.**Brugmansia ‘MC Evangeline Cheng’****Hybridizer:** Micah Charles Cheng (US)**Seedling Parent:** Micah Charles Cheng (US)**Pod Parent:** ‘DS Smart’**Pollen Parent:** ‘Charlie's Sunset’**Form:** Double or More**Breeding History Set:** cubensis**Position:** pendent**Color:** Yellow**Notes:** Pink/Yellow, Rapid growth, heat and cold tolerant.



**Brugmansia ‘MC Johanna Cheng’****Hybridizer:** Micah Charles Cheng (US)**Seedling Parent:** Micah Charles Cheng (US)**Pod Parent:** ‘Triple A’**Pollen Parent:** ‘Charlie's Sunset’**Form:** Double or More**Breeding History Set:** cubensis**Position:** pendent**Color:** Pink**Notes:** Quad blooms, Rapid growth, heat and cold tolerant.**Brugmansia ‘MC Joshua Cheng’****Hybridizer:** Micah Charles Cheng (US)**Seedling Parent:** Micah Charles Cheng (US)**Pod Parent:** ‘Creme Brulee’**Pollen Parent:** ‘Cruzito’**Form:** Double or More**Breeding History Set:** cubensis**Position:** pendent**Color:** Yellow**Notes:** Medium plant with Rapid growth, heat and cold tolerant.**Brugmansia ‘MC Mrs Undecided’****Hybridizer:** Micah Charles Cheng (US)**Seedling Parent:** Micah Charles Cheng (US)**Pod Parent:** ‘Charlie's Sunset’**Pollen Parent:** ‘DS Chercheur D'Or’**Form:** Double or More**Breeding History Set:** cubensis**Position:** pendent**Color:** White/Cream**Notes:** Medium plant with Rapid growth, heat and cold tolerant.

**Brugmansia ‘MC Reverend Cheng’****Hybridizer:** Micah Charles Cheng (US)**Seedling Parent:** Micah Charles Cheng (US)**Pod Parent:** ‘Tilleul Menthe’**Pollen Parent:** ‘Cruzito’**Form:** Double or More**Breeding History Set:** cubensis**Position:** pendent**Color:** Yellow**Notes:** Beautiful Lemon yellow blooms, Rapid growth, heat and cold tolerant.**Brugmansia ‘Mom’****Hybridizer:** Eddie Stiltner (US)**Seedling Parent:** Eddie Stiltner (US)**Pod Parent:** ‘C. Craig Coleman’**Pollen Parent:** ‘Charlie's Sunset’**Form:** Double or More**Breeding History Set:** cubensis**Position:** nodding**Color:** Yellow**Notes:** Extremely heavy flowering brug that flushes many times in a season**Brugmansia ‘Pink Marzipan’****Hybridizer:** Marek Perniš (SK)**Seedling Parent:** Marek Perniš (SK)**Pod Parent:** ‘Fascination’**Pollen Parent:** ‘Mademoiselle’**Form:** Double or More**Breeding History Set:** cubensis**Position:** pendent**Color:** Pink**Notes:** Large, beautifully shaped, elegant flowers. Medium strong growth.

**Brugmansia ‘Poppeliers’****Hybridizer:** Bart Poppeliers (BE)**Seedling Parent:** Bart Van den Ackerveken (BE)**Pod Parent:** ‘Big Jim’**Pollen Parent:** ‘Angels Skyline’**Form:** Double or More**Breeding History Set:** cubensis**Position:** pendent**Color:** White/Cream**Notes:** Skilled to grow fast as a high tree.**Brugmansia ‘SB Matin Doré’****Hybridizer:** Serge Born (FR)**Seedling Parent:** Serge Born (FR)**Pod Parent:** ‘SB Ribambelle’**Pollen Parent:** ‘DS Fleur de Sommeville’**Form:** Double or More**Breeding History Set:** cubensis**Position:** pendent**Color:** Pink**Notes:** Brugmansia with small double flowers whose two corollas are well separated. Pink dominates but yellow and orange are invited which gives the inflorescences a golden effect.**Brugmansia ‘SB Pimprenelle’****Hybridizer:** Serge Born (FR)**Seedling Parent:** Serge Born (FR)**Pod Parent:** ‘SB Roi Dagobert’**Pollen Parent:** ‘SB Jolie Amanda’**Form:** Double or More**Breeding History Set:** cubensis**Position:** pendent**Color:** Pink**Notes:** Brugmansia without problem, intense blooms with bright colors ranging from cherry pink to orange pink.

**Brugmansia ‘Subtiel’****Hybridizer:** Edna Murphree (US)**Seedling Parent:** Bart Van den Ackerveken (BE)**Pod Parent:** ‘Maitreya’**Pollen Parent:** ‘Girly Girl’**Form:** Double or More**Breeding History Set:** cubensis**Position:** pendent**Color:** White/Cream**Notes:** Opal White tiny flowers. Blooms lushly.**Brugmansia ‘Sunrise Ray’****Hybridizer:** Marek Perniš (SK)**Seedling Parent:** Marek Perniš (SK)**Pod Parent:** ‘Fascination’**Pollen Parent:** ‘Mademoiselle’**Form:** Double or More**Breeding History Set:** cubensis**Position:** pendent**Color:** Pink**Notes:** Beautifully shaped large flowers, good growth and reliable flowering. The color of the flowers is mixed pink-orange-salmon.**Brugmansia ‘Tea Party’****Hybridizer:** Elizabeth Fichtl (US)**Seedling Parent:** Fran Sewell (CA)**Pod Parent:** ‘Mitzy's Kiss’**Pollen Parent:** ‘Angels Sunexplosion’**Form:** Double or More**Breeding History Set:** cubensis**Position:** nodding**Color:** Pink**Notes:** The transitioning colors of the bloom start to finish is so intriguing. This brugmansia gives multiple flushes within a short growing time. It holds a medium scent.

**Brugmansia ‘Tehya’****Hybridizer:** Elizabeth Fichtl (US)**Seedling Parent:** Mike Welch (US)**Pod Parent:** ‘Angels Exotic’**Pollen Parent:** ‘Mitzy’s Kiss’**Form:** Double or More**Breeding History Set:** cubensis**Position:** nodding**Color:** Pink**Notes:** Easy to propagate; does well in heat; beautiful leaves; long tendrils; heavy bloomer; separate double/triple blooms.**Brugmansia ‘Waltz’****Hybridizer:** Marek Perniš (SK)**Seedling Parent:** Marek Perniš (SK)**Pod Parent:** ‘Sommer Sun’**Pollen Parent:** ‘Marbach’**Form:** Double or More**Breeding History Set:** cubensis**Position:** nodding**Color:** Orange**Notes:** Very gratefully flowering, new cultivar with smaller but well-shaped flowers.**Brugmansia ‘Zac’s Firecracker’****Hybridizer:** Lee Betts (UK)**Seedling Parent:** Lee Betts (UK)**Pod Parent:** ‘Kurpark Bad Salzschlirf’**Pollen Parent:** ‘Joli’**Form:** Single**Breeding History Set:** cubensis**Position:** nodding**Color:** Apricot/Melon/Peach**Notes:** Medium size flower. Peach and white striation on the corolla when blooming. Lovely fragrance. Petal Tips a deeper peach to almost orange when opening pointing fully back toward calyx. Deep peach to orange when open.

### ICRA BUSINESS

To our knowledge, only one new *Brugmansia* cultivar name has recently been placed in the public domain on-line or in electronic publications which do not meet the conditions of publication set out in the 2009 ICNCP — specifically that they should appear in dated hard copy (Art. 25.1). Such names are open to establishment for other cultivars, and their cultivars are open to having other names established for them. Therefore, in the interests of nomenclatural stability, we establish them here. It is to be understood that the epithet listed here is preceded by the name of the denomination class, *Brugmansia*.

#### **Brugmansia 'Pinkie's Wish'**

**Hybridizer:** unknown

**Seedling Parent:** unknown

**Pod Parent:** unknown

**Pollen Parent:** unknown

**Form:** Double or More

**Breeding History Set:** cubensis

**Position:** pendent

**Color:** Pink

**Notes:** Found online Logee's retail list.



## Evaluating Seedlings

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Many reasons exist for evaluating brugmansia seedlings. To keep our gene pool strong by eliminating weak and genetically inferior seedlings, we need to follow a few rules.

First, we need to give a number to all new hybrid seedlings until at least the second year of blooming cycles. Many times the brugmansia seedlings will show one type of trait in its first bloom cycle; then, after a period of time, when the second bloom cycle starts, things like color, shape, or form can change.

We need to wait until the end of the observation period to name these hybrids.

Too many times we give a seedling a name when the first flower opens, then the plant is propagated and dispersed without further testing or observation. This can result in many sparse blooming, weak plants being propagated. The following items should be researched before dispersing the new cultivar.

## ***Growth Habit***

Growth should be strong and upright. “Weeping” type growth should be avoided because the weight of the flowers and possible seedpods can do structural damage to the plants. The branches should grow straight outward or angle upward. Branches should be thick and not thin or willowy. The branch structure must eventually support the weight of many, sometimes hundreds, of flowers at once. Weak branch growth will succumb to this weight and the branches will fail.

The best hybrid seedlings will show a good form overall, and have many side branches. While evaluating seedlings the plant should grow untrimmed until the second bloom cycle. This way, the eventual true form of the seedling will be noted.

## ***Blooming***

Plants should bloom freely. A plant that blooms with waves of flowers is much more desired than a plant that produces only a few flowers per season. A flower can be the most beautiful ever seen, but if it has only two flowers a year on the plant, how great is it? ‘Herrenhauser Garten’ is a good example of this trait. It is extremely beautiful, but seldom blooms. So choose plants that bloom easily. How quickly a plant blooms the first time from seed matters only in the fact that the quicker they bloom, the sooner the next generation can be produced. A seedling that blooms at the age of, say, 4 months from seed is an added bonus, but we should not exclude the plant that blooms at 9 months of age. Plants that take more than a year up to two years to bloom should be exceptional in most other qualities to justify the long growth period. Plants that bloom sparsely and inconsistently should be discarded or kept only as a personal plant and not propagated.

## ***Flower Form***

The shape or form of the flowers should be even and not “crinkled” or deformed. The corolla tube should “escape” the calyx easily. Several ‘Rothkirch’ hybrids tend to have problems with the corolla tube exiting the calyx. Help is needed to make sure the flower isn’t stunted or deformed because it failed to pierce the calyx on its own. The flower should have an even appearance. When looking into the corolla, all points should be even. Flowers with extremely long, thin corollas tend to be too weak to support the flower when it opens. This varies with different hybrids. Suaveolens types tend to have this problem more than others. A strong wind can destroy many flowers that have these long, thin tubes. Flowers should also be thick, so they last longer. A flower that lasts only a few days is much less desired than one that usually lasts about 5 to 6 days.

## ***Wind Resistance***

Seedling hybrids should have thick leaves so they can stand up to windy weather. Thin-leafed plants tend to tear on windy days, leaving a ragged-looking plant. The leaves will re-grow, but in the meantime the plants appear torn and tattered. Deeply veined leaves show the best wind tolerance.

## ***Heat Resistance***

Plants that bloom and grow well in high heat and humidity are especially favored. Few growers have even temperatures all season long. When the weather gets hot, most hybrids slow down in growth and blooming. Versicolor hybrids tend to like cool evenings, and as such bloom more in the fall.

## **Color**

Color of flowers should be as deep as possible and of an even nature. The best hybrids should have color from the end of the calyx to the tip of the corolla tube. Flowers with green striping, or veins, as it were, should be avoided. They detract from the overall beauty of the flowers. White flowers should be a pure white overall. Contrasting colored “stars” in the center of the corolla can be an added feature if desired. Pink flowered hybrids tend to show these “stars”, especially pink *suaveolens* types. The colors of the flowers are a matter of choice. Always choose the finest colored forms for future use.

## **Summary**

All of the above qualities will help make our hybrid brugmansias a joy to breed and enjoy. That does not mean all hybrids will have all of the above traits in each new introduced hybrid. Several traits are enough to qualify a new hybrid as improved over existing types. This list is just an observation and is not set in stone. We need to observe and record all of the qualities of our hybrids. We should not be in such a rush to hybridize as many “new” varieties as we can instead of concentrating on hybridizing good, high quality hybrids worth using in our collections for breeding and enjoying. In all fields of hybridizing people must learn to “cull” poor performing hybrids to keep our gene pool high. We now have access to great new genes that were not available even a few years ago. In this way, we will not have 400 different varieties with very similar colors and qualities. Keep records of all your new hybrids best qualities so their uniqueness can be saved for all future brugmansia growers.