

IN CELEBRATION OF DOWNTOWN KIRKWOOD'S FESTIVAL OF FOOD & FLOWERS

Available
at the Festival:
Beautiful,
Drought-Tolerant
Mexican Petunias
\$8.00 each



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The most-asked-about plant during last summer...

Talk about a plant that **can take the heat** and tolerate such nasty St. Louis style weather as experienced during the summer of 2006! During the dog days of summer, the **Mexican Petunia** (*Ruellia brittoniana*), a tropical plant native to Mexico, wakes up each morning and prolifically produces a plethora of large, petunia-like, lilac-blue flowers on tall stems with dark green, linear to oblong leaves. As the afternoon turns into early evening, the flowers close and eventually drop to the ground. But thanks to an extensive "inventory" of back-up flower buds, the plant once again produces another crop of blooms the following day. Once the Mexican Petunia begins to bloom in early summer, expect blooms till the days of frost arrive later in the fall season.

Mexican Petunia can tolerate dry soils but really enjoys and prospers in well-irrigated situations. Although the flower beds in downtown Kirkwood receive only periodic hand watering during the dry months, the Mexican Petunias seem to be quite happy.

What more can you ask for: A long blooming, drought tolerant, dead head-free, minimal care, tall background companion annual for the summer landscape border!

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