



Enjoy life from your garden!

Welcome to our September 2017 Newsletter. Spring growth has definitely started! Every day we notice something new in the nursery- new flower buds- soft leaves unfolding. A sping in the step!

The last week of fine weather has made a big difference with the new perennials coming through the ground and buds moving on the Rhododendrons. At the nursery, we are busy in propagation potting rhododendron cuttings, sowing seed, and grafting conifers. We have completed most of our winter potting now and are starting on the spring production for next year.

This month the perennials are starting to grow quickly and we have a great selection including the New Bergenia Wanaka Wine breed by famous plants woman, Pat Stuart of Wanaka. Wanaka Wine has large deep burgundy coloured leaves and large pink flowers in mid spring. The flowers glow in the evening light and make a great display in a shaded area. The Meconopsis are coming through the ground and will come up to flowering quickly. The new leaves on the Podophyllum are looking great as they emerge from the ground. Primula's are in flower now with pubescens showing lots of flower buds. Trilliums are also coming up now so order quickly as numbers are limited this year. The shrubs are also making their move now with the lilacs showing flower buds and they will soon put on a mass display of colour and scent.

This month we have a wide selection of shrubs that are looking great with both foliage and form. Among these are Clematis Sweet Hart with its parsley like leaves with plenty of flower buds for a beautiful spring display. We also feature some of the earliest flowering rhododendrons and some bee friendly plants.

Clematis x cartmanii Sweet Hart



Beautiful white flowers in spring on a small climbing or weeping native Clematis. The deep green parsley like leaves complete a picture of beauty. Evergreen. Ht. 1m.

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Sophora chathamica Te Atatu Gold



A compact, small, pendulous tree with conspicuous yellow flowers which attract the nectar seeking native birds in spring. Bee friendly too. The flowers appear from a very early age. Ht. 3m. The Sophora Collection at Blue Mountain Nurseries

is one of the best in New Zealand. Details can be found at <http://www.bmn.co.nz/blog/sophora-collection-at-blue-mountain-nurseries/>

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Convallaria majalis



Spikes of highly scented white flowers in late spring. Great woodland ground cover. Likes a cool shaded garden. Ht. 20cm. Bee friendly.

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Dicentra spectabilis Bleeding Heart



Spectacular heart shaped pink flowers in late spring. Hardy but shelter from wind. Ht. 50cm. Herbaceous Perennial. Deciduous. Now known as Lamprocapnos spectabilis.

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Rhododendron cilpinense



One of the earliest flowering rhododendrons. Blush pink flowers cover this compact bush in September. Shelter from frost. Ht. 1m. Evergreen.

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Rhododendron Cornubia



Double red flower buds open to deep pink flowers in spring. Deep burgundy red foliage on an upright tree makes a stunning display in the spring to autumn. A prized selection form John McLarens collection in Central Otago.

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Acer Palmatum - 'Osakazuki' Japanese Maple



Osakazuki is one of the oldest known cultivars of the Japanese Maple. It has green/bronze tones in summer and glorious vibrant crimson-orange seasonal colour for autumn and winter. This compact tree makes a wonderful accent for any

landscape.

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Acer palmatum dissectum 'Emerald Lace' Weeping Green Maple



New and improved Viridis. Bright green, lacy umbrella form turning bright orange in autumn.

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