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Welcome to our April newsletter. Our plants sell to nurseries, parks, landscapers, garden centres and gardeners throughout New Zealand. Right now, we are busy working on indent orders to get our fabulous stock ready for our Garden Centre customers this coming spring. Garden Centres indent their orders with us so that you get the choice of the best possible stock. Next time you're shopping at your local Garden Centre, ask for us by name!



This month we have an exciting range of new and unique crops including many perennials that are starting to flower for a fabulous show of autumn colour. The Agastache Tango (Hummingbird Mint) with its orange flowers makes a great autumn display.

Agastache Tango- Hummingbird mint



Meconopsis paniculata is an evergreen form of Himalayan poppy with golden bronze hairy leaves that you just have to pat. The leaves put on an interesting display over the autumn and winter and offer texture and form in the garden.

Meconopsis paniculate- Himalayan poppy



We also have the first crops of the popular Campanula glomerata Alba and Blue (Clustered Bellflowers) with their showy white and blue flowers on compact stems that grow to about 20 or 30cm high in a large clump. A great cutting flower. These plants are easily divided in autumn and cutting back after blooming helps maintain a nice low and compact mound.

Campanula glomerata Alba- Clustered Bell flowers



The Delphinium Blue pygmy and Red Caps are more unusual forms of Delphiniums that have short stems to about 30cm making a great display of colour in the garden with its striking foliage and bright flowers. They prefer drier conditions with well-drained soil.

Delphinium Red Cap



The Francoa (Bridal Wreath) are flowering well and will repeat flower until the first hard frosts of the winter in May/June. Francoa's are an attractive evergreen perennial plant that originated from Chile. They have been grown for many years as a cut flower crop and as a ground cover. Rosettes can often be furry with deeply lobbed leaves which are well designed to withstand dry and shaded growing conditions. This makes Francoa perfect for a woodland type setting. Group planting in good soil extends the flowering period with bigger and more spectacular floral displays.

Two new releases of Francoa are the pink 'Rose Bouquet' and the 'White Bouquet' bred for their larger flowers and longer, stronger flower stems. We have been very impressed with these new perennials developed by Denis Hughes.

Francoa Rose Bouquet- Bridal Wreath



As featured in the Autumn Go Gardening magazine, (<http://www.gogardening.co.nz/>) our new Pseudowintera Limelight is an exciting new addition to the Blue Mountain collection of standout plants. This is the next addition of a collection of pepper trees to come out of our breeding program and has taken over 15 years of careful breeding work to get it to a release stage. It's a must have!

Limelight is a lime green compact form that has a few red spots during the winter. It lightens up a shaded garden but can also be grown in full sun as long as it doesn't dry out. It makes a great feature in pots and planters.

Pseudowintera Limelight- Pepper tree



Hydrangeas make a great display in the Autumn. The paniculata forms of Limelight and Kyushu are making a great display with lime-green to creamy white dainty flowers that develop a pink antique colour as the flowers age. Delightful.

Hydrangea paniculata Kyushu



Rhododendrons are still growing and developing flower buds and autumn is a great time to plant. One of our favourite whites is Pawhuska –it is a medium grower to about 1.5m with masses of pure white flowers and mid green leaves on a very bushy growing shrub. Beautiful snow white flowers form from a soft hint of pale blush pink buds. A neat bushy shrub with tall trusses and large glossy leaves. Height to 1.5 m and evergreen.

Rhododendron Pawhuska