



## ***Enjoy life from your garden!***

Welcome to our June Newsletter. Many of you will know that Denis Hughes, our patriarch and plantsman, had a stroke a few months ago. We are pleased to share that Denis is back working on his passion-his breeding and selection programmes and is working really hard on regaining his speech.

This time last year, we'd had a good dumping of snow and several frosts but so far, we seem to have escaped anything too brutal. Luckily, our plants are hardy things bred for local conditions and they are all thriving. Our Rhododendron Christmas Cheer is in bloom already!

Because we are so connected to nature with our breeding programmes and propagation work in full swing, we notice the many changes unfolding through the season's and some plants are standing out already. Our Azalea crops for example, are covered in flower buds and are very bushy already. They will create a stunning mass display in spring, many with a beautiful scent.

The Bergenia's are also starting to colour now and Wanaka Wine and Wanaka Snow will turn a deep burgundy colour over winter. These plants are an absolute winner for spring/summer flowering and winter leaf colour. They are also a very robust ground cover for a shade or a sunny position. A truly versatile landscape plant with something appealing for most seasons.

We have a great selection of grasses including a favourite *Carex buchananii* that will grow in most sites and provide a dark bronze colour. Grasses contribute both colour and form to a landscape and they are also very important to any riparian planting where they provide the filtering for water from both farmland and domestic runoffs. We have a full list of all our riparian plants and bulk buy discount rates on our website at <http://www.bmn.co.nz/assets/farm-list-2019.pdf>

We also have the first of our crops of *Cornus Greenvale* available again. *Greenvale* has proven to be the best dogwood available as it is bushier and hence has more flower terminals and puts on a massive display of flowers from October until late December. There aren't too many trees that can rival this for length of flowering.

Lastly, for some texture in the winter garden, *Meconopsis paniculata* is an evergreen form with yellow hairy foliage that looks great over winter adding interest over the colder months. In the spring it has yellow flowers.

Great plants need great soil. Without healthy soil biology and structure, plants will never thrive and the tip to thriving plants is to condition soil with mulch. Mulching can be used to retain moisture in the soil, suppress weeds, keep the soil temperature stable, and make the garden bed look more attractive. Organic mulches like pea straw and peat/bark mixes also help improve soil fertility, as they slowly decompose. Now is a great time for putting mulch down. We have pea straw at \$12.99 a bale, or 5 bales for \$55. We also have a special blend of peat and bark mulch made to our own recipe- it's the mulch we use here at Blue Mountain Nurseries and is available at \$8.99 a bag or \$79.99 a cubic metre (approx. a trailer load).

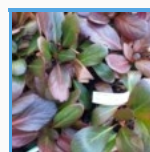
You can ask for our plants at your local garden centre, or get them directly from Blue Mountain Nurseries 99 Bushyhill Street Tapanui or on line at [www.bmn.co.nz](http://www.bmn.co.nz)



### **Azalea Pink Chiffon**

Blue Mountain Double Azalea. Double pink flowers in November on a compact bush. Plant needs shelter from wind. Scented. Ht. 1.5m. Deciduous. (Blue Mountain release)

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### **Bergenia Wanaka Snow**

Hardy ground cover plant with white flowers in spring maturing to bluish pink. Stunning leaf colour through winter.

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### **Carex buchananii**

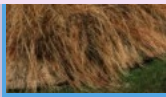


Graceful mountain grass with reddish tones. Flowers December to January. Hardy.

### **Malus Flamingo**

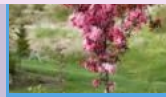


Double red flower buds open to deep pink flowers in spring. Deep burgundy red foliage on



Evergreen. Ht 75cm.

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an upright tree makes a stunning display in the spring to autumn. A prized selection from John McLarens collection in Central Otago. PVR applied for TRM119. Large grade- 25 litre grow bag.

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## Cornus Greenvale



some autumn colour as well. PVR

A vigorous tree with large creamy white flowers in early summer. In our trials of hardy dogwoods this tree has out performed all others. Raised in Greenvale by Mrs L. Paterson. New 2004. Evergreen with

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## Meconopsis paniculata



Soft yellow foliage making a stunning display through winter with yellow flowers in spring. Best grown in shade and damp soils. Ht 50cm.

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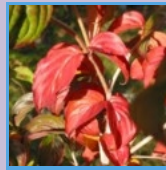
## Pleione orchids



The genus Pleione is a group of small, semi-hardy, popular orchids of great beauty. They are easy plants to grow given the right conditions. In recent years artificial hybridization between various species and cultivated forms has led to a wide variety of exciting and colourful hybrids. Pleione Irazu Mallard is pictured here. The catalogue is at <http://www.bmn.co.nz/assets/Retail-Web-list-Pleiones-2019.pdf> and growing instructions can be found at <http://www.bmn.co.nz/blog/pleione-growing-instructions/>

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## Cornus kousa Satomi



A hardy flowering dogwood well suited to drier climates. New spring foliage is bronzed changing to green followed by large showy pink-red flowers in early summer. Autumn colour changing to deep red gives this small tree beauty through all the seasons. Height to 3.5 m. A truly beautiful smaller specimen tree for the home landscape, with a strongly horizontal habit of growth making it ideal for smaller spaces. Deciduous.

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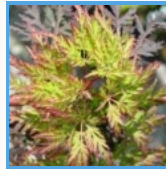
## Riparian plantings



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