



Enjoy life from your garden!

Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2018. Christmas and New Year have been a very busy time for us with the team completing our major stock take for the year ahead. With over 4,000 plant lines to stock take- it's a huge job! From the stock take and indent orders, we plan our production schedules and breeding programmes so we know which plants and how many to propagate, grow on and when they will be released. This process of a plant being developed and released for sale can take years! XXX, one of our flagship plants. took x years.

We have been very lucky here with warm days and rain arriving just as we needed it. Time to talk mulch-mulch is a superhero in your garden. After a much-needed dumping of rain yesterday, mulching can be used to retain moisture in the soil, suppress weeds, keep the soil cool, 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. To help plants cope with the heat, 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).

This month we have some lovely plants to share with you. Perennials are still a go-to plant and looking great now are the Astilbes in flower and a new crop of Bergenia Wanaka Wine. We also have Chocolate Cosmos ready to flower with their sweet chocolatey scent. The Delphiniums are in full bloom with large flower spikes and colours from deep purple to pink and double white. The Francoas are flowering now and will continue to flower throughout the summer until the first frosts of winter. Red Hot Pokers (Kniphofia) are also in flower and do well in a hot dry spot. Stokesia will provide lots of colour throughout summer. One of our favourite shrubs, spiraea japonica, is looking particularly good at this time of year with masses of deep pink flowers. Some of the new growth looks great including the silver growth on the yak hybrid of rhododendron High Society.

Pseudowintera Red Leopard and Limelight have grown well and their colour has developed over Christmas. The Eucryphia cordifolia are about to flower with scented blooms. These are great food for bees and make a beautiful display in the garden.



Hydrangea Bridal Bouquet

White flowers in summer on a medium growing bush. Mop top. Prune in spring. Ht 1.5m. Deciduous.

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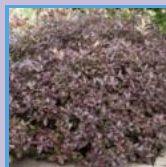


Hydrangea Paniculata Limelight

Dainty long panicles of creamy lime green flowers in summer. Later and more erect flower heads than Hydrangea. p. Grandiflora. Hardy. Golden autumn colour. Ht. 2m. Deciduous. Award of Garden Merit from the Royal Horticulture Society.

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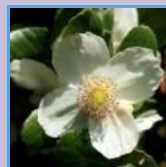
Pittosporum Tom Thumb



Bright purple black leaves all year. A compact tidy bush for the garden or tub. Ht 75cm. Evergreen. AGM - Award of Garden Merit from the Royal Horticultural Society.

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Eucryphia cordifolia



Also known as Ulmo. White flowers in summer. Hardy small tree or shrub for the open woodland. Ht 3m. Evergreen.

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Francoa app. White Bouquet



Bridal Flower. Large evergreen perennial with green furry compound leaves, large white flowers open from blush pink buds on 75cm spikes.

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Pseudowintera colarata Red Leopard



Red pepper Tree. A stunning selection from the Blue Mountain breeding programme. Red-purple leaves all summer. Makes an attractive ground cover or garden edge.

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Pseudowintera col. Limelight



Lovely form with lime green leaves forming a dome to about 1m tall.

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Yak Hybrid High Society



Pink and cream flowers in late Oct on a compact bush to 1m. Attractive silver grey new growth. Evergreen.

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