



Enjoy life from your garden!

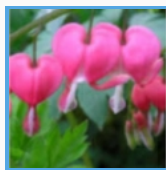
We had so many gorgeous plants to share with you, that we've popped a second issue of our newsletter out for July. Winter has treated us kindly so far, with only a small amount of snow and a week of frosts that allowed us to ice skate on the irrigation pond. It's a Hughes family tradition! Right about now, we start to get excited as we notice little changes around the nursery- the hellebores are opening, snowdrops uncurling and pleioneas are getting ready to bloom.

We know plants because we grow plants, but sometime we do out-source, roses being one of those. It's one of our favourite autumn jobs- pouring through glossy rose catalogues on a wintery day, cup of tea in hand, picking out our favourites and new varieties that we think you'll come to love. The roses we picked out have arrived so do visit the nursery to see our wonderful collection for 2018.

Planning ahead, sometimes by years, is a huge part of what we do with our breeding programmes. We slowly bulk up crops that we think you'll like by collecting, sowing, treating and germinating seeds ready for busy spring and summer potting. We also propagate thousands of plants through cuttings and grafting, depending on the plant source. This season's Rhododendrons were propagated in 2014 and are now being lifted from their winter homes and put into pots ready for spring sales. Our Rhoddie growing area covers 4 hectares with plants upto 7 years old offering our customers a great range of sizes. Perennials need our attention so that we can get them ready for spring. We are lifting and potting our perennials including *Dicentra spectabilis* (Bleeding Heart in pink and white) and with over 2,000 to prepare, it's a big job!

Here are a few of our gorgeous plants that caught our eye. This month we have the first crop of *Convallaria majalis* (lily of the valley) with its amazing scent perfuming the air. A nice chunky grade of *Buxus* in 7cm tubes is available- great for hedges going in over spring. We also have *Buxus microphylla koreana* available which doesn't seem to get Buxus blight.

Deciduous shrubs are looking good including the yellow winter flowered *Forsythia*. The cream white flowers of the Pearl Bush (*Exochorda x macrantha* The Bride), make a stunning display in early spring. They can be grown on a wall or even pruned as a standard weeping shrub. *Deutzia* are a very hardy shrub that disappears under masses of flowers in spring. *Deutzia* comes in dwarf forms such as *gracilis* and a taller double white arching variety called *Deutzia Candidissima*. *Philadelphus Beauclerk* offers a beautiful summer display with heavily scented flowers filling the garden with sweet fragrance and masses of cream white flowers. *Spiraea* produce masses of flowers and are suitable for the harshest of garden conditions. Even in gardens where they are neglected they still flower every year. We hope you enjoy life from your garden. Do visit us at 99 Bushy Hill Street Tapanui, or shop online at www.bmn.co.nz



Dicentra spectabilis

Spectacular heart shaped pink flowers (or white for alba variety) in late spring. Hardy but shelter

from wind. Ht. 50cm. Herbaceous Perennial. Deciduous. Now known as *Lamprocapnos spectabilis*.

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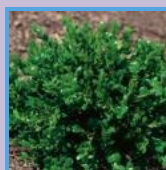


Convallaria majalis

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

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Buxus microphylla koreana

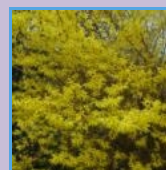


Glossy dark green leaves. Ht 50cm. Originated from Korea. Looks beautiful in the garden as a specimen or clipped hedge. Greater cold tolerance and resistance to buxus blight than *Buxus sempervirens*.

Relatively fast growing box hedging selection. Evergreen. Frost hardy.

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Forsythia Spectabilis



Abundant bright golden yellow flowers in the spring. Green leaves turn to a dull purple in autumn. A very hardy bush. Prune after flowering. Ht. 2m. Deciduous.

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Exochorda macrantha The Bride



Pearl Bush. Masses of white flowers in early summer on a very hardy bush. Can be pruned into a beautiful weeping bush. Ht. 2m. Deciduous.

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Deutzia Candidissima



Large heads of white flowers in late spring. Very hardy. Prune after flowering. Ht 2m. Deciduous.

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Philadelphus Beauclerk



Mock Orange. Single white flowers with a cerise centre in summer. Fragrant. Very hardy. Ht. 2m. Deciduous.

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Spiraea prun. Flora Plena



Bridal wreath spiraea. A dense shrub with arching branches and orange autumn colour. Very hardy. White double flowers in early summer. Ht. 1.5m. Deciduous.

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