



Enjoy life from your garden!

Welcome to our March Newsletter. On the nursery, we have been very busy doing the autumn potting and tubing cuttings for plants that will be available for sale in November. We have been very pleased to see good levels of rain and warm temperatures over the past month- this has kept the crops looking fresh and has encouraged more growth. This month we have a new crop of Bergenia Wanaka Wine with beautiful large leaves starting to change to their burgundy red winter colours. These are great mass planted under trees and as edging along paths to make any easy-care garden. The crops of Cornus Greenvale have grown very well and our largest grade, in a 25-litre grade even have flower buds showing for spring. With the moisture in the ground, now is the time to start planting trees so they get their roots down over autumn and winter ready for maximum spring growth. The Echinacea Powwow White are flowering now and have many more buds to open. They grow well in a sunny garden and can handle a dryer site making them a versatile landscape plant. The Francoa plants have many flowers on them now and will continue to flower until the heavy frosts of winter. The Rhododendron crop has grown well with the larger grades developing many flower buds. This year we also have a smaller grade available in a 2.5 litre pot and these have grown into bushy little plants. Rhododendron Karen Triplett is still one of our best picks as the leaves and flowers always stand out in any garden. The new growth is a lovely bronze and the flower heads are large soft yellow making for a stunning display in spring. We have my grandfather's Scabiosa caucasica Blue Mountain available again this year after a few years of building up the stock of this deep powder blue form. It can be used for cut flowers as well as a great summer display in the perennial garden.



Bergenia Wanaka Wine

White flowers in summer on a medium growing

bush. Mop top. Prune in spring. Ht 1.5m. Deciduous.

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Leucothoe Crimson Globe

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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Acer Brandywine



Beautiful autumn colour starting with a wine burgundy colour through to red and orange shades until the entire tree is covered in a firey orange blaze of colour. Brandy Wine grows best in a slightly sheltered site with a

handle most moist soil types from silt to light clay. This is a male form that will not set seed and therefore there is no chance of spreading in the wild. It has been used as a specimen tree in lawns and as street plantings as well as a shade tree in residential sections.

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Scabiosa caucasica Blue Mountain



Easily grown perennial for a sunny open garden. Bright blue flowers which can be cut for flower arranging. Height 50cm.

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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 colorata Burgundy Delight



Aromatic green foliage, lime yellow in spring and then blotched red and deep plum purple through winter. A native for any garden. Ht 1m. Evergreen.

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Malus Blue Mountain



Bright pink flowers in late spring on a hardy tall upright tree. Leaves red in summer. Edible fruits in autumn are ideal for making jelly. Ht. 3-4m. Deciduous.

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Rhododendron Karen Triplett



Large wide funnel shaped yellow flowers that glow in the light in early November. The bush of deep green foliage is an attractive copper when making new growth. Ht 1.5m.

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