



Enjoy life from your garden!

Welcome to our November Newsletter. Summer is following fast on the heels of spring and our team are busy getting orders out, weeding, potting and propagating. Denis, our passionate plantsman, continues to oversee our breeding programmes, with some crops not coming to fruition until 2033. Our quest for the beautiful, new and unusual requires patience, knowledge, attention to detail and in some instances- luck!

With a passion for plants since 1932, Blue Mountain Nurseries produce over 4,000 varieties of plants and specializes in the propagation and growing on of hardy trees and shrubs, rhododendrons, azaleas, conifers, climbers, natives, perennials and pleione orchids.

Our plants sell to nurseries, parks, landscapers, garden centres and gardeners throughout New Zealand. We also have our own on-site retail garden centre here in Tapanui, West Otago, and many gardeners make visiting the Nursery a day trip. Tapanui is located on State Highway 90 in West Otago. It is 38km from Gore (approximately 25minutes drive), at the base of the Blue Mountains and only 1½ hours from Dunedin International Airport and 2½ hours from Queenstown International Airport.

At such a beautiful time of year- it's a pleasure to be able to walk around the Nursery with our General Manager, Chris Hughes, looking for plants to showcase this month.

Many of our Rhododendrons are in full flower now so if you want colour in your garden, let us know and we can send you an assortment in flower and in bud or in your choice of colourways. If you are looking for a particular colour, you can ring us or use our website. Find www.bmn.co.nz, and in the plant selector tab on the left hand side, click rhododendrons for plant type and then the colour you would like- then click submit. This will show you all the rhododendrons we have for your particular colour choice.

A key point of difference in our Rhododendrons, is that they are generally a year older than most other Rhododendrons in the marketplace. The majority of our youngest Rhododendrons are at least 4-5 years old making them more robust and they are grown to local conditions and most are frost hardy.

Perennials are experiencing a renaissance and we have the Aquilegia Pumila, Red Hobbit and little lanterns all looking beautiful. Astilbes, a classic for the perennial garden, are in bud now and we have some well-established plants that will have masses of flowers soon. Our next crop of Delphiniums are ready now with flower buds showing. The Dicentra crops are also flowering now and we have both red and white varities available. Calycanthus Hartlage Wine with its rich burgundy flowers are in bud and will be flowering soon. Many Azaleas are flowering now, and they are filling the nursery with scent and colour. We have new sleeves to protect the flowers during transport, so they will arrive at your place looking great.

Gentians will be ready to flower in a few weeks and these upright forms make a great display of blue or pink. The large grade of Hydrangeas are growing quickly. They will be covered in flowers in early December if the current warm spring continues.



Rhododendron Senator Henry Jackson

Superb compact plant of with trusses of pure white flowers in Oct. A must for anyone who likes the Yak Hybrids Ht 1m.



Rhododendron Bumble Bee

A medium upright grower with dark glossy green foliage and large trusses of purple blooms. Ht 1.5m.

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Astilbe arendsii Showstar



A dwarf perennial with dark green divided leaves which are bronze when young. Flowers are red, pink or white in summer.

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Cornus Greenvale



Greenvale is a vigorous upright form of the famous Dogwood tree. Large creamy white flowers cover the plant in early summer lasting for as long as 8 weeks. Semi-evergreen Greenvale makes a good screening tree for a town

screening tree for a town garden or specimen tree growing to 4m high in a sheltered spot.

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Scabiosa caucasica Blue Mountain



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

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Pseudowintera Lime Light



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

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Corokia virgata Leprechaun



Lovely upright form from Nekau Gardens Nelson. Yellow stary flowers in spring followed by red fruit. Excellent compact form for hedging.

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Bergenia Wanaka Wine



A Pat Stuart selection with lovely burgundy leaves in winter, tall heads of large bright rose pink flowers in early spring, Makes great ground cover in light shade and drought tolerant.

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Calycanthus Hartlage Wine



A beautiful fast growing shrub with large glossy green leaves, covered with many burgundy-red flowers through late spring and summer. Ht

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Hydrangea limelight



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

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