

# Usual & Unusual Plants

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## 2004 Catalogue

The Nursery is Open:

17 March - 15 October 2004 from 9.30 to 5.30  
FOUR days a week WEDNESDAY to  
SATURDAY and Bank Holiday Mondays

It is ALWAYS advisable to ring first  
in case the nursery is closed for  
any reason.

Welcome to the 2004 catalogue - I am trying to phase out producing a paper catalogue so in future years this can be found on my website. This is in its infancy, hopefully in time, pictures and fuller descriptions will be added. The website address is: [www.uuplants.co.uk](http://www.uuplants.co.uk).

Again there are no prices in the catalogue this is because they vary according to size of pot, I try to regularly pot on plants. For plants in three-quarter litre pot the standard price is £3.30 for an easily propagated plant, in an one litre pot it is £3.50, a very competitive price compared to garden-centre prices, rarer and more difficult plants vary accordingly. The compost used is a very high quality, containing loam, peat, grit and bark as well as slow-release fertilizer and a new active and very effective vine weevil preventative. Up to date price lists are available at the nursery on request. Regretfully I have no facilities to take credit cards, only cheques (with guarantee card) or cash can be taken. Extra brownie points are given to those who bring their own box, it is increasingly difficult to provide boxes, supermarkets no longer keep them. I try to offer plants of flowering size but this does not guarantee successful flowering, which is dependant on giving the plants the correct growing conditions, as well as remembering that the prevailing climate can often affect flowering. Not all the plants are available immediately, and climatic conditions can affect availability. Please remember that I cannot have all the varieties listed available when the nursery first opens.

The car-park situation remains unresolved (the council is very reluctant to allow another opening to the main road) so we muddle on through - with patience and care several cars can be parked in the drive and of course the verge can be used but please pull OFF the road. If you have children in the car please USE the drive.

If you missed my moment of glory, the nursery was featured in the October 2003 edition of 'The English Garden'. The epithet 'Golden and Healthy' will probably stay with me for life, so I plan to have a border to match this honour. The show garden now has wonderful outline plans produced by Jane Edmonds (previously of Plantaholics Nursery) now all I need is the time to do them justice.

To avoid sounding like a recipient of an Oscar, I cannot name everyone to whom I would like to give my thanks so to the members of my family who clean, cook, iron and guard the nursery, and to my friends who sow seeds, pot on, garden and give plants. Please remember all of you I am very grateful.

I look forward to welcoming old and new customers to the nursery in 2004. I shall be attending the following Plant Fairs :

Sunday	25 April	Museum of Garden History Spring Plant Fair, Lambeth, London (10.30-5)
Sunday	2 May	Spring Plant Sale featuring 4 local nurseries at Southouse, Nr Lewes. (12.30-4.30)
Saturday	8 May	Savill Garden Plant Fair - to be held at Virginia Water Car Park (10-5)
Sunday	16 May	Pashley Manor, Ticehurst (10.30-5)
Thursday	20 May	Sotherby's, Billingshurst (in aid of St Catherine's Hospice) (10.30-4.30)
Wednesday	2 June	Sutton Valence School, Nr Maidstone (aid of Garden for Disabled Trust) (11.15-4)
Saturday	19 June	Unusual Plants Fair, Gilbert White's House, Selbourne, Hampshire (11-5)
Sunday	4 July	Borde Hill, Nr Balcombe, W.Sussex(10-5)
Sat 10Sun 11	July	Parham House Garden Weekend, Pulborough, W.Sussex (11-6)
Sunday	18 July	Chenies Manor Garden Fair, Nr Amersham, Buckinghamshire (10-5)
Sunday	8 August	Great Comp, Nr Borough Green(11-5)
Sunday	15 August	Pashley Manor, Ticehurst (10.30-5)
Sunday	4 Sept	Wisley Car Park for the NCCPG Surrey Group (Time to be confirmed)
Saturday	11 Sept	Hardy Plant Kent Grp Annual Show, Belmont Park, ThrowleyNr Faversham (11-5)

I will also be present at Hankham Hall Cottage, Hankham (by invitation of Mr/Mrs Buller) in aid of National Garden Scheme (NGS) on Sunday 27 June and Sunday 22 August from 2-5.30 and Bates Green Farm, Arlington (by invitation of Mr/Mrs McCutchan) in aid of NGS on Sunday 11 April, Sunday 13 June and Sunday 12 September from 11-5

PLEASE NOTE: GIANT ANNUAL SALE FIRST TWO WEEKS IN OCTOBER - Selling off surplus stock as reducing range of plants available in 2005.

## ACANTHUS

**mollis 'Hollard's Gold'** - Usually evergreen the winter and Spring foliage is particularly effective with a golden-yellow hue, fading to lime-green in Summer. Although Acanthus are sun lovers they are tolerant of shade, however the stout flowering stems are less prolific. 60"H

- **m. 'Rue Ledan'** - From France this handsome form has pure-white flowers with green bracts and dark green glossy leaves. Sun/part shade. Makes a more compact plant than the usual A.mollis. 36"H

## ACHILLEA

These last a long time in flower with flat heads which often fade giving a multi-toned Persian Carpet effect. They also pick and dry well. They prefer decent drainage in the sun, the addition of grit in heavy soils helps a great deal. Much used in the fashionable 'Prairie Planting' in association with, amongst other plants, Verbascum, Sedum and ornamental Grasses. The following have been chosen from the vast array as the best of the colour forms presently available. For continuous flowering cut back after the first flush. Many flowers can be used for winter decoration, pick before fully out. They are all best divided every three years to retain vigour. Remember that the trials at Wisley recently awarded many of the following cultivars Awards for their excellent performance.

**'Credo'AGM** - A Pagel's selection so it must be good. Strong tall stems with large domed clear yellow flowers which fade to cream in June and July. 40"H

**'Faust'** - This is the best of the deepest reds I have seen, and more vigorous than some. Introduced since the trials, otherwise it would have got an award. Flowers from June to September. 24"H

**'Feuerland'** - Upright and compact this attractive variety has deep rusty, yellow-centred flowers fading to all colours of a fire, from oranges to apricot and yellow from June to October. 36"H

**'Lachsschönheit'AGM** - The flat flowers open coral-red, changing to soft-peach with both these colours on the plant at the same time. Flowers in mid Summer and again in Autumn.. A reliable performer. 30"H

**'Lucky Break'AGM** - Reaching 3ft this is more vigorous than the old A.'Taygetea' and was introduced by Christopher Lloyd. Showy grey-green foliage with beautiful flowers that start pale yellow and become several different shades of yellow depending on bloom age.36"H

**millefolium 'Lansdorferglut'AGM** - Sturdy, floriferous, rich pink flowers which fade to ivory-pink making an excellent colour patchwork. When awarded its AGM the comment 'The sort of plant that makes you say I must have it' was added 40"H

- **m. 'Christel'** - This is the first Achillea to flower and it is a striking deep red. 24"H

- **m. 'Red Velvet'** - Good new cultivar and considered to be one of the best reds to date this new variety does not fade but stays a good rosy-red even in the hottest sun. 30"H

**'Mondpagode'AGM** - Perhaps the best cream variety because it never fades into murky grey and the heads are elegantly layered. **Highly recommended.** 30"H

**'Walther Funcke'** - Fiery orange-red flat flowers. This one will also grow in dry part shade. Highly regarded for its neat and upright habit. 12"H

**'Wesersandstein'** - Earlier flowering than some with rounded soft-salmon pink flowers which fade extremely well, avoiding the need to constantly dead-head. 36"H

**ptarmica 'Nana Compacta'** - Unlike the above these have flowers more like daisies, each with conspicuous grey-green centre. A particularly attractive compact variety. Long flowering and good to pick.. 12"H

**siberica camtschatica 'Love Parade'** - Distinctive foliage from the other Achilleas and the flowers are much larger. This has large clusters of soft lavender pink flowers from May to September and longer if you deadhead. 24"H

## ACONITUM

Monkshood, Wolf's Bane, this has many common names .All parts are poisonous so should be used with caution if you have children who garden. Easily satisfied as to soil, full sun suits but will also grow in shady areas. A great bonus is that rabbits will not touch it, nor slugs or snails so makes a good alternative to Delphiniums.

**'Stainless Steel'** - Hooded metallic grey-blue flowers, June to August. A new continental selection. 40"H

**carmichaelii 'Pink Sensation'** - A new colour break and a very pretty shade of pale pink it is. The stems are sturdy and make good cut flowers. 48"H

**x cammarum 'Bicolor'AGM** -Lovely blue and white flowers on arching branches. 72"H

**AGAPANTHUS**

African Lilies - require full sun in fertile soil, moist rather than dry but not boggy and don't like being planted too deeply. They blend with softer colours and look great with grasses. They cut well and have attractive seed heads which last all winter. They make very good frontal plants as they stay tidy all season. As well as the following I will have small numbers of several other varieties.

**'Lilliput'** - The smallest Agapanthus, only reaching 15" with deep blue flowers. Excellent for cutting.

**Ardernei hybrid** - Well shaped large heads of white flowers tipped with purple at end of petals, noticeable black anthers, this is a good repeat flowering form. 30"H

**AGASTACHE**

Sun lovers with fragrant leaves, preferring fertile well-drained soil, long flowering throughout the Summer, into Autumn with deadheading. Bees and butterflies colonize around most varieties. The following cultivars are offered.

**'Apricot Sprite'** - A showy free-flowering mass of upright apricot spikes. Compact with sweetly aromatic foliage, which can be dried for excellent potpourri. The flowers can also be added to salads. 15"H

**'Firebird'** - The lovely copper colour of the flowers are useful in many colour schemes. The stiff flower spikes appear from midsummer through until Autumn. Leaves very aromatic. 24"H

**'Giant'** - From Belgium this new variety is a veritable 'Giant' amongst the others reaching almost 4ft. Long flowering with lavender blue spikes from about June til November. 48"H

**'Globetrotter'** - New Dutch selection with striking, almost luminous, purple flowers from contrasting pink calyces in rounded terminal heads from June to September. 30"H. Later

**rugosa 'Korean Zest'** - The aromatic foliage becomes increasingly deep red as flowering begins, intense purple flowers spikes for extended season.. 24"H

- *r. pink-flowered* - As above but with spikes of soft pink flowers top the plant for weeks and weeks during the Summer. 24"H

**ALBUCA shawii** - Perennial bulb from South Africa, this has sword-shaped leaves and spikes of yellow, bell shaped flowers, reminiscent of a Fritillaria but sweetly scented. This can produce several flowering stems during the season. Easily propagated from seed. 18"H

**ALLIUM**

Ornamental onions enjoy full sun in reasonable soil, can be used to great effect in any border giving vertical accents where needed. The seed heads are very ornamental and should be left to create long-lasting features. Good intermingled with other plants where their dying foliage can be obscured, it often withers before flowering.

**cyaneum AGM** - Small flowers of a beautiful blue in rounded heads over grassy leaves. Lovely for planting in a carpet of silvery foliage such as *Artemisia stelleriana*. 18"H

**'Globemaster'** - Huge 10in violet-purple heads on very long flowering variety, as new florets follow the fading flowers. One of the best, seldom offered as it takes a long time to grow a decent-sized bulb. Flowers from May to July. 36"

**obliquum** - The soft pale yellow flowers are a useful shade in the garden, flowers in June and July. An unusual variety, always greatly admired.. 20"H

**senescens montanum** - Quickly forms interesting clumps of swirling leaves, with round heads of lilac flowers in late Summer. A very useful late flowering allium and a real bee and butterfly magnet. 12"H

**sphaerocephalon** - Easy in sunny borders flowering in late July and August. Neat heads of a dark reddish purple which bob around in the breeze, attracting bees. 12"H

**ALSTROEMERIA psittacina 'Royal Star'** - Rare and beautiful form with sharp white variegated dark green leaves. Striking red flowers with green tips (sometimes called Parrot Lily) from Aug to November. Good moistish acidic soil (tolerates slight alkalinity) with shade. Hardy 24"H

**AMICIA zygomeris** - A wonderful foliage plant for a warm spot. Yellow pea-like flowers marked with maroon. Large drooped leaves in pairs. Seen at its best in Sissinghurst against the tower. 84"H. Few

**AMSONIA orientalis AGM** - I think this is one of the best frontal garden plants available and that every garden should find a place for it. It forms a slowly-increasing clump of wiry stems set with willowy leaves of grey-green tint. The flowers are small, starchy, displayed in wide heads of a soft blue and remain on the plant for many weeks. 18"H **Highly recommended**

**ANAGALLIS monelli 'Sunrise'** - This little pimpernel smothered itself all Summer with a myriad of large coral-red flowers. A real eye-catcher. Flowers from Summer to Autumn. 2"H 12"S

**ANCHUSA azurea 'Loddon Royalist' AGM** - Deep true blue sturdy erect spikes, from early Summer. Dead head to encourage second flush of flowers. Full sun, fertile, well drained soil. Lovely with bearded iris and lupins. 36"H

**ANEMONE**

**hupehensis var. japonica 'Pamina' AGM** - An excellent introduction, one of the few Anemones given an AGM in 1998. Eye-catching semi-double dusky purple flowers from August to October. Only 24"H

**x hyb. 'Honorine Jobert' AGM** - Will give nearly 3mths display of its well-shaped pure-white flowers, with lovely golden centres. Flowers best in full sun but takes shade. 36"H"

**leveillei** - Large white flowers with a distinguishing crown of dark anthers around the centre of the flower. Good soil in part shade. 20"H

**nemorosa 'Alba Plena'(d)** - In early Summer above spreading carpets of finely cut leaves stand tiny 'Victorian posies', each flower having an outer circle of large sepals surrounding a centre of overlapping, tiny white petals. 4"H

**nemorosa 'Blue Eyes'(d)** - A beautiful double white wood anemone with prominent blue eyes, found in Ireland. Often semi-double flowers produced for a couple of years before the double pom-pom flowers appear. Woodland situation. 4"H

**trifolia** - A pure white flowered anemone with its small white flowers held in clusters. Treat like a wood anemone. Summer dormant. Quite a rare plant. 6"H

**ANGELICA sylvestris 'Vicar's Mead'** - Attractive dissected purple-brown foliage from which emerge pink cow-parsley-like flowers in late Summer. Retentive soil in sun or semi-shade. Great in association with grasses and other prairie plants. 48"H

**ANTHEMIS**

Invaluable daisy flowers which last well in the garden and picked, preferring sunny positions in well drained soil. All require occasional replanting to keep healthy and free-flowering. No garden should be without one variety. All need cutting hardback after flowering to encourage a good rosette to overwinter.

**'Petworth'** - Excellent new introduction which makes a bushy plant with soft divided grey leaves and large white daisy flowers from April to November. Sun and decent drainage. This is hybrid between two Anthemis, EC Buxton and punctata ssp cupaniana. 18"H. Available later in the season.

**sancti-johannis** - First class plant with ferny foliage and bright orange daisy-like flowers. Found in Bulgaria during the 1<sup>st</sup> World War. Sun, well drained soil. 18"H

**inctoria 'E C Buxton'** - One of Beth Chatto's ten best plants. Above a low neat mound of ferny, green leaves, thin stiff stems carry creamy-yellow daisies endlessly throughout Summer until frosts. Invaluable in the garden or picked. The individual daisies last for weeks. 20"H"

- **t. dwarf** - At last a truly dwarf variety of this endlessly flowering yellow daisy. Ideal for the smaller garden. 12"H

**ANTHERICUM ramosum** - Grassy leaves and erect airy spikes of pure white Gypsophila-like flowers. Stays good for a long time. Excellent frontal plant in sunny position. Much admired 24"H

**ANTIRRHINUM molle** - A sub-shrub with leaves covered with soft grey hairs. White flowers produced in terminal racemes, which are cream in bud. Plant in well drained poor soil in sun. A useful, easy plant, particularly suited to chalk, or stony ground. 10"H 18"S

**AQUILEGIA**

Columbines or Granny's Bonnets come in a dazzling array of colours. Herbaceous varieties prefer a little shade in fertile soil while alpines thrive in scree conditions.

**candensis** - Originating from the Northern USA and Canada, this beautiful 'columbine' has eye-catching scarlet and yellow flowers from May to July. 15"H

**vulgaris 'Ruby Port'(d)** - Double pom-poms of deepest ruby red - a reliable 'stayer' which seeds true in isolation. 24"H

**ARCTOTIS x hybrida 'Mahogany' AGM** - A cousin of the more well-known gazania, with silver foliage and dark mahogany daisy flowers which last until the frosts, a must for tubs, patios or Summer bedding. 4"H 12"S - availability not assured.

**ARGYRANTHEMUM**

Excellent container plants or Summer bedding flowering continuously throughout the Summer. Although not reliably frost hardy a deep mulch usually ensures regrowth from the bottom even if the top growth is lost. Easy from late Summer cuttings.

**'Petite Pink'** - Finely divided blue-grey leaves and an endless succession of pink marguerites. Repays a mid-season trim. In my greenhouse this flowered all winter. 8"H

**ARGYRANTHEMUM**

**maderense AGM** - The grey-green evergreen foliage is a magnificent foil for the flowers, lovely citron yellow daisies. Although it is not 100percent hardy it often comes through a hard winter if grown hard (gritty soil) and is very easy from cuttings taken in late Summer. Great in pots or tubs or even in conservatory where it can flower at Christmas. 30"H

**ARTEMISIA lactiflora Guizhou Group** - Erect mahogany brown stems, softened by aromatic deeply cut blackish green foliage. The flowers are open sprays of creamy white tiny flowers. Prefers soil which does not dry out. Should only need staking in the windiest gardens. 48"H

**ASTER**

For late Summer and Autumn colour Michaelmas Daisies are indispensable. They are best in a retentive soil, sun or part shade. Taller ones can be given the 'Chelsea Chop', i.e. cut by half after Chelsea week but before end of June, this gives more side shoots, thus more flowers and often means no staking. Most of the following are mildew-resistant varieties.

**'Andenken an Alma Pötschke'** - It's the outstanding colour of this plant, which makes it so desirable for the Autumn garden, a stunning strong red-purple. 36"H

**asperulus** - Broad, almost heart-shaped hairy foliage with well branched stems which carry largish, rich, deep lavender blue flowers from July to October. Sun in ordinary soil or light shade in good soil. 26"H

**'Coombe Fishacre' AGM** - One of the best, arching growth with thousands of dark-eyed pink daisies. Flowers in September and October. 48"H

**delavayi** - A recently introduced Aster ideal for front of border. It is a lovely plant with large finely rayed lavender flowers, its central disc is brown-rust changing to orange as the pollen collects. **Highly Recommended** 12"H

**x frikartii 'Mönch' AGM** - This is without doubt the finest Aster. The blooms are beautifully rayed, in clear lavender-blue surrounding a greenish yellow disc from July to October. Preferring sun, give it the best position in the garden in good fertile soil. 36"H

**x frikartii ex Helen Dillon** - From Helen Dillon's Dublin garden. Has all the flower power of Monch but with a much sturdier and denser habit. Impressive indeed. 30"H

**'King George(amellus)** - Old but still one of the best, many terminal daisy-like deep blue-violet flowers with prominent yellow centres. 20"H

**'Little Carlow(cordifolia hybrid) AGM** - Countless small rich blue flowers cover this mildew-resistant aster in late Summer. One of the best October perennials. 36"H

**'Monte Casino' AGM (pringlei)** - Delicate small white flowers in open sprays on slender stems, attractive cut flowers. Mildew proof. Originally grown specifically for the cut-flower trade so is very free-flowering. Garden-worthy plant. 36"H

**'Prince'(lactiflorus)** - A striking variety with dark maroon stems and leaves, masses of small pink flowers in Autumn. Good soil, best foliage colour in sun. 30"H

**'Purple Dome(novae-ang.)** - Small bushy variety with large intense violet purple flowers. 20"H

**radula** - Small growing variety with large soft lilac-blue flowers from June to September. Any fertile soil in sun. This just goes on flowering and flowering. Wonderful frontal plant. 12"H

**'Rosa Sieger'(novae-ang.)** - An excellent aster, mildew resistant, with pinky-mauve flowers which look wonderful with Penstemon Firebird and Sedum Joyce Henderson. 30"H

**'Septemberrubin'(novae-ang.)** - Striking variety usually the first novae-ang variety to flower, it has brilliant ruby flowers. No mildew 48"H

**'Snow Flurry'** - The mass of small white daisies look wonderful scrambling over a rock where its prostrate habit takes on the form of the rock and looks as if it's clinging. Also good cascading down a bank. 6"H 18"S

**'Veilchenkönigin' AGM(amellus)** - An excellent old variety. Stiff dark stems carry open heads of intense violet, well shaped flowers throughout Sept. and Oct. 15"H

**ASTILBE 'Sprite(simplicif.hyb) AGM** - A charming and easy plant for damp soil. Dark green ferny foliage topped by spreading sprays of shell-pink flowers in late Summer followed by dark rusty-red seed heads. 10"H

**ASTRANTIA**

Often called Hattie's pincushion, this aptly describes the beautiful flower heads. Moist, fertile humus-rich soil in part shade suits them best.

**'Buckland'** - An outstanding introduction, believe me it is one of the best. The outer bracts are tipped with green and the central quivering umbels are a subtle pale pink - free-flowering and vigorous. 24"H

**major 'Roma' PBR** - From Piet Oudolf this long-flowering beauty has perfectly formed silver-pink flowers. Vigorous when settled. Good soil in sun. Always much admired in the garden. 30"H

- **m. 'Ruby Wedding'** - Probably the best red astrantia, with dark green foliage and red stems with ruby-red flowers all Summer. It deserves the humus-rich soil it requires. This variety never looks good in a pot, but will settle down in the garden after it is planted. 30"H

- **m. involucrata 'Lars'** - Selected in Denmark, this is one of the longest flowering varieties with lovely dusky cherry pink flowers. Starts in May and will go on until October. Rich soil in part shade 24"

- **m.i. 'Moirä Reid'** - Large green-tipped white flowers which are flushed pink early on. Very similar to Shaggy. 24"H.

**maxima AGM** - Exquisite flowers, each resembling a Victorian posy. The graceful branching stems are topped with strawberry-pink broad petalled flowers, filled with quivering masses of pink stamens. Good soil, not successful on poor sandy soils. A beautiful plant which will slowly colonize if it likes you. 24"H

**BERGENIA**

**ciliata** - A more handsome foliage plant than the popular leathery-leaved hybrids, with large, softly hairy leaves of fresh apple green. Pale pink flowers. For Summer foliage effect in a warm, sunny position this is hard to beat. Leaves disappear in winter. 10"H

**'Doppelgänger'** - Originating from Eastern Europe this is an excellent new hybrid with impressive foot high large pink flowers. Makes a good frontal plant. 12"H

**BIDENS heter. 'Hannay's Lemon Drop'** - Tall, showy plant with lemon-yellow daisy flowers the petals of which are conspicuously white tipped. New variety. 48"H

**BRUNNERA macrophylla 'Jack Frost' PBR** - One of the best foliage plants in years, with large heart shaped frosted silver leaves edged green and prominent vein markings. The blue forget-me-not flowers appear in Spring. Best in rich moist soil, brightening a shady spot or shimmering in the sun. 18"H

**CALAMINTHA nepeta subsp. nepeta** - A wonderfully aromatic plant, strongly minty when crushed. There are masses of tiny pale blue flowers and they are much loved by bees. Make a place in your garden for this, in the front of a border or near a path where it can be brushed to release the lovely aroma. 12"H

**CALLIRHOE involucrata** - 'Wine Cups' - this American prairie plant is a member of the Malva family and few plants can make the Summer show that it does. Its numerous flowers are 2" across, bright red to magenta, produced over a long period. Sun, well drained. 8"H 20"S Available later in season.

**CAMASSIA**

Bulbous plants from the American prairies which flower from late Spring to early Summer and are dormant by August. Best flowers produced in rich soil in sun or part shade. Grow amongst other plants to obscure foliage or effective in grass. All make good cut flowers for the flower arrangers among you.

**'Electra'** - Sterile form which is rarely found as it can only be propagated by division. Electric blue flowers on large showy heads - relishes heavy soil - effective planted in grass. 48"H

**quamarsh** - A more diminutive form than most, only reaching 12". Quickly makes a good clump with striking dark blue flowers. 12"H Good meadow plant.

**CAMPANULA**

**'Hot Lips'** - New compact variety with dark green leaves and white bells conspicuously flushed dark red on the inside. Very beautiful. 10"H'

**lactiflora 'Prichard's Var' AGM** - One of the finest of hardy perennials. Stout stems carry branching heads of violet-blue bells for many months. Thrives in many soils. 48"H

- **I. 'Dixter Presence'** - Christopher Lloyd's selection which has many mid-blue flowers with small white centres carried in open, large heads. Particularly effective variety selected by a great plants man. 72"H - Just a few available later in the season.

**punctata 'Wedding Bells'** - Newly introduced with double hose-in-hose white flowers (just touched with a hint of pink), produced over a long season. 24"H

- **p. 'Bowl of Cherries'** - Showy, compact with hundreds of cherry-red pendulous bells continuously throughout the Summer. Deadhead for strong production. Great new variety. 15"H

**Sarastro'** - A new star with glossy dark violet bells on strong self-supporting stems. Long flowering. 18"H

**CATANANCHE caerulea** - Cupids Dart - From clumps of grass-like leaves emerge branching stems with lavender-blue, dark-eyed daisies, enclosed in a scaly everlasting calyx. Easily grown in full sun with good drainage. Good chalk plant. 24"H

**CENTAUREA**

Reminiscent of cornflowers but with larger thistle-like centres, these knapweeds prefer full sun but are easily pleased in any well drained soil. Easy, long flowering plants.

**bella** - Well suited to the front of a sunny border, where its evergreen silvery pinnate foliage makes a slow-spreading mound. Pink 'cornflowers' in mid Summer. 12"H

**benoistii** - This is such a good colour, blood-red thistle-like flowers and long lasting too. 24"H

**'Caramia'** - New variety with purple flowers in June and July. Grows to about 3ft and makes a good cut flower. 36"H

**CEPHALARIA *gigantea*** - The giant scabious has wonderful soft primrose yellow flowers, it takes ordinary soil in sun, and flowers intermittently all Summer. 72"H

**CERATOSTIGMA *plumbaginoides* AGM** - Valuable in the Autumn when the creeping wiry crimson red stems carry clusters of gentian-blue flowers. An excellent groundcover beneath shrubs, at the border front and sunny rock garden. Grows in full sun in most soils. 20"H 18"S

**CERINTHE *major* 'Purpurascens'** - This has hit the gardening world by storm with deep purple flowers of a curious but beautiful shape. Can be used to great effect in the garden. A self-seeding annual. 20"H

**CESTRUM**

***fasciculatum* (ex *Dixter*)** - Evergreen shrub with crimson tubular flowers from Summer to Autumn. Although it grows outside on a wall in *Dixter* it does need a warm spot. Can make a great showy pot plant and if the stems are pruned to 4-6 buds in early Spring, this does control the height (usually 7ft) and also produces lots more flowers. Just a few.

***parqui* AGM** - Highly attractive shrub in late Summer through Autumn when the willowy stems carry clusters of greeny yellow flowers in great profusion. Treat it like a hardy Fuchsia and cut down in Spring. If you are every lucky enough to go to Glyndebourne you will not miss this flowering its heart out against the house. You will never see a better specimen. 60"H. Later

**CHAEROPHYLLUM *hirsutum* 'Roseum'** - This lovely Cow Parsley is one of the joys of early Summer, few herbaceous plants can hold a candle to it in early May. The flat topped head of lilac mauve tiny flowers will often appear a second time in late Summer. Moist, fertile soil in sun. 24"H

**CHRYSANTHEMUM**

Essential for the Autumn garden, the following varieties are sound perennials associating well with Aconitum, Miscanthus and other Autumn flowering plants. Slugs can enjoy the young shoots. Other varieties are sometimes offered in small quantities.

**'Brightness' (29K)** - Medium sized luminous copper flower, extremely striking in the paler light of Autumn. There is a bit of confusion about the correct name of this plant, as it does not fully fit the description, but those in the know call it Brightness. 18"H

**'Doctor Tom Parr' (28)** - Neat button variety with weatherproof flowers of deep copper red. Very free flowering September to November. 24"H 12

**'Mary Stoker' (29Rub)** - Single soft apricot flowers which age to yellow. 36"H

**'Perry's Peach'** - Very attractive single pale peach flowers from October. 24"H

**CIRSIIUM**

***heterophyllum*** - Known as the Melancholy Thistle, this rare native has large purple thistles from May to November. The attractive foliage is barely spiny and the leaves are green above and almost white and cottony beneath. Looked great with Miscanthus Cosmopolitan at Chelsea one year. 30"H

***rivulare* 'Atropurpureum'** - Fashionable rich plumy-red thistle-like flowers on upright stems all Summer-long and sometimes longer. Not too dry in sun and don't overcrowd it. 36"H

**CISTUS**

Rock or sun rose - evergreen shrubs for well drained, even poor soils in sun. As well as the following sometimes I have small numbers of other rarish varieties due to the generosity of the national collection holder. Thank you Bob.

**'Ann Baker'** - Usually the last Cistus to flower, well into August and sometimes even September, white 7cm flowers with each petal having blood-red blotches and yellow stains at base. Very hardy. 32"H

**'Grayswood Pink' AGM** - A profusion of lovely pink flowers carried in long clusters. Downy grey to grey-green foliage on this very hardy variety. Trim lightly each year to increase flowering. Best in light soils in bright sunlight.

**'Jessamy Beauty'** - Large two and half inch white flower with dark red blotch. Vigorous, hardy arching shrub making a striking display when in full flower in July. An Eric Sammons hybrid, only just released from the national collection

**x *laxus* 'Snow White'** - Spectacular in flower and one of the most floriferous. Its main flowering is in June and it continues to flower sporadically until Autumn. Can be hard pruned and could even stand being made into a low clipped hedge, (at the expense of the flowers). 48"H

**x *purpureus* AGM** - Fresh green foliage all year, slightly crinkled, smothered in Summer with large rich pink flowers each with a purple splash. 60"H 36"S

**CONVOLVULUS *sabatius* dark form** - The deep-blue form of this increasing popular plant, in flower from Summer to Autumn. 12"stems

**COREOPSIS**

***grandiflora* 'Astatol'** - Exceptionally long flowering with yellow flowers with striking maroon centres from June to September. Easy in well drained sunny borders. Good as cut flower. 30"H

***verticillata* 'Moonbeam'** - One of the loveliest pale yellow plants in the garden, moonbeam being a good description of the colour. Easily grown in sunny herbaceous beds and in flower for weeks from June - October. The yellow "daisies" pick well. Good with blues and a good foil for magenta. 15"H

- ***v.grandiflora* AGM** - Long-flowering, erect, clump forming showy perennial with large golden yellow daisy-like flowers with jagged petals flowering during the Summer. Attractive green finely divided feathery foliage. Sun suits best, well drained but not too dry. Cuts well. 18"H

**CORONILLA**

A great shrub combining small glaucous leaves, bushy habit and willingness to flower with sweetly scented blooms, not only in Spring when it does so very freely but also spasmodically throughout the year, even in winter in mild weather. It comes in several forms:

***valentinassubspglauca* AGM** - Whorls of scented bright yellow pea flowers, probably the hardiest of the lot.

- ***Citrina* AGM** - This is the lovely pale yellow variety. Requires a warm wall.

- ***Variegata*** - Distinct creamy yellow variegated foliage. In early Winter golden yellow fragrant flowers appear in long-lived clusters. Needs sun and a well drained soil. Hardy to about 15F. Bushy 2ft evergreen shrub with about a three foot spread. Good in pots. 24"H 36"S

**CORYDALIS**

Some of the best new plants over the last few years, corydalis have varying cultivation requirements which if followed make them easy and rewarding plants, long in flower and with attractive foliage.

**'Spinner's'** - From the famous New Forest nursery this is a possible hybrid between *flexuosa* and *elata*, the result is a vigorous hybrid with pale green ferny foliage and large scented blue flowers on strong brown stems. Much easier to grow than many other varieties. 10"H

***flexuosa* 'Balang Mist'** - Pale blue flowers, tipped in white over particularly striking reddish grey filigree foliage, slower than other varieties and a fine new addition. 4"H

***solida* 'George Baker' AGM** - One of the most coveted plants and oh so slow, bright coral-red flowers throughout the Spring. 10"H

**COSMOS *atrosanguineus*** - A unique plant similar to a small Dahlia. The velvet-like, dark maroon-crimson flowers smell of bitter chocolate. The blooms are produced continually until Autumn. Full sun in a retentive soil. If planted deeply it will come back year after year. 24"H

**CROCOSMIA**

As a result of hybridizing, these 'Montbretias' are graceful plants with small, lily-like flowers in a range of colours, invaluable in August through until October. Preferring fertile soil in sun, they increase well and are best divided in Spring. Useful as picked flowers. It is a good idea to give them a good mulch their first year before the corms have been 'pulled' down into the soil.

**x *crococsmiflora* 'Eastern Promise'** - This Crocosmia is full of promise as vivid orange buds, nestled in dark calyces, begin to open, these give way to sprays of large, out-facing flowers, coloured a sherbert yellow on the inside and backed with deeper peach shades.

- ***c. Emily McKenzie*** - This is a hardy, vigorous variety, free flowering with branching stems of rich orange flowers, which open wide to reveal the red splashed throat. Flowers in August. 24"H

- ***c. 'Golden Sheaf'*** - Smallish variety with large tubular flowers a rich golden yellow. Very floriferous 24"H

- ***c. 'Jackanapes'*** - This has perky little deep red and yellow flowers held in sprays and freely produced. Smaller than some. 18"H

- ***c. 'Mrs Geoffrey Howard'*** - Rounded segments of rich tomato-red outside, darker on the tube. Inside a uniform orange red giving way to brownish yellow, with red-brown marks and narrow yellow throat - you have it all - a real show stopper 24"H

- ***c. 'Solfaterre' AGM*** - Pale apricot flowers contrast well with smoky-bronze foliage. A choice plant for warm well-drained soil. 18"H

- ***c. 'Star of the East'*** - The largest flowered of the Crocosmias with slightly nodding flowers a good 3-4 inches across. Deep orange flowers with a paler orange centre on branched stems. 30"H

**CROCOSMIA**

**'Lucifer' AGM** - An imposing plant with stiff, pleated, blade-shaped leaves topped with large heads of brilliant flame-red flowers. 48"H

**'Orangeade'** - Hardy hybrid with large flowers, if you like the colour orange, this will not disappoint as in the opinion of the national collection holder it has the best clear orange colour of any Crocosmia. 36"H

**'Walberton Red'** - Without a doubt the best red crocosmia so far, with sturdy stems and large tomato-red uplifted trumpets. 36"H Only a few.

**CUPHEA**

**illavea 'Georgia Scarlet'** - Striking plant, the red flower of which has prominent large ears which remind me of evil bats - they are in flower all Summer and make great pot, patio or hanging basket plants. 6"H

**DACTYLORHIZA**

**fuchsii** - Woodland spotted Orchid. One of our wonderful native orchids with pink to mauve flowers produced from late Spring to early Summer. Best in woodland. Grown from cultivated stock. 12"H

**purpurella** - Hardy orchid - deep purple-red flowers in June and July. The green leaves are occasionally spotted. Moist acid soil in sun, will grow successfully in grass. 18"H. Few

**DAHLIA**

Invaluable for late Summer to Autumn flowering the varieties offered are excellent in flower with burnished red foliage. Tubers can be left in good ground with generous mulch or lifted and dried in usual way. Hopefully a few of the following should be available later in the season.

**'Bednall Beauty' AGM** - Very like the famous "Bishop" but shorter. The crimson flowers associate well with the burnished bronze leaves. 18"H

**'Bishop of Llandaff' AGM** - An indispensable for those "hot" schemes. Pure scarlet semi-double flowers over mahogany-red foliage. 40"H

**'David Howard' AGM** - Wonderful dark glossy foliage and striking double orange flowers. 36"H

**'Moonfire'** - Wonderful rich bronzed foliage, compliment the single pale orange flowers, the petals of which are stained red. A useful addition to that 'hot border'. 36"H

**'Rutland Water'** - From the purple border at Sissinghurst this eye-catching decorative Dahlia has deep lilac petals with a deep purple centre. 30"H

**DALEA**

**candida** - This American prairie plant is smoothly delicate with white flowers which begin to bloom at the base of the spike and proceed upward making a narrow wreath of white on a green column. For all the world it looks like a mini-bottlebrush. Full sun in average soil, tolerant of drought. Bees like it. June/July 22"H

**purpurea** - Similar to the above but a magenta to rose-purple, a magnificent colour spike.

**DAPHNE**

Large and interesting genus, containing many dwarf shrubs, usually highly scented and suitable for troughs, alpine house and borders. Many have a reputation for being difficult but with care they can be grown successfully.

**cneorum 'Eximia' AGM** - The prostrate evergreen branches are smothered in terminal clusters of crimson buds, opening to deep rich rose-pink, highly scented flowers in April and May. Needs open sunny position. 6"H 36"H. Hopefully available in May.

**odora 'Aureomarginata'** - In Spring the scent of this floods the garden with its wonderful fragrance. Forms a low, loose, evergreen shrub, covered with rosettes of shining green leaves, each finely edged with cream. Plant away from N.E. winds. 30"H

**x hendersonii 'Ernst Hauser'** - Vigorous variety, with evergreen low spreading branches covered in terminal sweetly scented pale pink flowers from deep red-purple buds. Good drainage with a long root run, flowering best in sunny position. In strongly acidic soil add some lime. 12"H 24"H (in May)

**x napolitana AGM** - Superb small and neat rounded evergreen bush. Masses of bright pink scented flowers from March throughout the Summer to November, if you are very lucky. 36"H (in May)

**DIASCIA rigescens AGM** - Deservedly one of my most popular plants. Stiff stems of rose-pink flowers from June-Oct. Hardy on well drained soil. Take cuttings as an insurance as after a year or two the plants can become woody and fail in the winter. Well drained warm situation. 15"H

**DICENTRA scandens** - Quite distinct in being one of the several climbing species, the herbaceous stems reaching eight to ten foot annually, with straw yellow flowers in Summer. Maybe

**DIERAMA**

Wand flower or Venus' Fishing Rod are unparalleled for their beauty and grace in early Summer. Trumpet shaped bells emerge from silvery calyces and wave in the slightest breeze. Full sun in retentive soil (they need moisture in the Summer) but dislike being waterlogged in the winter. Incorporation of grit in the planting holes ensures the corms do not sit in water during the Winter. They are lovely plants and well worth the trouble. Several distinctive forms are offered:

**dracomontanum** - Only reaching about 18", the flowers are a lovely shade of clear-reddish pink on small pendulous stems. Well drained soil, hardy to -10C. 18"H

**igneum** - tomato-red flared tubular flowers, on arching stems, a vigorous variety. 24"H

**pulcherrimum** - Large pink flowers which opening from end of stem first. A lovely plant 60"H

**medium** - Requires deep moist but well drained soil in full sun this unusual Angel's Fishing Rod has beautiful pale lilac/blue flowers in May. Hardy to -10C. 30

**pauciflora** - Large almost shocking pink flowers on small floriferous dierama as it sends up many flowering stems. Flowers from a young plant. 12"H

**pulcherrimum 'Blackbird'** - Very dark form, plum-red- fantastic 60"H- These are seed grown but so far they have come true.

- **p. var. album** - Pure white bell-like flowers. 40"H

**DIPLARRHENA Helen Dillon's form** - One of my favourite plants, related to the Iris, it has almost orchid-like white flowers marked with blue and yellow in the centre, its scented as well. Evergreen leaves in tufts, well drained but fertile soil in some shade. Not the easier plant in the world to grow but it is worth it. 12"H

**DISPOROPSIS pernyi** - Newly introduced from China, this looks like an evergreen Solomon's Seal with white flared lemon-scented flowers. Semi-shade in fertile soil. 9"H

**DISPORUM flavens** - Choice Korean woodland plant which gives a spectacular display of long hanging pale yellow flowers in April-May, reminiscent of an Uvularia (I saw this priced at 17 per plant in an American catalogue recently so you are getting a real bargain here.) 20"H

**ECHINACEA**

'Coneflowers' are usually fragrant, long-flowering, easy and popular garden plants. They are attractive to bees and butterflies and also cut well. They perform better in sun with good drainage but will take a little shade. Good in mixed planting, including prairie - what more could a gardener ask - several distinct forms are offered:

**angustifolia** - Large scented flowers with long narrow drooping pinky-red petals. Long flowering, usually June to October. 30"H

**paradoxa** - A paradox indeed - this has bright yellow ray flowers with classical brown bristly raised cones, the flowers are surprisingly fragrant. 30"H

**purpurea 'Kim's Knee High'** - Exciting new US introduction (as if the name didn't tell you that) - Smaller than the rest with bright pink flowers in early June at 15", growing eventually to 24"H" with continual flowers un til frosts. 24"H

- **p. 'Kim's Mop Head'** - As above but with prolific pure white flowers from July to October. 24"H

- **p. 'Rubinstern'** - Unlike other coneflowers, this has multi branched stems which are multi flowered with a double row of petals of an intense pink. 30"H

**simulata** - 'Wavy Purple or Glade Coneflower' has very showy single flower heads on long stalks with yellow pollen and long drooping 3andhalf inch dark pink petals round domed shaped dark brown central disk. 36"H

**EPILOBIUM glabellum** - This is not a rampant willowherb but a sterile plant with masses of creamy funnels all Summer. Needs well-drained soils to give of its best. 6"H x 12"S

**EPIMEDIUM**

Excellent ground-covering plants for shade, new leaves are often bronze tinted, and if the variety is not deciduous, the old leaves should be carefully cut off when the new ones start to appear, you can then appreciate their juvenile beauty as well as see the lovely flowers. .

**grandiflorum 'Jennie Maillard'** - Named by Allan Robinson while he was at Wisley - not by me, he thought it was worth a name. The only seedling I have been able to raise so far. It has long spurred flowers of soft lilac held in deeper cups, making it particularly attractive. 15"H

**grandiflorum 'Lilafee'** - Floriferous and vigorous hybrid with lavender-violet flowers - excellent ground cover in shady corners. 10"H

**x warleyense** - This makes a less dense mass than other kinds of Epimedium and its flowers bring a new tone, they are coppery-orange. Light green leaves. 12"H

**x youngianum 'Niveum'** - Neat clumps of colourful young foliage with pure white flowers, some spurred, in Spring, preferring a little more moisture than most. 10"H

**EPIPACTIS gigantea** - Giant Helleborine - hardy rhizomatous orchid for fertile woodland in moistish areas where it can spread freely. In Spring to early Summer up to 15 nodding bright greenish yellow flowers with maroon lips appear in loose terminal spikes. 12"H

#### ERIGERON

**'Quakeress'** - Many narrow-petaled, pale lilac flowers, held demurely when in bud. Evergreen. This is a lovely plant, makes a good clump and should be more fully used. In any soil in sun or part shade. 20"H

**karvinskianus AGM** - Daintiest of daisies on branching, wire-thin stalks, opening white, fading to rose. Seeds itself into cracks and crevices of walls or steps as at Great Dixter. 12"H

#### ERODIUM

Cousins of the Hardy Geranium, Stork or Horn's Bills flower for months, most prefer sharp drainage in sun and are best suited to rock-gardens or troughs, except *E. manescaui* which is an excellent frontal plant in an herbaceous bed.

**'Las Meninas'** - Feathery green leaves with striking rose-pink flowers, the upper petals of which are lightly blotched and the lower ones are paler and heavily veined. From Jean-Pierre Jolivot at Les Jardins d'en Face. 4"H. Few

**x lindavicum 'Pink Form'** - Evergreen ferny silver foliage, pink flowers for many weeks in Summer. Sun or part shade on well drained soil. 6"H  
**manescaui** - The dense foliage clump is composed of much divided, feathery, hairy leaves, over them, held on straight stalks, are the clusters of rich deep lilac-pink flowers, five-petaled, with a deeper blotch on the upper two. 20"H 24"H

**pelargoniiiflorum** - Downy foliage and white flowers marked with bright purple. Flowers for months in a dry sunny spot. Dislikes winter wet. 6"H 12"S

**'Spanish Eyes'** - Pretty divided grey foliage covered with stunning pink flowers, lined in mauve with central dark blotches, over a very long period Apr-Dec and sometimes all year, 6"H

#### ERYNGIUM

Sea Holly - Striking thistle-like flowers, with elegant ruffs. Excellent dried, cut before flowers are fully open for best results. Tolerant of most soils, even poor, sunny position. Bees and butterflies abound.

**bourgatii ex 'Picos Blue'** - Seedlings from a particularly intense blue flowered form on 18" indigo stems. 18"H

**giganteum 'Silver Ghost' AGM** - Generally recognized as being better than "Miss Wilmott's Ghost" this has wide branching heads of metallic silver flowers surrounded by equally silver bracts. Dries well, seeds freely, biennial. Bees and insects love it. Tolerant of most soils, full sun. 36"H

**x oliverianum** - In the top league of Sea Hollies, large blue heads with silvery-blue bracts and metallic blue stems. A hybrid cross that has to be vegetatively produced. 20"H

**x tripartitum** - Wiry stems produce wide branches each ending in a blue head with dark blue spiky bract. An effective garden plant achieving best colour in full sun. 30"H 24"H

**variifolium** - Evergreen rosettes with scalloped rounded leaves so heavily veined as to appear almost variegated, this is particularly effective in the Winter. In the Summer there is a confusion of light blue thimbles with narrow bracts. 18"H

#### ERYSIMUM

Perennial wallflowers prefer well-drained sunny spots, most flower for many weeks and are best if lightly pruned after flowering to avoid becoming leggy. After a while you will need to do cuttings as they get too woody and new plants are needed. The following varieties are offered.

**'Apricot Twist'** - Perennial Wallflower with shades of apricot and dusky mauve coloured flowers. 24"H

**'Joseph's Coat or Constant Cheer'** - This appears to be the same plant, long flowering with multi-coloured flowers of amber, mauve and pink, low growing bush. 12"H

**'John Codrington'** - A low spreading habit with flowers of palest yellow with tints of butterscotch and slatey blue, slightly melancholic. Greatly admired 6"H 18"S

**'Parish's'** - New vigorous and exceptionally long-flowering perennial wallflower. Bushy, about one foot high and about twice as wide, with rich red-purple flowers. 18"H

**EUCOMIS bicolor** - Bold, late flowering bulbs with fresh, green star shaped leaves. The exotic stout flower stalk bears a cylinder of starry pale green, purple margined blooms capped by a tuft of leafy bracts, so like a green pineapple. Although it does not look hardy, it is, in sunny, well drained soil which is mulched well in winter. 12"H

#### EUPATORIUM

**capillifolium 'Elegant Feather'** - A lovely new foliage plant, reaching 8foot on good soil. The fine plumed stems are covered in tiny thread-like bright green leaves. Nothing quite like it. Used very successfully at Wisley in patches along the front of their long border 90"H

**purp.mac. 'Atropurpureum' AGM** - I just love this plant because of its impressive height which you don't need to stake, even in my windy garden. The stout dark stems have bright rose-purple fluffy flowers in huge heads which bees and butterflies love. 84"H x 18"S

**rugosum 'Chocolate'** - Excellent new introduction definitely justifying a place. Chocolate tinted foliage on purple stems following by showy 6in clusters of creamy white flowers in late Summer and early Autumn. Again it is loved by insects seeking nectar later in the season. 48"H

#### EUPHORBIA

Spurges make handsome foliage plants on most fertile well drained soil. The bracts last for many weeks and most varieties offered are evergreen. CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN when pruning as the sap can be VERY IRRITABLE to skin and BURN the eyes.

**amygdaloides 'Craigieburn'** - A vigorous form from Scotland, larger leaves and longer lime green bracts than the type, and an added bonus, resistant to mildew. 24"H

**mellifera** - A handsome evergreen species with honey-scented flowers in Summer. Long, bright green leaves with a prominent pale midrib. Needs a warm sunny and sheltered spot. 60"H 24

**polychrome 'Midas'** - Kindly given to me by the National Collection Holder, Don Whitton who considers this one of best garden euphorbias, this superb variety had sturdy stems with slight purple tint. Brilliant, eye-catching yellow florets in April and May and sometimes again in Autumn. Warrants a frontal position. 30"H

**rigida** - This superior plant may be likened to an erect-growing *E. mysinites*. Steely blue foliage surrounds the stems and is flushed pink in the cold of winter. Lime green flowers in Spring. Well drained soil, even stony. 18"H x 18"S

**schillingii AGM** - This is a wonderful plant for both its flowers and foliage. Clump forming with erect pink stems with handsome leaves of grey green, edged with red and a conspicuous white mid rib, the clear lime-green flowers top the plant from July to October. A good bonus is the good Autumn colour, in shades of yellow and orange. 36"H **Recommended.**

**seguieriana subsp. niciana** - A mass of slender stems clad in fine grey green leaves. Large, terminal clusters of yellowish-green flowers for about three months. Sunny, well drained. 18"H

**FASCICULARIA bicolor** - Terrestrial Bromeliad which can be hardy in warm well drained position. Its leaves are silver until it reaches the stage when the rosette is to flower. Then the leaves turn a spectacular bright red, and can be used in flower arrangements with stunning effect. The flower is an unusual mixture of turquoise blue, pink and yellow. Once the rosette has flowered, it then dies, but by then the plant has produced more rosettes which will flower a year or two later. Can make a spectacular pot plant. Few

**FERULA communis** - Giant fennel makes a foliage plant 'par excellence' with finely dissected green foliage making large mounds of filigree green lace. The dramatic 8ft flower spikes appear from early Summer, the deep yellow flowers resembling cow parsley. Full sun, well drained. 80"H

#### FRANCOA

**sonchifolia 'Alba'** - My favourite white plant, elegant stems with pure white long-lasting flowers. Evergreen rosettes. Well drained soil, sun.. 36"H **Recommended**

**GAILLARDIA 'Burgunder'** - Long flowering (May to August) with deep wine coloured flowers tipped with yellow. 24"H

#### GAURA

**lindheimeri AGM** - Flowers in late Summer when there is nothing else like it. White flowers float for weeks among graceful branches set with small willow-like leaves. Full sun and well-drained soil, plant deeper than in pot. The foliage develops dark spots. 36"H

- **I. pink (pale)** - I raised some Gaura from seed and noticed that one had rich red foliage, when grown on it retains the foliage but the flowers were a very pleasing pale sugar pink. This is grown from cuttings to ensure it's the same as my original lovely seedling. Flowers all Summer to Autumn long. 24"H

**GAZANIA 'Aztec' AGM** - Previously known as 'cream and purple' this silver-leaved Gazania has striking bi-colour flowers cream and purple. Tender. In flower all Summer until the frost. Prefers a hot sunny spot. This can survive outside in well drained soil, its main enemy is the winter wet. 6 "H x 10"S

**GENTIANA 'Shot Silk'** - Amongst the blue gentians this stands out for its flower size and luminous quality to the blue. Lime-free soils. 3"H

## GERANIUM

Few plants can offer the diversity of flower and leaf with ease of growing. No garden should be without at least 20 different varieties, not just a pink, white or blue one. If you can't think of what to plant there is sure to be a wonderful variety to suit. Many varieties benefit from being cut hard back after flowering, this tidies them up and fresh foliage is quickly produced. Trials are underway at Wisley but from the experience of growing I know which ones are worth a place in the garden.

- 'Anne Thompson'** - Wonderful magenta-purple saucer-shaped flowers with dark central zone are produced for 8 months on end. I have recommended this geranium more than any other and I have never received any complaint. **Highly recommended.** 20"H x 30"S
- 'Blue Cloud'** - A seedling from Nimbus and a lovely long-flowering cultivar with large pale blue flowers veined crimson. Attractive finely divided leaves. Starts flowering in June onwards. 15"H
- 'Blue Pearl'** - Selected seedling from Brookside. Bowl-shaped pale violet-blue darker veined flowers from May to June.
- 'Bob's Blunder'** - Pewtered bronze leaves on new clump forming variety. Large round soft pink and white flowers about 1" from May to November. Totally hardy, even in thick clay. 10"H 20
- 'Brookside'** - A lovely vigorous plant forming clumps of finely-cut leaves and large bowl-shaped flowers of deep clear blue, with a white centre. A striking addition to the border. 18"H
- caeruleatum** - Suitable for the rock garden. Mounds of small leaves covered with eye-catching violet-blue flowers in May and June. When you see this in full flower you will want it. 4"H
- 'Chantilly'** - Leaves round-lobed, light green and softly hairy, the flowers are up tilted, lavender-pink freely produced in Summer forming a froth of pale pink at about 18" high, well above the foliage, like a pink cloud. 18"H (only a few)
- cinereum 'Purple Pillow' PBR** - Fine new variety with distinctive reddish-plum (almost purplish) cup shaped flowers, the colour accentuated by network of darker veins. Tidy and low growing bluish grey-green mound of deeply lobed foliage. Good drainage in sun. 4"H
- 'Cyril's Fancy'** - Strong erect plant with large pale lilac flowers freely produced. Good soil in sun or shade. 30"H
- 'Dilys'** - Widely spreading mat, with dark-eyed reddish-purple flowers. Exceptionally long flowering, sometimes even early winter. 9"H x 36"S
- 'Distant Hills'** - Not often offered this very attractive compact rooted hybrid has large soft lilac, pink veined flowers all Summer. 24"H
- 'Dusky Gem' PBR** - My own introduction with flowers the same eye-catching bright pink of 'Little Gem' but with Spring leaves of dusky brown. Long flowering Spring to Autumn on sunny well drained bed. 6"H x 12"S
- 'Eleanor Fisher'** - In Spring the leaves are lime gold, edged with shrimp pink, remaining slightly golden as they mature. Radiating central non-rooting stems hold large luminous pale violet-magenta flowers, similar to 'Salome' but paler and more vibrant. A wonderful new addition to the late Summer border. 5"H x 12"S (Hopefully a few). This new hybrid originated from G. lambertii seed given to Bob Page by Eleanor Fisher, hence the name. First time offered for sale by any nursery.
- 'Elizabeth Yeo'** - Without a doubt the best pink pratense geranium with upstanding large dark pink flowers. Excellent foliage. Dr Yeo (a foremost Geranium expert) would not have named this after his wife if it was not a goody. 24"H
- erianthum 'Calm Sea'** - Large pale blue flowers with prominent very dark blue feathered veining. May, then intermittently until Autumn, then showy foliage. Full sun - part shade, well drained soil. A very beautiful rare form, **-highly recommended.** Slow to increase hence price. 18"H
- erianthum 'Neptune'** - A rather spreading plant with large, deep blue flowers, exceedingly beautiful. Good in shade.
- erianthum 'Undine'** - Wonderful variety with pure white flowers with yellow anthers, low habit of growth only reaching 10". Use in woodland area or borders. Flowers recurrently from May. 10"H
- himalayense 'Plenum' (d)** - Small rounded leaves, flowers 1in of a soft lilac blue, fully double, flushed with pink. A charming and excellent, easy garden plant. Sun or part shade, not too dry 12"H
- 'Jolly Bee' PBR** - Massive cupped blue flowers, prominently veined with white centres. Flowers over the whole season from June to November. Similar flower to Rosanne, more upright, considered by enthusiasts to be better. Use in a pot plant for non-stop flower power, year after year. 12"H 20"S
- 'Joy'** - A plant with no apparent disadvantages. Tidy mounds of marbled leaves, more or less ever-green. Flowers over long season and are about 1 1/4" in dia bowl-shaped, soft pink with prominent veining. An excellent hybrid for rock garden or front of border 4"H x 12"S
- 'Khan'** - Originating at Wisley this vigorous hybrid has very large magenta flowers with strong veining and prominent black anthers. In flower from June to September. A great new addition to the geranium world. 10"H x 24"S
- koreanum** - Newly discovered species - large open starry dark veined-candy-pink flowers with small white eye on stiff stems over low-growing, spreading mottled foliage. Sun or part-shade. 6"H 18"S
- 'Little David'** - One of the most intense coloured hybrids, deepest magenta. Excellent in rock gardens as flowers all Summer and makes a dense clump only 9"high, valuable new addition, like a baby G. psilostemon.
- macrorrhizum** - One of the most useful varieties because its ground-covering, weed-suppressing, drought-resistant, unfussy about soil and growing equally well in sun or shade and its evergreen foliage is not only aromatic but colours well in Autumn. It has no vices. The following are offered. I can also provide some large open ground divisions on request, they quickly settle down.:
- m. **'Ingwersen's Var' AGM** - Lighter foliage than other varieties and soft pink flowers. One of the best of this variety. 6"H
  - m. **'Czakov'** - Deep magenta-purple. 10"H
  - m. **'Lohfelden'** - Very pale pink, almost white, veined deeper pink. 4"H
  - m. **'Pindus'** - A dwarf form with bright magenta-pink flowers collected by Bill Baker in the Pindus Mountains of Northern Greece 8"H
  - m. **'White Ness'** - At last a pure white variety, held in green calyces, the foliage is different too, it's a pleasing apple-green. 6"H
- maculatumalbiflorum** - The desirable white form, with , handsome shiny leaves. Flower 1in shallow bowl-shaped in clusters. Fertile soil in part shade. 24"H
- m. **'Chatto'** - Large pink flowers, early flowering 15"H
  - m. **'Espresso'** - I prefer a cappuccino myself but there is no doubt that it is the striking chocolate brown leaves that make this new American selection a very desirable plant. The pink flowers appear from late Spring. A very useful shade plant which can also grow in sun. 24"H
- nodosum 'Whiteleaf'** - A particularly useful long-flowering shade plant with very strongly veined purple-magenta flowers, edged with white. Named after the house where it was found and not after its glossy green leaves. Clump-forming. 18"H
- 'Norah Bremner'** - Magnificent variety, but alas so difficult to propagate, but well worth the slightly more expensive price. Soft violet blue, white eyed large flowers, over leafy clump
- 'Nunwood Purple'** - Spectacular large purple/blue flowers, nicely veined, for a long season. 18"H-
- 'Orion'** - A real star, this has exceptionally large deep blue flowers with indigo veining. It puts on a show almost without equal in Spring and again late Summer. One of the best new hardy geranium introductions. 20"H
- x oxonianum 'Southcombe Double'** - Plants grow to about 15" high and wide and have double pom-pom-like flowers of an unusual yellowish pink similar to Wargrave Pink. A worthwhile and pretty plant, not as vigorous as other oxonianum hybrids. 15"H
- o. **'Phoebe Nobel'** - Strong purplish red flowers produced in quantity from May to Sept. A midsummer haircut is advisable for all oxonianums, fresh leaves and flowers are produced. 10"H
- 'Patricia'** - Considered by many to be one of the best new hybrids this has large metallic magenta flowers with prominent maroon veins and centre. In flower from May to October 24"H
- phaeum** - Invaluable for their ability to withstand and even thrive in deep, dry shade, these evergreen plants are long-flowering and make excellent woodland plants. The reflexed flowers are plentifully produced. The following 5 forms are offered:
- p. **'All Saints'** - Very pretty almost white flushed pink flowers on strong 2ft stems.
  - p. **'Caligrapher'** - Flowers with strongly ruffled petals, the edge and base of which are suffused bluish-purple, the centre is very pale with conspicuous violet veins. A very pretty cultivar much commented upon. 24"H
  - p. **'Margaret Wilson' (v)** - Spectacularly variegated leaves - slow growing to 9in with violet-blue flowers. Very rare variety, seldom offered. Slow to increase but reliable. Expensive because each plant gives only one division per year, necessitating a large stock. 9"H
  - p. **'Samobor'** - - A wonderful foliage plant each leaf heavily zoned chocolate brown, typical red-brown flowers. 36"H
  - p. **var. lividum 'Joan Baker'** - Strong growing with pale lavender flowers 1in across with a distinctive darker ring near the centre. Named after Bill Baker's wife. 36"H
- pratense 'Mrs Kendall Clark' AGM** - Flowers of a pearly-grey (pale violet blue) flushed with a white veining making it appear paler. Handsome deeply divided leaves making a fine clump. Good in herbaceous borders flowering in June, July, sometimes August 24"H
- p. **Midnight Reiter strain** - Fantastic foliage plant - keeps these deep leaves most of the season although they do lighten a little. Bowl shaped blue flowers. 6"H hopefully a few.
- Psilostemon 'Goliath'** - Originated from Axeltree but seldom offered, this may be the largest Geranium to date. Exceptional foliage plant making a magnificent statement, usual magenta black-eyed flowers, just bigger. Takes time to settle down and reach its full potential. 6ftH
- pyrenaicum 'Bill Wallis'** - Much finer than the type with deep bluish flowers and altogether a much tidier and more desirable plant.
- renardii 'Tcschelda'** - Sage-green textured foliage blue flowers in June and July. Sun well drained soil. Newish hybrid. 10"H



**GERANIUM**

- x river. 'Russell Pritchard' AGM** - One of the longest flowering plants in cultivation with a continuous display from June onwards. Bright magenta-pink blooms over a mat of greyish green leaves. Dislikes winter wet, so put in sunny well drained soil. 9"H x 24"S
- **r. 'Mavis Simpson'** - Makes mats of grey-green leaves covered with endless, silvery shell-pink flowers on thin trailing stems all Summer to Autumn. Front of border, rock garden, low wall or bank in sun. Lovely with purple foliage plants. 10"H x 36"S
- 'Salome'** - Mounds of golden early leaves with striking smoldering pale violet flowers with a deep violet eye from Summer to late Autumn. Part or full shade, moist well-drained soil. 4"H 24"S
- sanguineum** - All make leafy hummocks from which a succession of flowering stems emerge providing colour from Summer until Autumn, They are easy to grow and make fine plants for rockeries or front of borders. Seven distinct varieties are offered:
- **s. 'Ankum's Pride'** - Popular, easy to grow, making mounds and free flowering from May to October. Striking very large bright pink flowers. 6" x 12"S
- **s. 'Belle of Herterton'** - Differs from other sanguineum varieties in that the large dark pink flowers pale as they age. In flower May to October. Sun well drained soil. 24"H
- **s. 'Cedric Morris'** - A particularly large-flowered magenta-pink form with larger leaves named by an excellent plantsman so it is good. 6"H
- **s. 'Droplet'** - The true plant -the leaves and stems of which are small. The flowers are large in comparison and are purplish-pink. Ideal in trough, rock garden etc. 2"H x 4"S
- **s. 'Glenluce'** - Abundant large saucer shaped pale pink flowers on a plant about 9in high, ideal front of border or rockery. 9"H
- **s. 'Max Frei'** - It is the neat, rounded hummocks of about 8" high that are the Max's distinguishing feature, it also has masses of deep purplish-red flowers, followed by good Autumn colour. Recent introduction from Germany. Not 100 percent sure this is correctly named but it fits the description well.
- **s. var. striatum AGM** - Exquisitely pretty with pale pink flowers veined crimson appear all Summer until the frosts. An ideal companion to old roses. One of the loveliest of the many forms of sanguineum. 4"H
- 'Sue Crüg'** - One of the BEST of the new hybrids, very long flowering (May-frost)with large dark centred reddish purple dark veined flowers. Slow spreader. Sun or shade, good w/d soil. 15"H
- sylvaticum 'Mayflower' AGM** - A valuable May-flowering plant with a lovely basal clump of fingered leaves. Branching stems bear good rich violet-blue blooms for weeks. Lovely with Spring flowers and bulbs. 36"H 24
- **s. 'Angulatum'** - Erect and clump forming shade-loving variety with beautiful large pale purplish pink flowers which are prominently veined. Useful flowering in May and June. Important variety for shady habitats. 24"H
- 'Vera May'** - I am the only nursery selling this beautiful new variety - luminous dusky magenta flowers heavily veined - flowers all Summer through Autumn on compact stems. The same cross as Dilys but an even better flower and quite distinctive. **Highly Recommended.** 4"H 12"S
- wallicianum 'Buxton's Variety' AGM** - - One of the **best**, lax stems bear a succession of rich blue, white-eyed flowers. Will grow anywhere, rock garden, under shrubs, trailing over low walls. July-on 12"H x 36"S. I think it looks better with a bit of shade, the blue is more stunning.
- **w. x Edinburgh Botanic** - Stunning very large pale violet-blue flowers heavily veined deep pink, on scrambling stems from July to Frosts. This is extremely beautiful and much coveted. 24"stems

**GEUM**

- Give Geum fertile soil that does not become too dry and they will reward you in early Summer and again in Autumn with drooping flowers held in clusters above attractive basal rosettes. Some have good evergreen foliage. All make excellent frontal plants.
- 'Coppertone'** - A chance seedling from Beth Chatto's garden. Fresh green clumps of foliage are topped by pale apricot flowers, a wonderful colour not often found. 8"H
- 'Flames of Passion'** - New variety with semi-double, upward facing, dusky-red flowers which continue blooming throughout the Summer. 20"H
- 'Karlskaer'** - Rare variety making a compact dome covered with warm apricot-orange flowers in early Summer then again in late Summer. 12"H
- 'Marmalade'** - Gathering quite a fan club, long-flowering with rich marmalade flowers, definitely the Frank Coopers Old English variety. 12"H
- 'Prinses Juliana'** - Striking double pure orange flowers held on strong 12" stems, flowers throughout the Summer. Dead heading prolongs the show. 20"H. Please note that Prinses spelt this way is not a spelling mistake.
- 'Rijnstroom'** - Particularly large double petalled copper-orange flowers through June and July. 20"H
- 'Rubin'** - Long-lived variety with stunning semi-double deep red flowers on longish stems. In flower from June until August. 12"H
- GILLENIA trifoliata AGM** - A graceful plant for almost any position or soil. Slender reddish stems branch freely and carry sprays of small butterfly-like white flowers, the reddish calyces last and persist in beauty after the petals have dropped. In flower for weeks - yet another must for all gardens. 48"H x 24"S

**GLADIOLUS**

- papilio** - Above narrow, grey-green leaves stand tall stems carrying downcast heads. The slender buds and backs of petals of green, cream and slate purple. Lovely in late Summer and Autumn. Needs substance to the soil to perform well. 36"H
- papilio yellow-flowered** - As above but the rarer form, yellow flowers with bold centres of deep red.
- tristis** - Exquisite flowers, 2 or 3 per slender stem, cream with bronze-green shadows, strongly perfumed in evening. Although the narrow rush-like leaves are damaged in hard winters it is usually hardy in all but the coldest Southern gardens but still best put it in a warm spot. 18"H

**GYPSOPHILA**

- repens 'Rosea'** - Mats of grey foliage over which good pink flowers appear for an extended season. Cut back in Spring to neaten up. Sun and lime-lovers but will grow on neutral soil. 3"H x 12"H
- **r. 'Rosenschleier(d)AGM** - Meaning Rose Veil - this is covered in double pink flowers in Summer and makes a good cut flower. Sun, well drained. 5"H

**HALIMIUM atriplicifolium** - Beautiful large-leaved silver-grey shrub with large (almost 2") golden yellow flowers in June and July. Sun, well drained sheltered site. 60"H Few

**HALORAGIS erecta 'Wellington Bronze'** - Interesting foliage plant from New Zealand forming dense mounds with erect branching stems covered in bronze saw-edged leaves adding colour to any border or pot. The greenish-yellow flowers are interesting rather than beautiful. Hardy to -2. Seeds around 24"H

**HEBE**

- 'Simon Delaux'** - One of the best speciosa hybrids, making a good rounded shrub. Reddish brown branches, large deep green leaves, flushed purple. 4" bright deep crimson flowers spikes from mid Summer to Autumn. Needs a warm spot to give of its best, hardy to -5C. 48"H
- stenophylla** - A Summer long succession of long racemes of white flowers, tinged lilac on this graceful narrow green-leaved species with striking brown stems making a good open-textured shrub. This was *H. parviflora angustifolia* and its name change is due to the flavonoid chemistry (whatever that is)

**HEBENSTRETIA dura** - Long flowering bushy, grey-leaved perennial, with many strong upright stems of small white flowers conspicuously marked with an orange blotch in the throat. South African plants which are hardy with good drainage. In flower from Summer until the Frosts. 18"H x 24"H. Hopefully

**HEDYCHIUM**

- coccineum 'Tara' AGM** - Superb, strong growing with 6ft leafy shoots and glaucous foliage. In late Summer the large orange-red flowers are a real show-stopper. Tara is one of the hardiest and reliable 'Ginger Lilies' which still benefits from winter mulching.
- gardnerianum AGM** - Butterfly-like highly fragrant yellow flowers with red-stamens appear in late Summer. This spectacular rhizomatous ginger is a native of India and the Himalayas, growing to a height of 4 to 6ft. 2ft long leaves and flowers spikes 18in long. Min. temp 2C. 60"H
- HELIANTHUS 'Lemon Queen'** - Atop strong seven foot stems the cloud of citrus yellow sunflowers start in August and go through to October. Non-invasive, clump-forming stately plant loved by bees and hoverflies. Gives great architectural feature in any border. 84"H

**HELENIUM**

The 'Backbone' of the late Summer garden, GS Thomas calls them, flowering from July with stout stems with branching sprays of various coloured daisies usually with a brown central knob. Tried by the RHS and thus the AGMs are bang up to date. I may also have a few plants of one or two other varieties.

- 'Biedermeier'** - Flowering from August this bicoloured variety has rich yellow tips with a bright red band, the petals reflex when mature. 48"H
- 'Indiansommer'** - Bright well-petalled copper-red flowers with bright yellow centre flowering in July and August. 40"H
- 'Karneol' AGM** - Very floriferous with overlapping petals of soft Terracotta, rusty orange-red flowers. The green eye matures to brown. 72"H
- 'Moerheim Beauty' AGM** - Excellent variety and one of the longest flowering. Uniform rich dark orange-red flowers surrounding dark brown eye. 48"H

**HELENIUM**

**'Riverton Beauty'** - Clean egg yellow flowers with slight red marking on reverse of petals. 40"H

**'Rubinzweg' AGM** - Rubinzweg means Red Gnome in German. Masses of mahogany-red flowers, like a particularly rich Moreham Beauty, but a much better colour. 30"H. Very few

**'Sahin's Early Flowerer' AGM** - Long flowering with good sized rich bright yellow and orange flowers with dark brown centres. Starts flowering earlier than others and goes on and on. Picked up an AGM in the recent Wisley trials. 36"H

**'Waldtraut' AGM** - Two shaded flowers, golden overlaid with copper orange petals, the rusty orange undersides mature to soft orange. Brown centres. 48"H

**'Wyndley'** - Early and compact variety with golden yellow flowers conspicuously splashed with red, giving a coppery effect. 24"H

**HEMEROCALLIS**

Day Lilies - wonderful, easy plants, best in sun in fertile, humus-rich soil, some are fragrant and all make good ground cover. The flowers and buds are considered a delicacy in China, fresh and just withered flowers are good additions to salads.

**'Arctic Snow'(Ext)** - Five inch ivory-white flowers with green throat - recommended as one of the best whites by an Amateur Breeder. July. 30"H

**'Chicago Apache'(T)** - Seven inch intense red flowers with ruffled edges in July 30"H

**'Chicago Sunrise'** - Broad yellow flowers with a deeper yellow throat in June and July 30"H

**'Custard Candy'(R and T)** - Four inch sturdy rounded creamy-yellow flowers, the petals edged with gold and a eye-catching maroon eye-zone and a green throat. Dependable variety, growing well with lots of flowers, and a multiple award winner. June and July flowering. 24"H

**'El Desperado'(Ext, T)** - Four inch mustard-yellow flower with purple eye-zone, red edge and green throat. Recent award winner. August. 30"H

**'Elizabeth Salter'(R, T)** - Considered by many to be the best pink, five inch pale pink flowers with green throat. Recent award winner. July and August. 20"H

**'Frans Hals'** - Long blooming variety with striking bicoloured flowers of cinnamon and apricot. Lots of flowers in mid-season. 30"H

**'Jenny Wren'** - Free flowering variety with small elegant pale bronze flowers. 24"H

**'Joan Senior'** - Wonderful white petals stained green in the throat from July to September 20"H

**lilioasphodelus AGM** - This lovely old species has been grown since the sixteenth century. Perfect lily-shaped flowers of clear light yellow are very sweetly scented, lovely in early Summer. 30"H

**'Summer Wine'** - Good flowers of good substance and a eye-catching maroon red from June to September. 24"H

**HEPATICA transsilvanica 'De Buis'** - Vigorous and free flowering Dutch cultivar with mid-blue large flowers. Hepaticas acidic soil, a bit of shade and not too dry. This one clumps up well.

**HEUCHERA**

Excellent evergreen ground cover with many exciting new introductions with larger, brighter, wavier leaves. Prefer humus-rich soil in sun or part shade.

**'Amber Waves'** - This new variety is hitting the gardening world by storm - wonderful ruffled amber gold foliage - the light rose flowers are just secondary. Slow growing, preferring part shade.

**'Chiqui'** - This is not one of the purple leaved varieties but has rosettes of attractive apple-green foliage over which strong stemmed salmon-pink flowers are held well above the foliage. They pick well. 15"H

**'Chocolate Ruffles' PBR** - Outstanding new hybrid which makes an impressive clump of large red foliage with white foam flowers above in the Summer. I can't understand why this did not get an AGM because it is a wonderful performer. 12"H

**'Ebony and Ivory'** - Dark ebony-bronze foliage, excellent ivory flowers, lovely for picking. 18"H

**'Magic Wand' AGM** - Glossy green foliage, magenta flowers on erect, green brown stems. Clump forming and early flowering. Gained an AGM for its good flowers at the recent trials. 10"H

**'Petite Marble Burgundy'** - Compact bronze-silver leaves, delicate pink flowers with good dark stems from May to July. 8"H A nice little one for the rock garden.

**'Rachel'** - Dark green leaves, heavily suffused purple on the underside of the leaves. Very long flowering with attractive mid coral pink flowers. A good frontal plant staying neat all year. 12"H

**'Silver Scrolls'** - Excellent foliage plant with pronounced silver leaves with purple reverses which show through the leaves. White foamy flowers. 10"H

**pulchella** - Showy spikes of pink edged with burgundy flowers. Mounds of fresh green leaves. Flowers from May to July, remember the Latin for beautiful is pulchella. 12"H

**HEUCHERELLA**

**'Burnished Bronze'** - This Heuchera/Tiarella cross is a revolution in breeding, giving the best of both plants. Large cut leaves with a glossy bronze metallic sheen, pinky flowers in branched stems with repeat flowering. 14"H

**'Viking Ship'** - Maple shaped silvered foliage with sterile (thus very long flowering) deep coral-pink foamy flowers from April to October. The real value of this plant is that it looks wonderful even in dry shade. 18"H

**HIERACIUM lanatum** - The silvery-grey, downy broad leaves form lovely bold rosettes about one foot high and last in beauty the whole season. Although some of you might not like the dandelion-like flowers, I have always liked them, and these do not seed about all over the place.. Sun, well-drained, even poor soil. 24"H

**HOSTA**

Noble plants surviving almost anywhere although in sun they are more compact and often flower better and in shade the leaves are lush and larger with less flowering stems. In sunnier spots the soil should be moister. As if you did not know their enemy is the slug and snail, if I have to use slug pellets I ensure they are placed under old grapefruit skins so birds are not poisoned. They are excellent in pots. The following are offered:

**'Aureomarginata' (montana)(v)** - Magnificent with shiny mid-green leaves edged with wide gold margins. Pale lavender flowers. Makes an excellent pot plant.

**'Guacamole' (v)** - Medium sized with strong chartreuse leaves with wide green margins. Large fragrant white flowers on strong stems. 24"H

**'June' (Tardiana)(v)** - Medium sized with pale green heart shaped leaves with blue and green margins. One of the most attractive varieties around. Lavender flowers. 24"H

**'Patriot'** - Medium large with dark green leaves with broad pure white margins. White flowers. 30"H

**'Paul's Glory'** - Medium sized with gold heart-shaped leaves with blue-green margins. The centre of the leaves mature to white. White flowers. 26"H

**'Sum and Substance' AGM** - Glossy heart-shaped yellow-green 20"long leaves, glaucous beneath becoming puckered when mature. Thriving in sun or part shade where it makes an impressive clump. Pale lilac flowers from mid Summer. 30"H 48

**HYDRANGEA macrophylla 'Izu-No-Hana'** - Still rare in cultivation this Japanese 'lacecap' has enchanting double flowers which will vary in colour according to the ph of your soil, from blue to lilac-pink. 36"H

**HYPERICUM**

**maclarenii** - Roy Lancaster collected the seed of this primitive species in China in 1981. Dwarf about 2ft with narrow pointed leaves, star-shaped golden yellow flowers about 2in across. Given an Award of Merit by the RHS in 1986. Attractive small shrub. 24"H. Few

**olympicum f.unif.'Citrinum'** - This makes a small evergreen 9in high sub-shrub. Slender stems hold terminal clusters of large pale yellow flowers whose central boss has long thin stamens. Good drainage in sun. In flower from May until July and sometimes beyond. 9"H

**IBERIS 'Betty Swainson'** - Almost never out of flower from when it starts in May, and an attractive, sun-loving plant with flower heads forming a corymb almost 2" across of chalk white. Although this is a short-lived perennial, it always leaves true seedlings. From Jane Sterndale-Bennett's mother in Australia and considered to be a hybrid. It is very pretty. 12"H

**IPHEION**

**'Alberto Castillo'** - Very free flowering with large white flowers, slightly violet scented. Hardy and clumps up well, when there will be an endless succession of flowers from February to May. 8"H

**uniflorum 'Froyle Mill' AGM** - A rarer more attractive form of this attractive long flowering bulb, deep blue flowers in Winter and again in Spring. Easily pleased in any well drained position, sun, heavy shade. Useful giving colour under shrubs in the Spring. Summer dormant. 6"H

**IPOMOEA lobata** - Climber with crimson-flushed stems and showy scarlet tubular flowers which fade to orange then yellow on erect one-sided racemes throughout the Summer and Autumn. In a conservatory this can flower throughout the year. Hardy to 45F or 5C. 6ft to 15ft high

**IRIS**

**ensata** - Japanese Iris require acid soil with constant moisture, they can make good pot plants if these conditions are copied. Of all the Irises these are the most sumptuous, velvety and largest in flower. The following are offered:

- e. **'Gracieuse'** - White flowers edged in lilac-blue in June, very pretty. 36"H

## IRIS

- e. **'Pin Stripe'** - 8" large white flowers with striking and detailed blue veining. June/July. 32"H
- e. **'Rose Queen'** - Beautiful variety with drooping falls in soft pink. 26"H
- foetidissima var. citrina** - Strong shining clumps of rich evergreen leaves, invaluable as a garden feature. Small flowers of soft yellow, pencilled in brown. Its glory in Autumn when the seed pods burst to reveal vivid orange seeds. An extremely useful plant as grows in dry shade. 24"H 18"S
- lazica AGM** - Very vigorous and free-flowering iris, of the unguicularis persuasion but preferring a shady spot. Great foliage too.
- sibirica** - Almost any position or soil suit, best results from plants in moist soil in sun. They make good clumps of grassy foliage and even in seed add a little something to the borders. They usually flower in Early Summer and some of the newer varieties rebloom later as well. The following are offered:
  - s. **'Dance Ballerina Dance'** - Ruffled pale lilac-pink standards with pink falls marked with honey in the signal, petals edged with white. A beautiful new addition. May to June 24"H
  - s. **'Butter and Sugar'** - Lovely pale yellow reblooming form with creamy standards and buttery falls.
  - s. **'Chartreuse Bounty'** - More open flowers than some varieties, pale creamy-yellow standards with green-flushed falls. Reblooms 36"H
  - s. **'Shirley Pope' AGM** - Vibrant form with 4" dark velvety reddish-purple flowers in a semi-flared form, striking white signals. June/July. 28"H
  - s. **'Welcome Return'** - Dark velvet-blue flowers with large white blotch on falls. Reblooms.
- 'What Again' (SDB)** - Wisteria blue standard with yellow falls in April and early May with a second flush in August and September. Sun, well drained. 14"H

**JASIONE laevis 'Blaulich'(Blue Light)** - An appealing blue flowered plant grown for its pin-cushion like flowers which are carried for long periods through the Summer. For rock garden or front of border in well drained soils in sun. 12"H

**KIRENGESHOMA palmata** - A unique plant of great beauty, thriving in deep acidic soil which does not dry out. In September the cool yellow waxy bell-shaped flowers are produced in sprays. Keep away from cold winds. 36"H

**KNAUTIA macedonica 'Mars Midget'** - New short cultivar with deep crimson pincushion flowers which flowers tirelessly all Summer. As it is shorter and more compact than the species, its sturdier and does not edge out its companions. Attracts butterflies. Well drained, sun or part shade. 16"H

## KNIPHOFIA

Red Hot Pokers are not all that ghastly coarse red and orange plant that many people associate with them. In fact they are wonderful plants, adding colour and useful upright accents to any border. All prefer well-drained but fertile soil in sun. Give them a good mulch, particularly first season.

**'Bees Sunset' AGM** - Yellowish-orange flowers on dark brown stems from May to July on deciduous variety. One of the few Pokers to have an AGM 36"H

**'Candlelight'** - The pokers are luminous yellow with orange-red tips. Small and elegant variety with grassy leaves only reaching 18in.

**'Goldfinch'** - Although this is a sturdy poker it has quite an airy effect with graceful good sized flowers a very pleasing yellow. 48"H

**'Light of the World'** - Desirable variety with slender grassy foliage and elegant flared pokers of a glowing pale orange from September to November. 30"H

**'Nancy's Red'** - Slender deep coral-red waxy flowers from brick-red buds, a truly wonderful colour, neat growing. Effective with copper foliage. 24"H

**'Percy's Pride'** - Free flowering vigorous variety with stout green, fading to cream flowers from August to November. One of the best. 30"H

**'Strawberries and Cream'** - Originally a Beth Chatto seedling with buds of strawberry-red opening cream from the base in tapering heads. Long succession of flowers from midsummer to end September 24"H

**'Tawny King'** - An exceptional selection by John May - dark bronze stems topped by tawny brown buds which open to cream from July to October. Free flowering and easy to grow. 48"H

**'Timothy'** - This eye-catching poker has dark stems, bronze in bud, followed by large soft pink flowers which fade to cream. 40"H

**'Wrexham Buttercup'** - Perhaps the finest yellow poker with striking clear bright yellow dense spikes emerging from green buds in August and September. 48"H

**thomsoni var thomsoni** - One of the longest flowerers of the pokers, mid summer to late Autumn. The well spaced narrow spikes of soft orange flowers have a lower petticoat of fiery yellow-orange florets. The flowers also pick well and look great in flower arrangements. 36"H

## LAMIUM

Dead Nettle - Foliage plants par excellence - preferring shade and moistish soil. Can be cut hard back at any time to get the best juvenile foliage.

**maculatum 'Aureum'** - A choice and non-rampart golden foliage variety requiring cool conditions and freedom from direct sunlight for best foliage effects. I don't much care for the pink flowers but they are very easily removed. 6"H x 12"S

**maculatum 'Pink Pewter'** - Totally silvered leaves with crinkly green margins, make a perfect setting for the pleasing sugar pink flowers. 8"H x 12"S

**Earville** - A beautiful non-invasive clump-forming dead-nettle with pairs of dark, pointed strongly veined leaves. The flower clusters are a subtle shade of coppery pink. At home in shade anywhere. 12"H

## LATHYRUS

**aureus** - The fresh yellowish green leaves make a dense clump, and every shoot is tipped with erect heads of pea-flowers of a subdued brownish amber. Coppery foliage nearby brings it to life. 18"H

**odoratus 'Capeen'** - This eye-catching variety with flowers a deep maroon upper petal and violet lower petal was introduced in 1699 by Father Capeen. Its intoxicating scent can perfume a garden. Grows to about 6ft. 72"H You need to keep the seed for next year, it can self-seed but mice often get there first.

**sativus var 'Aureus'** - The striking blue flowers have red marks on them which look hand painted. It is very useful for scrambling though other plants or in pot. Annual

**LESPEDEZA capitata** - American prairie 'Round headed Bush clover' grows to about 2/3ft and has tiny creamy-white, pea-like flowers with a magenta spot at the base in dense rounded heads from July to September. Prefers average to dry soil in Sun or light shade. 30"H

## LEUCANTHEMUM

More easily recognized as Shasta Daisies, these robust clump forming perennials flower from early Summer to Autumn. Fertile soil in sun or part shade. Most are excellent picked and loved by flower arrangers.

**x superbum 'Aglaia'(d) AGM** - Short, sturdy variety with good white flowers which are double feathered, one of the best. 15"H

-s. **'Cobham Gold'(d)** - A beautiful new variety with semi-double flowers a soft golden shade. Reaching 15-18" best suited to a frontal position. 18"H

-s. **'Schneehurken'(d)** - A short version with white double flowers with a cut edge. Good for flower arrangers. 18"H

**x s. 'T.E.Killen'(d)AGM** - One of the best for cutting this has extra large flowers with double rows of white petals with a crested gold centre. 30"H

## LIBERTIA

**'Amazing Grace'** - Valuable evergreen with narrow leaves and clouds of small three-petalled pure white flowers in May and June. (ixiodes x grandiflora cross). 36"H

**peregrinans** - Individual fans form clumps of very narrow, stiff leaves with such wide central veins stained orange, the entire plant gives off an orange glow, especially in winter. Increases by running stolons so babies may appear some way off. 18"H

**LIGULARIA dentata 'Britt-Marie Crawford'** - NEW - The deepest and darkest leaved form, the chocolate-maroon coloured leaves being purple on the reverse. Orange-yellow flowers in August and September. Spectacular leaves for 9 months. 24"H

**LINARIA purpurea 'Springside White'** - A particularly lovely white form of slender white antirrhinum-like flowers over an array of narrow greying leaves. Probably prefers poor soil for better flowers as do the other varieties 24"H

## LINUM

**perenne** - Perennial flax. Much valued for its graceful slender habit and silky clear blue flowers which are replaced daily leaving a mass of blue petals on the ground. Well drained soil, in sun, moderately fertile. 20"H

- **p. album** - As above but with pure white glistening flowers. 18"H

**LIRIOPE muscari 'Silvery Midget'(v)** - Unsure this is the correct name but this is a rare miniature silver variegated Liriope obtained from the national collection (unnamed!). Makes effective frontal ground cover in any soil, including very dry. 3"H

**LOBELIA**

Not your bedding variety but stately herbaceous plants flowering many weeks from Summer to Autumn. Deep fertile moistish soil suit them best. In Spring slug precautions are needed or they will succumb to their ravages. In cold areas mulch well in Autumn.

**'Fan Tiefrot'(Fan Deep Red)AGM** - Deepest red variety for deep moistish soil. 30"H

**'Peter's Pink'** - Kindly given to me by a dear friend, this probably has another name, lost the mists of time. It has been perfectly hardy growing in a boggy position for several years and has large sugar pink showy flowers. 36"H

**'Ruby Slippers'** - The top American breeder of this considers it one of his top introductions. The ruby-garnet flowers last longer than most other lobelias. 32"H

**'Russian Princess'** - Elegant plant with dark purple leaves, and stunning flowers of deep magenta. 30"H

**'Tania'** - Crimson purple, hardy and long flowering. Flowers a rich crimson purple. 42"H

**cardinalis. 'Queen Victoria' AGM** - The beetroot-red leaves combine with brilliantly scarlet flowers to create a wonderful effect. 24"H

**laxiflora angustifolia** - Different in appearance to the above this has many ascending stems producing lots of narrow dark green leaves and lots of narrow, tubular red and yellow flowers, creating a unique display for weeks. Hardy in well drained soil in sun, but not too dry. 24"H

**LOESELIA mexicana** - Newly introduced half-hardy perennial adorned in each leaf axil with slender crimson trumpets which on closer inspection have extended lower lips and prominent black anthers. This has flowered all winter and is still going. Easy from cuttings. 20"H

**LUNARIA rediviva** - Related to the biennial Honesty this is a true perennial. Flowers of lilac-white, held in sprays high over the basal rosettes of leaves. An early flowering herbaceous plant well worth better recognition. Lovely in leaf, flower or seed. 24"H

**LUPINUS arboreus 'Mauve Queen'** - An evergreen fast-growing shrub. Flowers delicately scented in dense racemes throughout the Summer. Thrives in full sun in well drained position. This is the rare mauvish blue form.

**LYCHNIS viscaria 'Feuer'** - Profuse heads of double fiery-red flowers. Splendid hybrid whose smouldering flowers in May and June follow on the subdued colours of Spring. Good deep green foliage. 20"H x 12"S

**LYSIMACHIA punctata 'Alexander' (v)** - Pink noses poke through the soil in Spring which grow into attractive stems and golden variegated leaves. Yellow flowers during the Summer. This can make a good container plant offering something a little different to Pelargonium etc. 24"H

**LYTHRUM**

Loosestrife are long-flowering, usually from midsummer to Autumn, on erect, sturdy stems, essential 'also-runs' for fertile soil in sun. This usually looks after itself and only required cutting down at the end of year. Self supporting stems which cut well.

**salicaria 'Blush'** - New from Canada and a welcome addition bringing a gentler shade to the range, bluish pink above massed foliage, the flowers seem to be two-toned 36"H

-s. **'Lady Sackville'** - Very floriferous stately variety with magenta-pink spikes 36"H

- s. **'Robert'** - Bright pink flowers on erect, stiff branched stems. 36"H

**virgatum 'Rose Queen'** - A dainty plant with slender flower spikes a deep violet pink. Often produces startling Autumn colour. Can be grown in bog. Correct name uncertain as original plant wrongly named. HELP 36"H

**MALVA 'Park Allee'** - A beautiful selection of woody but herbaceous mallow with glorious creamy blooms, touched with apricot and small double centres. Flowers through the Summer and makes a neat bush. Sun and well drained soil. 60"H

**MALVASTRUM lateritium** - The best way to see this lovely plant is as at Sissinghurst, trained up a wall. It has apricot flowers with dark eyes. It can also trail down a bank and its flowers are more freely produced in poor soil in full sun. 30"Stems

**MARSHALLIA**

**grandiflora** - Basal rosettes of deep green foliage, topped with beautiful large pink scabious-like flowers, enhanced by blue anthers from midsummer - commonly called 'Giant Barbara's buttons'. Prefers acidic soils in light shade, not too dry. A great plant. 12"H

**trinerva** - Barbara's Buttons - from the USA this little beauty has lilac pink flowers reminiscent of a scabious borne on purple stems throughout the Summer. Sun, any soil except thin chalk. 36"H

**MELIANTHUS major AGM** - One of the best foliage plants there is for sunny, sheltered, well drained position. Large grey-green leaves with serrated edges, on stout well branched stems. Mulch well in its first winter and only prune in Spring after the worst of the frosts have finished. 48"H

**MERTENSIA**

**simplicissima** - This appears to be the similar (or the same) as *M. maritima* (the Oyster Plant). Beautiful glaucous blue leaves and clusters of pale blue terminal flowers. Sun, gravelly soil. Worth the trouble taking slug precautions for this beautiful foliage plant. 12"H x 24"S

**virginica AGM** - Beautiful and charming plant from the borage family, this showy Spring perennial has nodding clusters of tubular blue flowers, which are pink in bud during April and May. Must have good soil in shade. Smooth blue-green foliage, dormant after flowering. 20"H

**MIMULUS**

These shrubby varieties thrive in dry positions, either against a sunny wall or as specimen tub plants. The successive 'snapdragon'-like flowers appear from about June and can continue if given shelter until the winter. Very harsh winters can cut back the evergreen foliage but unless you are very unlucky it usually grows back from the base, provided it has been put in a sheltered place. They do make stunning pot plants which will need winter protection. I offer the following:

**aurantiacus AGM** - Peachy orange flowers which always attract comment. 18"H

- a. **var. puniceus** - Blood orange red flowers. 18"H

**'Eleanor'** - One of the best with yellow flowers, the trumpets of which are outlined in white.

**'Popocatapetl'** - Enormous white flowers from June onwards

**'Verity Purple'** - Large purple flowers each edged in white. Just a few

**MONARDA 'Petite Delight' PBR** - New compact variety only growing to a foot tall with very bright clear pink flowers. It is highly disease resistant and maintains the rich green scented foliage throughout but does need moist well-drained soil. Bees love it, dead heading recommended. 12"H

**NEPETA**

**grandiflora 'Pool Bank'** - Blue flowers each having conspicuous purple calyces. Upright growth particularly effective in mass planting. 24"H

**racemosa 'Walker's Low'** - An extremely charming 'Catmint'. Low growth with small frilled lavender mauve flowers. 20"H

**x racemosa 'Snowflake'** - Pure white 'catmint'. Grey-green leaves and low spreading habit. Any soil in Sun. 8"H x 15"S

**unnamed variety** - Deepest blue variety I have seen with particularly large flowers. Given to me as a cutting so don't know which variety it is. It is lovely though.

**NERINE**

**bowdenii AGM** - These elegant pink lily-like flowers are so welcome in Autumn when not much else is at its best. Sun lovers in well drained soil. Plant with nose just showing. Large pots with large bulb and secondary bulbs in. The flowers pick well and last a long time in water.. 20"H

**bowdenii 'Fenwick's Variety'** - Larger flowers and greater vigour are the attributes of this variety that GSThomas suggested you searched out. Well here it is. Pink flowers. 20"

**NICOTIANA langsdorffii AGM** - The pale greenish yellow tubular flowers are extremely valuable not only for their lovely colour and form but if planted in midsummer they extend the flower season until the frosts. A semi hardy perennial which always leaves seedlings 24"H

**OENOTHERA**

Evening Primrose - perennial varieties are excellent in herbaceous beds, some offering striking foliage colours in Spring. Sun or part shade in fertile soil.

**frut. icosia subsp. glauca. 'Erica Robin' (v)** - Dramatic yellow and pink Spring foliage. Rich yellow flowers in clusters. 18"H

- f. **'Fruhlingsgold' (v)** - Striking green leaves margined with gold, which fade to cream when in full flower. Yellow flowers. Any soil in sun. 24"H

**glabra hort** - The distinctive reddish foliage is an added bonus to this perennial evening primrose. Bright yellow flowers in Summer. 24"H

**macrocarpa AGM** - Many large showy lemon-yellow flowers produced in succession in Summer on foot long sprawling stems. Narrow red-tinted leaves and red stems. The huge four-winged seed pods only produced in hot Summer. Well drained soil in sun. Good with Penstemon cobaea. 8"H

**speciosa 'Siskiyou'** - Large rose-pink flowers all through the Summer on a low spreading plant. This also makes a great long-flowering pot plant. 8"H

**stricta 'Sulphurea'** - A particularly beautiful plant with large pale sulphur yellow flowers opening in the late afternoon, turning to a pale orange as they fade. Usually perennial but always self seeds. 24"H

**OMPHALODES cappadocica 'Cherry Ingram'** - Forming dense clumps of crinkled green leaves over which float sprays of intense gentian-blue flowers, larger than forget-me-nots. Excellent ground cover among shrubs. This is a particularly good colour form. 9 "H x 18"S

**ORIGANUM**

- 'Kent Beauty'** - Selected by Elizabeth Strangman, this has apple-green bracts flushed pink. Needs sharp drainage in full sun. 9"H  
**laevigatum AGM** - One of the longest flowering plants producing bunches of purplish pink flowers in dark calyces. Smooth grey-green leaves, flushed purple underneath and purple stems. Sunny position in almost any soil. 18"H
- ORLAYA grandiflora** - Hardy and self-sowing annual for sunny well drained soil. It is a stunning plant and very well worth growing for its fine ferny foliage with doily-like lacy cream flowers which last for several weeks. Loved on sight. 18"H
- OSTEOSPERMUM 'White Pim' AGM** - Indestructibly hardy, weed suppressing groundcover for any sunny spot, evergreen, strongly aromatic leaves. Slim buds, show metallic blue-mauve backs to the petals which open to the sun, blushed white daisies with blue centres. 4"H x 12"S

**PAEONIA**

- lactiflora 'Krinkled White'** - Herbaceous variety with extra large single snow white flowers with ruffled crepe paper-like petals, the lovely yellow stamens as well as decorative seed heads are added bonus. Good cut flower as well, if you dare. Mid-season 32"H  
**mlokosewitschii AGM** - The wonderful 'Molly the Witch' with cool lemon-yellow flowers with golden anthers appear over the clump of soft grey-green downy foliage. It thrives in any sunny position with good drainage. 24"H" - 2 and 3 year old plants

**PAPAVER**

- orientale 'Karine' AGM** - Excellent new variety has clear salmon pink saucer-shaped flowers with a pale cerise blotch at base. Shapely plant with upright habit. 24"H  
**orientale 'Patty's Plum'** - One of the 'In' plants, but don't hold that against it because the colour of the flowers is mouth-watering, like squashed blackcurrant with a dash of cream. Don't put it in full sun otherwise it fades rather nastily.
- PARAHEBE catarractae AGM** - An evergreen bushy plant with light lilac flowers in the Summer and again in Autumn. Can be cut back hard to retain shape. 10"H

**PATRIINA**

- scabiosifolia** - Useful late flowering from July to October with vibrant yellow flat heads. 30"H, This looks wonderful in the Wisley borders and is one of my most requested plants.  
**triloba** - Will grow in sun in good soil, but also lightens a shaded corner with fresh sprays of small lemon yellow flowers, held above neat round deeply lobed leaves. Useful late-flowering plant for rock garden or front of border. A very nice little plant which is considered worthwhile by all who buy it. 8"H

**PELARGONIUM**

- 'Ardens'** - Bright red flowers with very dark purple brown marks on the petals. Wonderful and eye-catching plant. (cross P fulgidum x lobatum). Slow to make a good plant. Requires careful watering, feeding and pruning to make an excellent pot plant. Not hardy. 12"H  
**'Lord Bute' (R) AGM** - One of the oldest and one of the loveliest. Deep maroon, almost black, edged crimson flowers. Much used at Sissinghurst for Summer bedding schemes. 12"H"  
**'Voodoo' (U) AGM** - Clusters of pale wine-red flowers, blazed with purple-black on each petal. Fantastic.  
**reniforme** - Erect sub-shrub with tuberous roots, becoming woody at base with age. Kidney shaped leaves, grey-green with velvety texture. Deep magenta flowers in terminal clusters. 30"H  
**triste** - A unique pelargonium on account of its carrot like green foliage and flowers, sweetly scented at night, usually brown-purple with yellow margin. Triste means sad but I think sombre is more appropriate. Keep dry when dormant, only lightly watering when in full growth 12"H

**PENSTEMON**

- Highly decorative plants, called foxgloves in the USA, the flowers offer a dazzling array of different colours. Remember it is better not to cut them down until the Spring and they will reward you with numerous flowers. Sun to part shade in well drained but fertile soil. They are best lifted and carefully divided after five years for best results..
- 'Blackbird'** - Lustrous deep purple. Medium size. Long flowering stems. Sun 24"H  
**cobaea** - 'Showy Beard tongue' - profuse 1" tubular purple flowers on this very attractive American species from the parries. Usually flowers from May and looks lovely with *Oenothera macrocarpa*. 20"H  
**'Countess of Dalkeith'** - Very large purple trumpets with white throats on sturdy stems all Summer. A very showy variety. 24"H  
**digitalis 'Husker Red'** - Glossy leaves, heavy flushed red with smaller foxglove-like flowers of white, flushed very pale violet. Extremely attractive species for both foliage and flowers. 36"H  
**'Pensham Wedding Bells'** - New with extended flowering period, good creamy white trumpets on arching plant which eventually reaches 2ft.  
**'Rich Ruby'** - Well named the colour of this penstemon is a wonderful deep ruby, always greatly admired. A plant which deserves special attention. Sun 30"H  
**'Schoenholzeri' or Firebird AGM** - Very vigorous and hardy with soft clear red bells of a good size freely produced from July until the frosts. 30"H 24  
**'Windsor Red'** - Tubular bell shaped flowers on 2ft spikes, bright red elongate flowers on long thin purple flowering stems. 24"H

**PERSICARA**

- amplexicaulis 'Jo and Guido's Form** - Attractive bottlebrush heads of deep rose-red, a new variety from Belgium. Cuts well- 48"H  
**- a.Firetail' AGM** - Beautiful from end of June until Autumn frosts. Makes a leafy clump with innumerable erect spikes of bright red flowers. Cuts well. 48"H

- PHLOMIS tuberosa 'Amazone'** - Attractive large tooth-edged leaves from which rise 4ft strong erect dark branching stems which carry lilac tubular flowers at intervals (like a candelabra primula). Excellent selection for the sunny border. Remember that this plant is not easy to propagate so if not often offered.

**PHLOX**

- alpine types** - Usually preferring well drained soil in sun, these plants do well on rockeries, over walls, at the troughs etc. Most flower from late Spring for several weeks. Tidy up in Spring by cutting back to make neat mounds.
- amoena 'Variegata'** - Quickly makes colourful cushions with its pink flushed variegated foliage. The vivid pink flowers shout for attention from April onwards. 2 "H 6"S
- bifida 'Petticoat'** - Graham Rice calls this a spectacular phlox - deep pink fringed flowers, long flowering. Sun, well drained. 2"H x 12"S  
**blue** - A much admired plant for its free flowering with pale lilac-blue flowers. It is also strong growing. Lovely for rockeries, troughs etc. 8"S
- Spring and early Summer flowering varieties:**  
**carolina 'Bill Baker'** - Large scented pink flowers with a pale eye, freely produced during May and June. Good border planted in reasonable soil in sun or part shade. 15"H  
**'Charles Ricardo** - From a distance the large pale blue flowers are often mistaken for Plumbago. It is an excellent plant which flowers from Spring to Summer. Not too dry. 6"H x 12"S  
**divaricata 'Blue Dreams'** - An adaptable plant with masses mid-blue scented flowers from late Spring. Clump forming with erect flowering stems of about 12in.  
**- d.subsp. laphamii** - Delicately scented clusters of pale lilac/blue flowers in early Spring. Flowers about 3 months when established. More reliable garden plant than some on clay. 12"H
- Mid to late Summer flowering varieties:** These Phlox hate being in pots and often manifest leaf problems which do not persist when grown in the ground. Fertile, moist soil in sun/part shade.
- x arendsii 'Lisbeth'** - An old variety with lavender-blue flowers - long flowering and showy for frontal position. Lisbeth is very beautiful but can be difficult to establish and keep going but well worth the trouble. 12"H  
**maculata 'Natascha'** - Mildew resistant and erect flowering stems with bicoloured flowers of white and candy-pink, which have a cartwheel look. Very striking. 36"H  
**- m. 'Reine du Jour'** - A rare variety which has very beautiful white flowers, stained mauve on the trumpet and centre of the flower which is further highlighted with prominent yellow anthers. 30"H  
**paniculata 'Monica Lynden-Bell'** - Shell pink scented flowers from dark buds. In flower from July until October. Robust grower. Fertile soil in sun or part shade. 30"H  
**- p. 'Blue Paradise'** - A new selection by Piet Oudolf which has its best colour when the sun is hidden, then it is a vibrant indigo, otherwise it has a purple tone. 30"H  
**- p. 'Bright Eyes' AGM** - Pale-pink flowers highlighted with striking dark pink eyes. Strong stemmed variety making it good for cutting. 30"H  
**- p. 'David'** - If you are looking for fragrance, length of flowering season, colour and a mildew resistant phlox, look no further than this - awarded perennial plant of 2002. Pure white panicles from June to Sept. Good with blues or try with Miscanthus Morning Light. 30"H  
**- p. 'Katarina'** - Large lavender flowers with white centres. This variety is mildew resistant and in flower from July to September 30"H  
**- p. 'Rosa Pastel'** - Lovely variety with large heads of very large pale pink flowers which also cut well. Flowers from July into September. 24"H  
**- p. 'Utopia'** - New variety with good mildew resistance - tall palish pink with very strong fragrance. Looks lovely with Lythrum Blush and

Eupatorium.60"H

**PHYSOSTEGIA 'Miss Manners'** - Well named this white flowered beauty is a good clump-forming, non-running, Obedient Plant. The two foot pure white flower snap-dragon-like flowers appear from early Summer to Sept. 24"H

**PLECTRANTHUS argentatus** - In Helen Dillon's garden this makes a wonderful pot plant. Evergreen with an erect habit and woolly silvery grey leaves. Red stemmed spikes with small white flushed blue flowers are particularly effective. Protect in winter, easy from tip cuttings. 36"H

**POLEMONIUM** Jacobs Ladders are sound perennials if divided from time to time. Attractive finely divided foliage and cup-shaped silky flowers in soft muted tones. Fertile soil in sun or part shade.

**'Northern Lights'** - Well scented large pale blue flowers on upright stems over neat clump of green ferny foliage. Long flowering sterile plant previously known as *P.richardsonii*. 15"H Few

**'Pink Beauty'** - Very like 'Lambrook Mauve' long-flowering silky pink-mauve flowers with slightly bronzing foliage. Fertile soil, sun or part shade. 12"H 15"S

**reptans 'Virginia White'** - A exciting new low growing hybrid, with large pure white flowers, very good bronzed foliage in Spring. 8" This is good.

#### POLYGONATUM

**humile** - A 6in Solomon's Seal, slender stemmed with fat cream flowers. Semi-shade, woodland aspect ideal. Slow ground cover. 6"H

**x hybridum 'Striatum' (v)** - Foliage striped with creamy white, less vigorous than the green type. It is seldom seen and usually desired on sight, if only I could propagate enough to supply demand. 24"H

#### POTENTILLA

Foliage often mistaken for strawberries before flowering, the herbaceous varieties are brilliant early Summer flowerers, some even flowering through until Autumn. Well drained, even poor soil in sun. Most offered are divisions of the true plant and not seedlings which can vary. Many will repeat flower if they are deadheaded after the first flush.

**alba** - Unlike the following as it forms mats of silvery alchemilla-like leaves which are covered with pure white orange-eyed flowers in Spring and again in Autumn. Always admired and a useful frontal ground-cover plant for sun or light shade.

**'Arc-en-Ciel'** - Double crimson-red flowers the petals of which are edged with yellow. 18"H

**'Emilie'** - Semi-double mahogany-red flowers with yellow blotches. 18"H

**'Flamenco'** - One of the most vibrant of the herbaceous Potentilla, this has large deep red, eye-catching flowers with a velvety sheen. 5"H

**'Gibson's Scarlet' AGM** - An herbaceous potential with flowers of the brightest scarlet, a must for any 'hot border' 12"H

**x hopwoodiana** - The pick of the bunch - sterile hybrid so extremely long flowering with beautiful bi-coloured flowers of creamy flesh with a rosy centre, don't miss this. 18"H

**'Melton Fire'** - Striking variety with large red flowers streaked with yellow. Flowers from June through August and sometimes beyond. Sun to part shade. Seed 12"H

**nepalensis 'Miss Willmott' AGM** - From among near strawberry-like leaves emerge long sprays of raspberry-pink flowers, dark-eyed for weeks. A good perennial for foreground planting. 18"H

**recta var. sulphurea AGM** - Hairy divided leaves and ascending stems bear numerous palest yellow flowers, a most desirable and elusive colour. Usually starts flowering in late July then goes on and on with erect many-branched stems bearing innumerable flowers in succession. 24"H

**thurberi 'Monarch's Velvet'** - Silver leaves, deepest crimson red flowers, one of the best. 18"H

**'Volcan'** - Large semi-double velvet crimson flowers, silver foliage. An excellent continental introduction. Hopefully a few

**'William Rollinson' AGM** - A brilliant flower almost semi-double of flame orange with a yellow reverse, silvery foliage. Sun loving plant for any fertile, drained soil 18"H

#### PRIMULA

**Gold Laced Group (poly)(30)** - These gold or silver laced primulas resemble a twirling skirt with the petticoat showing. Preferring a shady damp spot they flower for weeks from early Spring to early Summer. Divide primulas at least 3-yearly to keep in good heart. 3"H

**'Inverewe' (4) AGM** - This legendary candelabra primula of the brightest (almost luminous) orange with white mealy stem is sterile, thus long flowering but slow to bulk up. Needs dividing regularly to keep in good heart. Only a few. 18"H

**pulverulenta 'Bartley Pink'(4)** - This is considered by some to be the Queen of the candelabra primulas, mealy stems and elegant inflorescence of soft shell pink. Remember candelabras desire retentive, moist soil in light shade or sun. The flowers are in whorls up the stems.

**sieboldii (7) AGM** - Collected and exhibited like auriculas in Japan, these primroses can equally be grown in the ground or pots, although preferring moisture when in growth, its natural home is hot and dry when dormant in the Summer. Wanders to make wonderful ground-cover. 10"H

#### PULMONARIA

Valuable ground-covering plants easily grown in part or full shade with retentive soil. They flower early, unaffected by the weather and the blues are welcome colours after the yellow daffodils. The leaves vary from almost pure silver to deep green with silver spots, often it is best to trim the leaves mid season.

**'Blue Ensign'** - Recently voted the best pulmonaria by the lovers of them, this is free flowering with large rich blue flowers. Narrow dark green unspotted leaves. 10"H

**'Cotton Cool'** - Lovely upright leaves entirely silvered, good blue flowers in April. Cool addition to shady areas but will take morning sun. Long flowering. Leaves are best before and after flowering. 10"H

**'Diana Clare'** - Vigorous longifolia hybrid with large violet-blue flowers with purple stripes from Feb to May. Silver gilded leaves good from October to May. Dislikes a hard prune after flowering. Makes multiple crowns.

**'Little Star'** - One of America's best, lance shaped leaves, silver spots with particularly large cobalt blue flowers. Makes a compact showy plant. 6"H

**saccharata 'Leopard' AGM** - Raised by G.S. Thomas, need I say more. An AGM plant for both foliage and flowers. Dark green leaves with bright whitish spots and blotches that stand out boldly. Showy plant with reddish-pink flowers on upright stems. 10"H

#### RANUNCULUS

**ficaria 'Brazen Hussy'** - Discovered by Christopher Lloyd in his wood. The yellow celandine flowers are set off by dark brown polished leaves. 3"H

**lanuginosus** - Good foliage plant for moist sun or shade. Large chocolate blotched leaves and rich-golden buttercups from April until June - but without the problems 18"H

**RHEUM 'Ace of Hearts'** - Dark, heart-shaped leaves, veined and backed with crimson. Dainty tall, pale pink flower spikes in Summer. Ideal choice for smaller garden wanting a large-leaved foliage plant. 48"H

**RHODANTHEMUM gayanum 'Tizi-n-Tichka'** - White daisy flowers with a red eye appear on this compact plant in early Spring. Must have good drainage. 6"H

#### RHODOHYPOXIS and RHODOXIS

South African bulbs which commence flowering in Spring and continue throughout the Summer. Plant in well-drained, lime-free soil mixed with sand and leaf mould, in full sun. Water often during growing period, avoiding the foliage. The following are offered:

**'Dulcie'AGM** - Recently awarded an AGM this has large white flowers. 2"H

**millioides 'Claret'** - Larger than many other varieties with striking bright red flowers. 6"H

**'Hebron Farm Cerise'** - Small with cerise flowers. 2"H

#### RUDBECKIA

**ful. sull. Goldsturm' AGM** - Erect stems over leafy clumps bear prolific golden-rayed daisies with short, black, central cones, earning them the name 'Black Eyed Susan'. Happy in any fertile soil, moist rather than dry, full sun. Easy, neat, long flowering, what more can one ask. 18"H

**maxima** - An outstanding plant with large basal glaucous blue leaves. Drooping golden long petalled flowers with large central black cones. Sun, moist, good soil. A plant with 'presence'. 48"H

**missouriensis** - This yellow black-eyed daisy is a very drought tolerant species and an excellent cut flower. Stocky plant blooming for two to three months from July. Full sun suits it best. 24"H

**'Takao'** - Robust variety with strong stems, golden daisies with large black centres. In flower from June to October. This not only has good flowers but also it looks more elegant than other varieties. 30"H

**SALVIA**

Effective in sunny borders, the *superba* and *sylvestris* types are mainstays of any border. Most varieties are long flowering, some even in late Autumn. Although a few are not reliably hardy (indicated individually) they are easy from cuttings taken in late Summer and overwintered under glass.

- 'Amber'** - Honey coloured flowers for months a recent cross between *S. bulleyana* and *S. glutinosa*. Attractive bubbled foliage. Sterile so very long flowering. Very rare variety and slow to propagate so very seldom available. 30"H
- argentea** - Best as a foliage plant with large downy silver leaves emerging in Spring. This gradually disappears as the stems with white hooped flowers appear in midsummer. Needs full sun and a well drained position. 36"H 24"S
- acaliifolia AGM** - This plant is very useful for filling in spaces in beds and the sides of tubs as it has a 'swooping' habit and brilliant blue flowers on good spikes. Flowers until the first frosts. Half-hardy. 12"H
- 'Caradonna'** - Superb new selection with blackish magenta flowers held on strong vertical dark stems, which are a particular feature. In flower from June and with judicious dead heading this will continue until Autumn. Awarded the prestigious European ISU Diploma. 24"H
- 'Christine Yeo'** - A new cross between two salvias, producing a woody variety with deep violet white eyed flowers from July to November. Hardy to minus 10 with good drainage. 24"H
- coahuilensis** - Totally hardy with small bright vivid blue-violet flowers which appear for a long season through Summer until Autumn. The flowers are small but very bright and showy. 20"H
- confertiflora** - An extra handsome plant with pointed bright green leaves, brownish below. Long unbranched flowers spikes are closely set with velvety red-brown calyces and vermilion-orange small flowers. Needs a warm position in a warm county. Useful late flowerer. Not hardy. 60"H 24"S .Later
- corrugata** - Evergreen shrub with deeply puckered dark green foliage, felted downy on the underside. Short panicles of showy racemes of deep blue flowers held in violet calyces. Protect from strong wind. Moist but well drained. From Ecuador so protect in winter. 60"H 36"S
- greggii 'Peach' AGM** - This is shrubby and grows well in warmest counties against a sunny wall. Small neat leaves cover the twiggy growth, a long succession of small peachy flowers in small clusters is produced from June onwards. A conservatory plant in colder areas. 24"H
- guaranitica 'Black and Blue'** - Cobalt blue flowers accentuated by black calyces marks the difference in this selection. Sun, well drained soil. 36"H
- **g. 'Blue Enigma' AGM** - Striking branching spikes of dark blue hooded flowers from Summer to Autumn. Well drained soil, this seems to be quite hardy. 48"H
- haenkii** - New. Tender from Peru. Masses of bright red tubular flowers all Summer. 4-5ft. 48"H
- 'Indigo Spires' AGM** - One of the best plants to appear from the USA. Spikes of intense blue flowers on erect stems. Useful late flowering plant, the blue intensifies as the light levels decrease. Not totally hardy but worth any trouble. Spectacular at Wisley last year with *Hordeum* 48"H
- 'Moonlight over Ashwood'** - Golden variegated leaves with creamy flushed pink flowers held within dark calyces. A beautiful new addition. Reasonably hardy in sunny well drained spot but easy from cuttings. 24"H
- 'Mulberry Wine'** - An excellent new introduction with large, rounded, dusky magenta buds which open into vivid, pink tubular flowers which are held in deep purple calyces. A selection from the Author of the Book of Salvias, which is why it is so good. 30"H
- nemerosa 'Amethyst'** - Clump-forming with many erect spikes of lilac pink flowers all Summer. Full sun, well drained soil. Excellent frontal plant. 24"H
- **n. 'Marcus'** - New, attractive compact variety with intense blue flowers from June to August. Excellent frontal plant for a sunny spot. 10"H The smallest of this type of *Salvia* to date.
- **n. 'Pusztafflamme' AGM** - Very long flowering with dense triangular heads of double sepalled flowers a 'mournful purple'. Dries well with aromatic leaves. 20"H
- **n. 'Schwellenburg'** - New with richly-coloured thickly double and very persistent rose purple flowers. Clump forming with erect flower spikes which are attractive to bees and butterflies. Sun, well drained soil. Dead head, and then cut back after end of flowering so it can rebloom. 18"H
- patens AGM** - Few plants rival the blue of this *salvia*, which returns from underground tubers on well drained soil. In flower from Summer to Autumn. 24"H. Watch the slugs in Spring they eat new shoots.
- **p. 'Guanajuato'** - Recently collected in Mexico, the flowers are twice the size of the usual plant in cultivation, an amazing sight. The leaves too are magnificent with a metallic sheen and very heart-shaped. 30"H
- 'Red Velvet'** - Of the greggi/jamensis persuasion and kindly given to me by the legendary Irish Gardener, Helen Dillon, this has perhaps one of the largest red flowers of any cultivar so far. Sun well drained soil. I have not tried over-wintering this yet. 12"H
- 'Silke's Dream'** - A recent American hybrid between *darcyii* and *microphylla* this has long spikes of pale orangey-red flowers produced in abundance from July to November. Well drained soil essential as this does not like the winter wet.
- uliginosa AGM** - A graceful tall plant with waving sprays of clear azure blue flowers in stout branching spikes are unique in the garden and last for many weeks. Worth protecting the underground shoots in cold districts. Usually hardy in Kent and Sussex. 60"H
- verticillata 'Purple Rain'** - One of the longest plants in flower, easily six months. Well leafed all the way up the stems with long arching spikes of dark purple flowers. Showy and strongly **recommended**. 24"H

**SAMBUCUS 'Black Lace'** - Launched at 2003 Chelsea to a storm of approval. Dramatic dissected black foliage, reminiscent of an *Acer* but withstanding frost and wind damage. Creamy pink buds and pink flowers in clusters, blackish red berries in Autumn. Sun or part shade

**SANGUISORBA**

- canadensis** - The late Summer garden is enriched with the showy 'Canadian Burnet', the 4ft stems hold copious amounts of white bottle-brush like flowers. The handsome foliage is elegant pinnate and toothed. Thrives in moist soil in sun. 48"H 24"S
- menziesii** - Attractive pinnate foliage with deep red stems. Fat deep maroon bottlebrush flowers from May to July. Great for flower arranging and I just love the colour. Sun or part shade in good soil. Looks very good with white *Camassia*. 24"H
- officinalis 'Arnheim'** - Reaching 7ft this has rich glowing-red tubby bottlebrush-like flowers which hover aloft over the attractive pinnate foliage. In flower from June to August.
- **'Tanna'** - The smallest and best behaved of the 'Burnets'. The dusky red bobbly heads remain good for many weeks. Great front of border plant with attractive pinnate foliage when not in flower. 12"H
- 'Pink Tanna'** - Highly ornamental plant. Compact mound of tiny toothed leaflets set with masses of dense, deep pink cones throughout the entire Summer. Easy to grow in full sun to partial shade in any good garden soil. 30"H

**SCABIOSA**

Sun-lovers for well drained soil, preferably limey - acid conditions make them short-lived. Good as cut flowers with long stems. Best divided every few years as young plants flower the best.

- atropurpurea 'Chile Black'** - There is some doubt about the correct name of this plant, but it has very dark crimson pincushion heads. Long flowering. 20"H
- **a. 'Chile Sauce'** - Very attractive new selection with white-edged ruffled burgundy-purple flowers. If your soil is wet in winter you will need to take cuttings. 24"H
- **a. 'Mixed Chile'** - I have named these plants thus as they are from seed from Chile Black and seem to vary -Sun, well drained essential. 24"H
- caucasica 'Stafa'** - Wide deepest blue flowers on long stalks and lots of them for many months. Best in full sun on fertile but well drained soil. Younger plants produce the best flowers so divide every three years. 36"H
- triandra** - Lovely variety with pale lilac-blue pin-cushions with filigree foliage for months in the Summer. Well drained soil in the sun. 36"H I have a feeling that this is wrongly named but I purchased under this name, a little bit of detective work is required.

**SCHIZOSTYLIS**

- coccinea** - Grassy-leaved shoots which send up slender spires of slim buds which open throughout late Summer, Autumn and even winter, into a bright cherry red. Needs moisture in Summer. 18"H
- **c. alba** - A most useful grassy-leaved plant with slender spikes of a good pure white in Sept-October, just when such things are most welcome. It prefers a bit of moisture in the Summer to flower really well and dividing regularly 24"H

**SCILLA**

- messeniana 'Grecian Sky'** - Small bulb producing sky-blue spikes for several weeks in March and April, a real eye-catcher. 6"H
  - peruviana** - Many broad basal leaves produced in Autumn followed by a conical many flowered raceme of steely blue. Grow in freely draining but humus-rich soils, with adequate moisture when in growth, in sun or dappled shade. Brought back on the SS Peru hence the name. 10"H
- SCUTELLARIA incana** - I just love this plant and can't understand why it is not more widely grown. It flowers later than some plants and has many small terminal clusters of lovely soft, greyish violet-blue flowers. Grey leaves. Clump forming. Any soil in sun. 12"H

**SEDUM**

Thriving in full sun with flowers beloved by butterflies, these have handsome 'fleshy' foliage which looks good most of the year. The flowers are essential for late Summer and Autumn when they accompany the asters, chrysanthemum and grasses. They seem to grow in any soil, dry or wet but are excellent frontal plants as they stay tidy.

**alboroseum 'Frosty Morn'(v)** - Stunning creamy-white foliage and pale pink flowers - 12"H

**anacampseros** - Procluminate stems with thick glaucous leaves. Purple pink flowers beloved by bees and butterflies. Attractive and excellent in front of well drained border, staying tidy for most of the growing season. At its best in the gravel garden of Savill. 4"H

**'Bertram Anderson' AGM** - Prostrate habit, useful in rockeries and front of borders and one of darkest leaved varieties with attractive matching maroon flowers in late Summer. 5"H x 12"S

**'Joyce Henderson'** - Not often seen but an outstanding selection suitable for the border, the large purple flushed leaves wonderfully complimenting the rich pink flowers. **Highly recommended.** 24"H

**'Purple Emperor'** - Glaucous purple flushed foliage makes this an such a good plant. A multi-award winner and worth a frontal position. 18"H

**'Red Cauli'** - New variety with grey-green foliage making a good contrast to the intense ruby-red flowers with look just like red cauliflowers, hence the rather ugly name. 15"H

**rupestris 'Angelina' CK38** - Fleshy needle-like bright yellow foliage which turns glowing amber in Autumn. Prostrate, making a good evergreen mat in sunny well drained soil. Bright yellow flowers. Found as seed in Croatia by Austrian nurseryman Christian Krass. Good with dark foliage. 6 "H 12"S

**spectabile 'Iceberg'** - Fleshy palest green leaves. In late Summer flat heads of starry green-white flowers. 18"H

**telephium 'Matrona'** - Outstanding with maroon stained stems, fleshy purple flushed leaves. Pale pink flowers on flat heads. A very effective garden plant which will probably supercede many old varieties. Sun, drought resistant. 30"H

- **t. var borderi** - Clump forming variety with deeply cut jagged blue green leaves. Rich pinky-purple flowers in tight clusters at the end of the stems in late Summer. Any soil in sun. 12"H

**ussuriense** - Rare wild species from Siberia, so it must be robust! Very showy bright red flowers on elegant arching stems which become prostrate as the season progresses. A wonderful plant. 15"H

**SENECIO**

**polyodon** - From small leafy clumps arise many erect stems covered for months in small bright magenta/pink daisy-like flowers. Grow in sunny position in well drained fertile soil 12"H

**pulcher** - A hairy plant, unique on account of the colour and season of its flowers. The dark green, leathery, leaves surmount the stems each carrying several good-sized daisies of most brilliant cerise-magenta. Well drained deep soil 18"H

**SERRATULA seoanei** - This little knapweed comes as fresh as a daisy at the end of Autumn. Small, wiry plants with finely-cut leaves producing exquisite mauve-pink fuzzy heads when there is little else to please. Used in the past as a dye-plant. 14"H

**SIDALCEA**

**'Elsie Heugh'** - A lovely old variety with palest pink silky flowers with fringed petals. 30"H

**candida** - The only white Sidalcea, with flowers like a small hollyhocks. Good basal clumps of ground-covering foliage. Flowers in stately branching spikes, and silky. 30"H

**SILENE uniflora 'Rosea'** - Grey-green leaves forming a good mound with lovely 'Sea-campion' pale pink flowers held well above the foliage. 4 "H 10"S

**SILPHIUM perfoliatum AGM** - Great late flowering yellow daisy, which has fantastic buds and good growth habit to about 6ft. Sun or dappled shade in retentive soil. Makes an impressive plant rarely seen, why? Picked up an AGM with the comment "Excellent". Good accent plant or as backdrop for smaller perennials. 72"H

**SISYRINCHIUM**

Grassy evergreen leaves, almost like small iris, I find these very useful as plants for border fronts although they are good in rockeries as well. The flowers on tufty stems are produced throughout the Summer opening when the weather is warm.

**'Californian Skies'** - Large bright deep sky-blue flowers on 6in stems, still one of the best. 6"H

**'Deep Seas'** - Large deep blue flowers. 4"H

**'Iceberg'** - New with particularly large icy-blue flowers. 4"H

**'Marion'** - Excellent hybrid with perhaps the largest flower so far, a lovely deep shade of mauve. 4"H

**SOLIDAGO rugosa 'Fireworks'** - Beth Chatto recommended this to Christopher Lloyd in their book 'Dear Friend and Gardener'- what better recommendation is there than that. It has deep yellow flowers on slender branches from September to November. Extremely elegant and less aggressive than most Goldenrods. 36"H

**SPHAERALCEA**

**'Hopley's Lavender'** - New colour break in these fairly hardy and exceptionally long-flowering shrubs, lavender flowers with an appealing eye. Sun, well drained soil. 36"H

**munroana** - Almost hardy and making good ground cover for a hot dry spot. Multitudes of coral pink mallow flowers until the frosts. Good in tubs, chimney pots, etc. 2"H 24"S

**'Newleaze Coral'** - Upright bushy form, with bright coral-red flowers on slender stems, a really stunning colour against the grey-green foliage. Very long flowering. Must have sun in well drained soil. 24"H

**SPIRANTHES cernua odorata 'Chadd's Ford'** - A fragrant form of 'Nodding Ladies Tresses'. It is easy to grow and forms good colonies. The sweetly scented white orchid-like flowers on 18" spires appear from September and smell of vanilla or jasmine. Well worth growing in a shady spot, flowering as it does when there are so many daisies about. 18"H. **Highly recommended**

**STACHYS**

**coccinea** - This has small leaves and slender spires of long-tubed scarlet flowers protruding from purplish red calyces. In flower for months throughout the Summer. Sunny spot in well drained soil. Good in tubs, etc. American native very attractive to hummingbirds. We are becoming very tropical, who knows? 24"H

**dregeano** - Stunning new plant, bound to become very popular, dusky purple red tubular flowers are produced from May to first frost, on stems reminiscent to *Diascia rigescens*. Evergreen but tops often burnt off in frosts, slightly stoloniferous. Sun, well drained soil. I have seen this under several different names, hopefully the Plant Finder will sort it out. 24"H

**monieri 'Hummelo'** - Neat clumps of foliage and striking lilac flowers in June and July. 18"H

- **'Spitzweg'** - Long green-tipped pink spikes, the bees love it. A Pagel's selection. These flowering Stachys make wonderful foreground plants. 15"H

**STEMMACANTHA centauroides** - Handsome plant with large silver-grey foliage but the rounded rosy purple globular buds and flowers are the striking feature. Best in full sun with drainage. One of those plants that have been through a name-change frenzy, this is the latest (previous incarnations include, *Centaurea pulchra major*) 48"H

**STOKESIA**

Stokes Aster - Hardy, evergreen plants with long-lasting, colourful, cornflower-like flowers, borne in clusters, which cut well. If you pull off the old petals when the flower is dying you are left with an ornamental thimble which lasts for weeks. New additions appear from America all the time. Excellent frontal plants. For well drained soil in full sun.

**'Omega Skyrocket'** - Taller than some at 30", this outstanding variety has large purple July to October.

**'Purple Parasol'** - Large 4--5" frilly deep violet flowers above 12" above the evergreen foliage. 12"H

**SYMPHYTUM 'Mereworth'** - Long, broad, hairy, pale green leaves spasmodically splashed yellow, some leaves even being almost totally variegated. Striking foliage plant for shade. Purple flowers in June and July. Rarely offered. 36"H

**TANACETUM**

**coccineum 'Eileen May Robinson' AGM** - Single rich shell-pink, good for cutting. Still remembered by some as *Pyrethrum* these flower in May and June and sometimes again in Sept. Attractive, graceful, ferny foliage. Rich, retentive soil suits best. 24"H

- **c. 'H M Pike'** - As above but deepest red. 24"H

**parthenium 'Rowallane'** - Green fragrant leaves, fully double large flowers, talk about Persil white, they are almost blinding. Sterile so extremely long-flowering, a very worthwhile addition. Striking in the white garden at Sissinghurst. 15"H

**unknown double** - This has very pretty white double centred flowers framed by notched-like outside petals - exceptionally long-flowering - is it a double Feverfew? It has neat habit and was given to me by a very keen plantswoman, it was new to her, and she has been gardening for years. 12"H

**TELLIMA**

**grandiflora 'Delphine'(v)** - Much praised new introduction from France - pale green/yellow foliage, looks lovely in shade where it grows best. White, flushed pink flowers in Spring and sometimes spasmodically through the year. 8"H. Few



**TEUCRIUM**

**hircanicum** - Hairy leaves, bushy habit, and in July and August spikes of rich purple flowers enhanced by purple-grey calyces. An excellent plant deservedly becoming better known. Another good Bill Baker introduction. 18"H

**THALICTRUM**

**'Elin'** - Amazing Swedish variety which has been known to grow to 12ft but usually 8ft. It has striking steely blue foliage with bronze tints, culminating in upright stalks of frothy sprays of cream and lilac flowers. Seldom need staking. Good soil, sun, part shade. Few

**diffusiflorum** - Froth of large violet blue fluffy flowers over delicate steely-blue maidenhead-like foliage from June to September. Durable garden plant despite its delicate appearance 12"H It's lovely.

**flavum 'Illuminator'** - Fine variety with Spring foliage being yellow with tints of mauve, the fluffy sulphur yellow flowers last for weeks. I would highly recommend this plant as it gives such life to a border in Spring, emphasising that everything is just about to burst into growth. 48"H

**polygamum** - Why is this magnificent variety not more common? Growing to about 6ft with greenish white fluffy flowers. Fine maidenhead-fern-like foliage, effective for several months. Prefers retentive soil but coped well in 2003 without extra water. **Recommended.** 60"H

**THERMOPSIS lupinoides** - This plant seems to change its varietal name annually so I'm not sure what is its correct name all I know is that it is a first rate plant in all aspects. Downy yellow lupin-like flowers on erect terminal spikes in late Spring to early Summer, attractive 3-palmate green leaves with glaucous undersides, good clump-forming habit, excellent when in seed, I only cut it down in Spring to start its 12month performance all over again. 36"H . Be assured this is not the running variety.

**TIBOUCHINA urvilleana 'Edwardsii'** - This Brazilian beauty has large felty leaves, the enormous deep blue flowers emerge in late Summer from large red buds. Winter protection needed, a great conservatory plant which can be paraded outside in the Summer.

**TOLPIS barbata** - Showy and extremely attractive free-flowering hardy annual, bright yellow flowers with striking maroon central eye. Unusual thread-like bracts surround the flowers and behind the heads - reminiscent of nigella. From the med. so dry suits it best. 18"H

**TRADESCANTIA**

A favourite cottage plant, easily grown in most soils in a sunny spot. Three-petalled flowers and strap shaped leaves. Long flowering, from July to Autumn. These new introductions have much better foliage than previously, striking long glaucous grey leaves.

**'Concord Grape'** - An American introduction and the best-looking variety yet with striking long grey leaves and deep violet, grey budded flowers from May to July then September and October. 24"H

**'Perrine's Pink'** - New variety, pale pink flowers with blue-green foliage. Seedling from the excellent Concorde Grape. 18"H

**'Red Grape'** - Large carmine-red flowers. 18"H

**TRICYRTIS**

Toad Lily - Prefers shady spot in soil that is not too dry. When these fascinating and elegant plants are in flower in late Summer and Autumn, look closely at the flowers to see their beautiful centres. Their flowers appear in the leaf axils from August to October.

**formosana 'Dark Beauty'** - One of the best being robust and upright. Heavily spotted large deep purple being particularly dense at tips of lilac petals, making it particularly attractive. 24"H

**hirta 'Variegata'** - Solid softly hairy leaves with a thin cream stripe. Good purple spotted pale flowers in leaf axils from August to October. 15"H

**'Hototogisu'** - An elegant and scarce variety of 'Toad Lily' with small pale mauve flowers. 15"H

**ohsumiensis** - Particularly beautiful with very large straw-yellow flowers, upward facing, on low compact clumps of pale green foliage. 12"H

**'Tojen'** - Very pale lilac, almost white flowers, petals edged with purple and yellow throats. 24"H

**TRIFOLIUM**

**incarnatum** - Crimson clover, from Spring this has spikes of startling red flowers on erect, bushy, downy-leaved annual. Self-seeds. Best in full sun, not too dry. 10"H. The star at Chelsea 2003.

**pannonicum** - A beautiful plant for any fertile soil in sun, in fact a giant clump-forming clover with pale creamy flowers. 24"H

**rubens 'Drama'** - Low mats covered with wine-red flowers all Summer. Recently collected in Greece near Mt. Drama. Sun or part shade. 6"H

- **'Peach Pink'** - A star is born - long-flowering clover with attractive peachy flowers like soft bottlebrushes. Butterflies like it too. 18"H

**TRILLIUM**

**chloropetalum AGM** - Stout reddish-green stems carry dark green leaves mottled and marbled with grey, forming a handsome collar for the stalkless upright lily-flower. 24"H

**rivale** - Easily one of the most beautiful trilliums with white petals, spotted with pink. Although in the wild it can tolerate seasonal drought, in cultivation it appreciates a moist but not wet substrate. 4"H

**TRITONIA disticha rubrolucens** - This looks like a pink Montbretia but needs good drainage in sun. Dainty pink flowers on wiry stems. Useful flowering season being late Summer through Autumn, also picks well. 30"H

**TULIPA sprengeri** - The last of the Tulips to open, this fine species bears large scarlet flowers 5 inches across, which last well and are also excellent for cutting. I hope the bulbs will be large enough to sell this year - seed sown in 1999.

**UVULARIA grandiflora** - Related to Solomon's Seal this lovely plant likes fertile, humus rich, moist soil in deep or part shade. Large yellow flowers with pointed petals in late Spring. 24"H

**VERBASCUM**

**creticum** - Green ribby leaves make an attractive basal rosette. Slender spikes with appealing huge scented flowers, buttery yellow and cream with striking central 'bee'. Sun well drained soil. Great in the hot garden at Sissinghurst. Around and about being sold as V. Cotswold King and Buttercup 36"H

**'Gainsborough'** - Lovely pale yellow spires from June to late September. Everyone's favourite. Goes with everything but does need good drainage. 48"H

**phoeniceum 'Violetta'** - Deep purple flower spikes in airy spikes. The rich green crinkled leaves are a good backdrop for the flowers, which look fabulous in flower arrangements. Sun, well drained soil. Dead heading aids repeat flowering. 36"H

**VERBENA**

**bonariensis** - Rough dark leaves make a satisfactory base for the wiry, angular branching stems, each branch topped by a dense tuft of tiny lavender-blue fragrant flowers. A plant much used by Christopher Lloyd at Great Dixter and adored by bees and butterflies. 60"H

**hastata rosea** - I found this pink form in Holland, and very striking it is too. The flowers appear to be two-tone due to the deeper colour bracts. An erect plant, with branching candelabra heads, worthy of inclusion in any border but it does seed about. 36"H

**'Homestead Purple'** - One of the best plants to come from America where it was discovered growing at an old homestead. Hardy and vigorous and covered with medium dark purple flowers all Summer. Do not prune until well into Spring. 8"H 24"S

**Lois' Ruby** - This wonderful verbena has the darkened ruby-red flowers over an extended period. Found unnamed as a bedraggled plant in a French Market by my friend Lois Machin and thus named in her honour. Perennial and seems to be hardy to a couple of minus Cs. Easy from cuttings. 12"H

**rigida 'Polaris'** - A much rarer plant than the type, with same habit, but flowers a pale lilac. I've been told its very effective in pots with other plants. Extremely long flowering probably about 7 months. 12"H

**'Silver Ann' AGM** - This perennial tender verbena has one of the loveliest perfumes. The pink flowers fade to a darker pink as they age. It flowers all Summer until the frosts. This has been hardy the last few winters, but I always take a few insurance cuttings. 18"H

**VERONICA**

**'Pink Damask'** - Clear pink flowers in narrow racemes, glossy leaves. 36"H

**spicata 'Eveline' PBR** - Very floriferous variety with rich rose-purple flowers on tall, fat spikes, from June to September. Deep green long leaves. Cuts well. 22"H

- **s. 'Icicle'** - Compact plant, ideal for sunny positions in front of beds, many dense flowers spikes, this is a good white form with particularly large flowers from the United States. 12"H

- **s. 'Royal Candles' PBR** - Bushy and compact variety with dark violet-blue flowers interspersed with green on 12" spikes from June, if dead-headed regularly it will flower through the Autumn. Great frontal plant for sunny fertile soil. 12"H

- **'Sunny Border Blue'** - As above, blue flowers - a past perennial plant of the year award winner. 24"H

**VERONICASTRUM**

As GS Thomas says 'For the perpendicular and the horizontal in borders this is hard to beat.' Gives vertical accents with the erect stems, topped with spikes of plentiful small flowers. Fast becoming 'must-have' plants as they are such good performers. Easy in fertile soil.

**virginicum 'Fascination'** - Erect long pinky-mauve spikes. 60"H

- **'Pointed Finger'** - The description name is well chosen, the pink flowers really appear to point right at you, this makes for interesting outlines in borders. Leave the heads all winter to enjoy the effect. 36"H

- **'Temptation'** - Long racemes of loosely formed purple-rose flowers - tall variety which lasts and lasts as a feature in the garden. 60"H

**VIOLA**

Pansies - most are profuse flowerers with lovely 'faces' - all prefer fertile, humus-rich soil in sun or part shade. Protect from slugs and cut back to juvenile growth in early Autumn to ensure good plants for the following year, the following varieties will appear from time to time during the year.

**cornuta alba** - A fine white form, very long flowering, benefits from a tidy-up every so often. Great for scrambling up roses, over plants that have finished flowering. Sun or shade. 3"G

**cornuta Liliacina Group (C)** - Pale lilac flowers throughout Summer into Autumn, cut back when untidy, scrambles through roses of whatever you put near it. 10"H

**'Heaselands'** - Large scented violet-blue flowers cover this strong growing variety for months. I highly recommend this for its flower power and reliability. Many violas come and go in the garden, this is a real stayer. 8"H

**'Huntercombe Purple' (Va) AGM** - A particularly effective dark-purple variety with masses of flowers in the Summer, scented and usually very long-lived in the garden. 4"H

**'Merry Cheer' (C)** - A lovely hybrid, upstanding flowers mauve each with a distinctive white eye. 6"H

**ZANTEDESCHIA**

**aethiops. 'Green Goddess' AGM** - Large green flowers with a white throat, magnificent foliage. Grows well in deeply prepared soil, kept moist in Summer. Protect in winter with heavy mulching until established. Will thrive in deep mud in natural ponds. In all its glory, in dry soil near my shed. 40"H

**aethiopica 'Crowborough'** - An Arum lily which is hardy when established but needing a bit of protection for the first winter before its mature roots delve very deeply. Great white spathes with deep yellow spadices. Thrives in deep mud in natural ponds. 48"H

**ZAUSCHNERIA**

Difficult to pronounce but easy to grow in dry, even droughty soil in sun. Their slender erect stems hold brightly coloured fuchsia-like flowers continuously from late Summer until Autumn

**californica 'Dublin' AGM** - Masses of tubular scarlet flowers for many weeks in late Summer to Autumn, this is a particularly good form with small matt-green leaves. Hot dry and sunny. 15"H

**Olbrich's Silver'** - Striking silver-white foliage with large orange flowers from July to October. Sun, well drained soil. 12"H

**ZIGADENUS elegans** - Rare and unusual bulbous plant. The grassy leaves are of no importance but the spires of creamy green stars on greyish stems are very appealing. Sun in any well drained soil. 24"H

**Grasses**

Gaining great popularity as people begin to recognize the importance of grasses for their ability to act as foils for other plants as well as their own intrinsic beauty and variety of inflorescences. Although some flower early in the season it is late Summer to Autumn when their explosive presence comes to the fore. They are starting to be much used by TV garden designers and are an vital feature of the fashionable new 'Prairie Planting'. I have tried to offer some of the best of the varieties presently available. There are several excellent new books devoted to grasses, I would recommend *The Plantfinders' Guide to Ornamental Grasses* by Roger Grounds and/or *Gardening with Grasses* by Michael King and Piet Oudolf.

**BOUTELOUA gracilis - 'Mosquito Grass'** Semi-evergreen, with horizontal flower spikes, which look like tiny mosquitoes hovering above the narrow bladed clumps. Easily grown in full sun on well-drained soil, although performance better on neutral or lime-free soils.. 10"H

**CALAMAGROSTIS**

**arundinacea** - Forms arching clumps of fine foliage with long trailing flower heads, like tresses of shining brown hair. In winter the foliage develops tints of red, orange and yellow. Needs rich soil that does not dry out. 18"H

**brachytricha** - Korean Feather Grass - Superb medium sized grass, at its best from Sept. when the airy flower stems rise 4ft in narrow feathery grey-purplish plumes, gradually fading to tawny orange, the leaves similarly changing colour. Dense clumps making a useful front or middle accent plant. **Highly recommended** 48"H

**CAREX muskingumensis 'Oehme'** - Variegated form with striking golden yellow margins, although this is perfectly hardy it can be grown indoors. 15"H

**CORYNEPHORUS canescens 'Spiky Blue'** - Silver or Grey Hair Grass - this makes dense tufts of steel blue foliage in evergreen cushions.

Slender silvery plums with purple anthers in June and July. Dry, acidic soils are preferable, particularly sandy ones. 9"H. Later in season

**CYPERUS papyrus AGM** - The true papyrus from which earliest paper was made. Beautiful inflorescences from June to October. It is a vigorous perennial which is tender but can be stood out in the garden pond during the Summer and brought in for the winter. 60"H

**DESCHAMPSIA**

**cespitosa 'Goldtau'** - Dense tufted grass with dark green leaves, lovely airy plumes of silvery purple flowers turning to gold. Deschampsia tolerate a range of soils and light conditions but perform best in moist, fertile soils in semi-shade. 30"H

**cespitosa 'Northern Lights' (v)** - Superb new grass with tri-coloured gold, green and pink foliage. It blooms on 10in stems forming golden sprays of flower heads. This beautiful grass adds long-term interest to any garden. Sun to light shade. 10"H

**ELYMUS hispidus** - In hot dry soils this grass looks as if cut from thin strips of aluminium, it is so silvery-white. Needs grooming in Spring to set off the fresh young growth. 12"H

**ERAGROSTIS airoides** - Fantastic new grass, making low clumps of fine foliage and when in flower looks like elegant fibre-optic light feature. Sun, well drained soil or great pot plant. 10"H

**HAKONECHLOA macra 'Albo aurea'** - One of the most sought-after grasses, particularly effective in a pot, but also very garden worthy. Golden variegation and golden flowers. 10"H

**HORDEUM jubatum** - Squirrel tail grass - Flat, arching, feathery, plume-like flower spikes with silky awns in Summer to Autumn. One of the most attractive grasses. 12"H

**IMPERATA cylindrica 'Rubra'** - Appropriately named 'Blood Grass', since the leaves of this unusual grass are rich ruby-red, later dark burgundy, red-tipped when young. Effective as individual clumps or grouped. Average soil in sun, shallow rooted so mulch well in its first winter and then it will have a chance to get its root well down and should be hardy ever after.. 15"H

**MILLIUM effusum 'Yaffle'** - Graceful habit with substantial evergreen leaves, which each have gold central bands. Easy and tolerant of dry shade where the golden leaves can light up a dark patch. 20"H

**MISCANTHUS**

Bewildering number of new hybrids have been appearing, I have tried to offer good plants each offering something different. Best as free-standers or herbaceous borders, good by water. Silky heads pick well. Fertile soil.

**sinensis .v.cond. 'Cosmopolitan' AGM** - I think this is spectacular and imposing- the broad leaves are more or less evergreen and have wide creamy white stripes down their lengths. The erect pinky silver flower plumes are produced from October or November. A well earned AGM at the trials. 72"H

- **s. 'Ferne Osten'** - Flowering in early August with perhaps the darkest plumes so far, red with white tips and held at a uniform height, well clear of foliage. Has an intensity of colour that catches the light well fading to beige as they mature. In Autumn leaves are orange. 48"H

- **s. 'Graziella'** - One of the best - free flowering with large silver-white hanging plumes held well above foliage in September and October. Good Autumn colours. 60"H

- **s. 'Malepartus'** - I will never understand why this did not earn an AGM. Imposing with thick stems, the broad leaves have a white mid-rib. It flowers early with towering red plumes which fade attractively to silver then fawn. Great skeleton in winter, cut down early Spring. 60"H

- **s. 'Morning Light' (v) AGM** - A superb variety - the foliage is extremely narrow with vertical bands of green and white. It is a more elegant variety than most and as the base of the plant is narrower than the top it makes it more useful than some varieties in smaller gardens. 60"H

- **s. 'Yakushima Dwarf' (v)** - Very striking variegated variety with thin foliage, much smaller than most other varieties reaching only 18in. Good in large pot on in frontal position in the garden. Flowers 18"H

**MOLINIA**

I almost feel as if I am committing a sacrilege by saying that I think that these grasses outperform *Stipa gigantea*. They flower consistently throughout the Summer and remain a feature during the winter. As the foliage is low and the flower stems tall it is very effective as a frontal plant, providing a focal point without being too imposing. Retentive soil in sun suits best. I offer the following:

- **caerulea 'Bergfreund'** - Very similar to 'Transparent' but growing about 18in less in height. 48"H

- **c. 'Carmarthen' (v)** - Cream-striped leaves, upright flowers during Summer. Improvement on the ordinary variegated form. Prefers sun. Deciduous 18"H

**MOLINIA**

- **c. 'Transparent'** - A graceful form reaching six foot, each resilient stem having a transparent inflorescence studded with golden beads. Of all the Molinias this seems to keep its seed heads the longest, and is best cut down when it falls apart about the end of January. 72"H

**PENNISETUM**

**glaucum 'Purple Majesty'** - All America Select Winner - only awarded once or twice a decade and fabulous it is too. Tall, dark and handsome with deep purple foliage and upstanding purple seed heads, which in their floral stage are excellent cut. The stem and mid-rib of foliage first turn purple after about eight leaves have developed. 40"H An imposing annual.

**macrourum** - A real star - the pencil-like flowers are almost constantly produced from early Spring, I even picked some for Christmas decorations. Always stays quite upright even when buffeted by the wind. 60"H

**orientale AGM** - A warm, dry Summer suits this grass best when the dense hummocks of fine, narrow leaves become crowned with flower heads. They dangle, fat and hairy, like soft grey-mauve caterpillars suspended from thin wiry stems. 20"H

- **o. 'Karley Rose'** - New American selection with darker green foliage and a taller and more upright habit, the early Summer plumes are a much richer pink. It has a hardier constitution than the species as an added bonus. 36"H

**setaceum 'Rubrum'** - This is the showiest of tropical grasses with burgundy-red foliage and pink, bottle-brush plumes. It is highly ornamental but will not withstand a hint of frost so bring indoors for the winter. 36+H Not available until the end of May or later it depends on the weather.

**villosum** - The clump of grassy leaves might well be pulled up for a weed before the lovely display of flower tufts, composed of long white caterpillar like awns. Successful in heavy soil in the rose garden at Sissinghurst. Do not divide until Spring. 18"H

**PANICUM**

**virgatum 'Blue Tower'** - More upright and bluer in habit and taller at about 8ft than the following. Sun, well drained soil. 96"H. Later

- **v. 'Cloud Nine'** - Broad arching blue leaves making a rounded steely blue mound. Full sun and good drainage. 72"H. Later

- **v. 'Warrior'** - Airy panicles in great profusion of a superb variety of switch grass - vigorous with huge heads of purplish spikelets with yellow Autumn colour. 40"H

**POA labillardierei** - I bought the original plant after seeing it looking wonderful in Beth Chatto's new Gravel garden. Evergreen, narrow stiff grey leaves which arch elegantly outwards - well drained soil in sun. 36"H

**RESTIO tetraphyllus** - Beautiful Australia variety, hardy to minus 10C, maybe more. Dense clumps of 3ft slender smooth stems, looking like a Bamboo with bright green leaves which emerge from brown nodes. Much used in Oz by flower arrangers. Luxuriates in sun but in moist, retentive nutrient poor soil.

**SCHIZACHYRIUM scoparium** - Known as the Little Blue Stem - this produces slender upright blue stems with arching blue leaves which become flushed with purple and orange when it turns cold, lasting several weeks. Fluffy inflorescences in early Autumn. Light well drained soil in sun. 24"H

**STIPA**

**barbata** - A very sought-after grass whose glory is when it flowers, silky feathery awns fall from the grass catching every breath of wind that passes. Great in the white garden at Sissinghurst. Sun, well drained soil. 24"H

**gigantea AGM** - Huge oat-like flowers, glistening purple on opening, turning harvest yellow, which shimmer and shine as if made from beaten gold. A long lasting feature for months. Tall stems withstand wind without staking. Makes weed proof clump. 72"H

**tenuissima** - Graceful tufts of very narrow yellow-green leaves. Feathery plumes of buff flower heads just above the foliage. Sun, in a retentive soil. Used for making cigarette papers and in one catalogue, called the Andrex of the grasses 18"H

**turkestanica** - Needle grass - showy grass bearing elegant panicles of long feather-like awns which move in the slightest breeze - good through Summer to early Autumn. Much used in some of the Oudolf creations. 24"H