

TOPIC: "NEW RELEASES: OLD FAVOURITES: TRICKS & TIPS"

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MALENY GARDEN CLUB MEETING : 26 APRIL, 2016

- Compact Bougainvillea good for pots and baskets. Follow the sun to flower through winter
- Bi-colours available – put two climbers together e.g. White Cascade and Plum Crazy. They don't have a lot of roots in the pot so be careful when transplanting
- Climbers and bolters climb trees and poles using their long thorns
- Train Bougainvillea but don't push through fence as could wreck it – just tie on
- Bambino Bougainvilleas will grow to 2m x 2m x 2m. All are heavy feeders on phosphate and potassium and flourish with superphosphate and potash. Prune after flowering
- Tip pruning is best as hard pruning can lead to long spindly growth
- Prune Compact Chrysanthemums to achieve a second flowering
- Most flowering plants need at least 8 hours of darkness- even street lights can affect them
- Prune Argyranthemums (daisy) 20% for new flush. They grow to knee height and 1m wide with good flowering through autumn, winter to mid-spring
- 9 months flowering from Mandevilla –good in pots – same family as allamanda/dipladenia climbers. Prune 1/3 at end of winter. Need good drainage - better to underwater
- Compact Pixie Medinilla flowers well and produces inedible fruit–slow growing. Propagate by cutting in early autumn to spring. Variegated Ficus good for pot growth
- Variegated Agapanthus 'Summer Gold' grown for foliage in full sun - ideal for pot culture
- Variegated Heleconia grown for foliage – flower is insignificant. Peace Lily not so
- Gaura 'Rainbow Petite' has variegated crimson leaf, is pink flowered and a suckering plant
- New Salvia 'Cathedral' is a low growing border plant up to 30cm high
- Orange/yellow flowering Lobelia Laxiflora has long narrow leaves, shrubby to 1.5m
- Casuarina Glauca 'Cousin It' (eye plant) clumps and drapes its long spidery 'needles'
- Grevillea 'Dorothy Gordon' has a purply brush. Put in two stakes, one either side, to support in event of wind changing direction
- Radermachera Sinica 'China Doll' good screen or feature plant
- Radermachera Summerscent is fragrant with tubular bell shaped flowers in clusters – will take heavy pruning and also good for pot culture (Russell's favourite plant at present)
- Compact Grevillea 'Pink Midget' good foreground plant also for rockeries and containers
- Finger Limes have green, red, pink flush, are thorny, cost \$150 kg in France – ideal for tubs
- Evolvulus 'Blue My Mind' - dwarf flowering shrub suitable for hanging basket or as cascading pot planter. Salvia purple double – prune lightly, likes full sun or part shade
- Quis Qualis 'Red Riot' Mussiendafolia is a new shrub/climber needs full sun, sheltered from wind and cold. 9 months flowering – responds to pruning – semi deciduous
- Camellia 'Volunteer' – brilliant pink and white. (Russell still loves Day Lilies)
- Angelonias of 5 – 6 colours love full sun – ideal in a group to support each other in wind
- Pentas – great cut flowers – knee height – good in pots and flower for 9 months
- Colocasia heterochroma 'Dark Shadows' – Yunnan Dwarf Elephant Ear variegated leaf
- Purple Curly Kale is a pretty pot plant – related to broccoli, cabbage, Brussels sprouts
- Purple Snow Pea now on market. Searles 'Sea Max' fish & kelp - good foliage fertiliser

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