

TOPIC: "UNUSUAL SPRING PLANTS & BULBS"

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MALENY GARDEN CLUB MEETING : 30 OCTOBER 2018 UNDER THE OLD WITTA SCHOOL

- Jacobean Lily likes full sun, good drainage and to sit out of soil. Good eye catching cut flowers (crimson) lasting a few days. Flowers best when bulbs are overcrowded in pot
- Vallota Lily has tubular red flowers in late Spring. Grown by division or tissue culture
- Hippeastrum with smaller pinky/red flowers grows in shade. Plant bulbs in clumps at 2 week intervals for continuing cut flowers. Carex likes moisture, full sun and can be divided
- Haemanthus known as makeup lily with small powder puff flowers like a makeup brush
- Red Hot Poker grows from seed and likes full sun. Cornus is a good border and pond plant
- Society Garlic has edible flowers, is good for borders and clumps can be divided
- Silver foliated Lamb's Ear likes good drainage – best in pots in Maleny as does not like wet. Grow with Pentas for colour contrast. Plectranthus is good for under storey planting
- Amaranthus – fluffy duck – has white tassel flowers. Double or triple plant for bulking
- Double Euphorbia - white flowers all year – good for borders – not much work needed
- Dichondra 'silver falls' likes sun and very good for hanging baskets
- Licorice Plant – silver foliage – use near burgundy Euphorbia for colour contrast. Be wary of milky sap when pruning, especially regarding eyes and skin
- Asteraceae – silver foliage, yellow, daisylike flowers. Celosia Dragon's Breath full sun/ heat
- Blue Marguerite. Take whole stalk when dead heading. Bees see blues in garden
- Crossandra Fire Glow has glossy green leaves, orange blooms and is a good tub plant
- Nandina Obsession – burgundy/green leaves, for pots, edges, rockery, gravel gardens
- Azalea Red Wing is good, long flowering. Prune as hedge when flowering finishing. Don't overhead water. Tease out roots when planting out. Shallow roots need Summer watering
- Fairy Statice - crown not bulb. Plant in pots or with roses and gerberas in well drained soil
- Dwarf Bartlettina likes half sun, half shade – bees love them
- Rudbeckia Golden Glow is brightest double yellow in garden, related to Echinacea. The more flowers picked, the more produced – known as the outback toilet plant
- Kalanchoe for hanging baskets and pots. Dipladenia – Mandevilla – flowers all year
- Mussaenda 'Bangkok Rose' double red needs warm West facing spot as doesn't like cold. Plant white and red together in full sun hot spot. 'Luteola' is lemon coloured
- Grevillea Dorothy Gordon – small tree 3-4 metres with lavender/purple flowers. Full sun
- White Petrea 'Snowy Stars' has 2-3 flowerings, rarer than purple variety. Plant together
- Common Geranium with red patch leaf. Plant several cuttings in pot well drained and dry
- Hibiscus with variegated leaves prunes well into topiary balls
- Yellow Mandevilla 'Citrine' small climber good over arch
- Justicia 'Shrimp Plant' with pale yellow flowers- likes hard prune
- Camellias are long lived, have non intrusive roots and like pruning. Very hardy plants
- Grevillea Peaches and Cream has salmon pink flowers all year. Prolific bloomer
- Evolvulus grows in full sun or part shade. Trailing white Vinca self layers
- Mutabilis Rose – China Tea from circa 1894 grows 2-3m x 2-3m single flowers, three colours mutating from yellow to pink to crimson. Heat tolerant - prune to shape

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