



**COLIN BARLOW** with his pick of this season's new releases

### Carry on flowering

HYDRANGEAS are an all-time favourite for many gardeners. Flowering in late spring to early summer. With large mop-head-type flowers in pink, white or blue, they are irresistible. However, their main downfall has been that they only flower once, so you have to wait until the following year. But not any more! The new 'Endless Summer' hydrangea from Fleming's Nurseries is the first repeat-flowering hydrangea available in Australia. Blooming continuously on new growth from late spring through to autumn each year, you will have no shortage of their beautiful flowers.



'Endless Summer' flowers in either pink or blue, depending on the pH of the soil or potting mix. Alkaline soils will produce pink blooms and acid soils blue, so take your pick. 'Endless Summer', or *Hydrangea macrophylla* 'Balmorhea', will eventually reach 1.2m high and wide when mature, making it perfect for small gardens, patios or containers. Plant it in a rich, moisture-retentive soil in partial shade or a shady spot in the garden, mulch well and you will be rewarded with an 'endless summer' of colourful flowers.



### Old plant, new look

If you're after an easy-care plant, which even those with brown thumbs find hard to kill, then *sansevieria* 'Moonshine' may be the plant for you. 'Moonshine' is a new form of the common and hardy mother-in-law's-tongue and has wide, overlapping bluish/green stocky leaves with dark blue/green thin margins. These leaves can grow to 30cm high and 100mm wide when mature. Occasionally, small white/green flowers can be seen grouped on upright stems among the foliage. 'Moonshine' can be planted in either full sun or partial shade and is perfect for pots, containers, garden beds or as a dramatic feature in waterwise or contemporary gardens.

### For a tropical look

ADD a tropical feel to your garden with 'Tropical Primrose' canna from Bali Australia. This new, extra-dwarf canna has an excellent compact nature, growing only 60-75cm tall. With an unusual flower colour that is characterised by the canna family, it makes a striking addition to borders, pots, tropical and cottage gardens. 'Tropical Primrose' is easy to care for, with only occasional dead-heading required. Plants can be cut back after winter if they are looking untidy. For best results, improve the soil before planting with organic matter. 'Tropical Primrose' will grow in most garden soils, including boggy or wet sites, and even survive periods of dryness.



'Tropical Primrose' canna

### Best from the West

Check out the new range of **Australia's Wildflowers** seeds from Mr Fothergill's. Chosen from some of WA's best spring wildflowers, the range comprises 26 varieties of seeds, including ground covers, perennials, shrubs and trees that will attract native wildlife into your garden. Use them to create your own spectacular carpet of colour, as cut flowers or as a focal point in the garden and bring a little bit of the wild west into your backyard. The low-maintenance and easy-to-grow wildflowers are naturally waterwise and drought tolerant when established, making them an ideal choice throughout WA. Australia's Wildflowers are available from all major nurseries, garden centres, chain stores and tourist outlets.

Mr Fothergill's Australia's Wildflowers range

