

# Lavant Horticultural Society

“100 Great Plants for your Garden” talk by Tom Brown 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020

This is just an *aide-memoire* listing plants that Tom Brown mentioned in his talk.

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## Great Plants for your Garden, by month

### JANUARY

[Phormium 'Yellow Wave'](#)

[Betula utilis var. jacquemontii](#)

[Phyllostachys vivax f. aureocaulis](#) a **bamboo** with bright yellow stems. Clump forming, but is shallow rooting, so is easy to stop it spreading by digging round the clump each year and removing the rhizomes.

[Heuchera sanguinea 'Geisha's Fan'](#) Keep plants as dry as possible.

[Hedera helix 'Chester'](#)

[Helleborus × ballardiae 'Snow Dance'](#) the flowers face forward on erect stems, rather than drooping.

### FEBRUARY

[Crocus 'Ladykiller'](#) unusual purple flush under petals.

[Iris 'Katharine Hodgkin'](#)

[Daphne bhoulua 'Jacqueline Postill'](#) Fabulous fragrance.

**Daphnes** are temperamental, thriving in some gardens and not in others.

[Cyclamen coum](#) Good in dry shade, even under evergreen trees.

[Helleborus orientalis 'Queen of Spades'](#)

[Galanthus elwesii](#) Very large variety of **snowdrop**.

[Bergenia 'Wintermärchen'](#)

[Narcissus pseudonarcissus](#) The wild daffodil – improves with age – spreads – self-seeding.

### MARCH

*for the conservatory:*

[Matthiola incana](#) **Stock** – grow from seed. Select seedlings with lime green foliage as these are doubles – the more healthy looking darker green seedlings will have single flowers.

[Heliotropium arborescens 'Reva'](#) long stemmed, so works well as cut flower.

[Pelargonium 'Sweet Mimosa'](#) Excellent now for its fragrant foliage. Flowers throughout summer.

[Euphorbia characias](#)

[Ribes sanguineum 'Elkington's White'](#) Very elegant.

[Pulmonaria 'Blue Ensign'](#)

[Erythronium dens-canis](#) } Can be difficult to find right spot - both need damp

[Fritillaria meleagris](#) } shade, even suited to north facing sites.

[Cynara cardunculus](#) (*cardoon*) Good for cut foliage.

[Lunaria 'Corfu Blue'](#) variety of **honesty**, differentiated by the distinct blue colour of its flowers.

[Libertia ixioides 'Goldfinger'](#) Warm, free-draining site.

### APRIL

**Tulips** – It is worthwhile paying more for larger bulbs that will be more perennial – recommended [Bloms Bulbs](#).

- [Tulip 'Black Hero'](#) paeony-flowered type.
- [Tulip 'Cheryl'](#) paeony-flowered type.
- [Tulip 'El Nino'](#) contrasts very well with Euphorbia characias.
- [Heliophila longifolia](#) grow from seed – put in twigs to support them as they grow.
- [Schizanthus – Dr Badgers Mix](#) grow from seed.
- [Pelargonium ardens](#)
- [Pelargonium 'Splendide'](#)
- [Anthriscus sylvestris 'Ravenswing'](#) form of cow parsley with very dark stems.
- [Lamprocapnos spectabilis 'Alba'](#) **white bleeding heart** - good against north-facing wall.
- [Lunaria 'Chedglow'](#) **Honesty** with darker foliage.
- Malus 'Bramley's Seedling'** whilst this apple is grown principally for its fruit, it also has very attractive blossom.

## MAY

- [Kolkwitzia amabilis 'Pink Cloud'](#) **beauty bush**
- [Mespilus germanica](#) – medlar
- [Olearia stellulata](#) from New Zealand – needs hot, dry location.
- [Allium jesdianum 'Purple King'](#)
- [Eremurus himalaicus](#) **foxtail lily** – tall, good for hot dry border – use gravel to improve drainage.
- [Persicaria bistorta 'Superba'](#) cut and it keeps producing flowers.
- [Geum 'Prinses Juliana'](#)
- [Polygonatum - Solomon's Seal](#)
- [Trollius 'Cheddar'](#)
- [Iris 'Stepping Out'](#)
- [Iris 'Jane Phillips'](#) very fragrant.
- [Iris sibirica 'Silver Edge'](#) largest-flowered **Siberian iris**.

## JUNE

- [Rose 'Veilchenblau'](#) rambler – only flowers once a year. Not as vigorous as many ramblers.
- [Rose 'Queen of Sweden'](#) floribunda.
- [Papaver somniferum 'Lauren's Grape'](#) single-flowered **poppy**.
- [Campanula 'Kent Belle'](#)
- [Geranium pratense 'Wisley Blue'](#) flowers very early.
- [Crambe cordifolia](#) good for back of border.
- [Sanguisorba menziesii](#) glaucous foliage; flowers on top of long stems give transparent effect.
- [Gillenia trifoliata](#) needs moisture and some shade.
- [Valeriana officianalis](#)
- [Salvia 'Caradonna'](#) dark stems.
- [Begonia luxurians](#) not resistant to frost.
- [Euphorbia 'Excalibur'](#) 4 ft high with acid-yellow flowers.

## JULY

[Helianthus 'Ms Mars'](#) dwarf **sunflower** with unusual colouring.

[Erigeron annuus](#) will seed itself around.

[Nigella papillosa 'Delft Blue'](#) flowers bigger than normal love-in-a-mist, with very big seed pods.

[Dahlia 'Gwyneth'](#) for dahlias in general, "live-heading", i.e. cutting flowers when they are at their prime, is much better than dead-heading – following flowers come more quickly and better quality.

[Achillea 'Terracotta'](#) attractive changing shades as flowers age.

[Coreopsis 'Roulette'](#)

[Achillea 'Summerwine'](#)

[Alstroemeria 'Pandora'](#) rather than cutting flowers, pull out the stems – the new buds will respond better.

[Penstemon 'Raven'](#) old, reliable cultivar.

[Limonium platyphyllum](#) coastal plant – used to dry exposed conditions.

[Scabiosa 'Black Knight'](#) must be dead-headed – it will then keep on flowering.

[Helenium 'Sahin's Early Flowerer'](#) one of the earliest flowering Heleniums – will then keep on flowering.

**Good annual climbers:**

[Petunia 'Tidal Wave Red Velour'](#)

[Thunbergia 'Spanish Eyes'](#) "**black-eyed Susan**" with unusual peach colour – grows to 10 ft.

## AUGUST

[Helianthus 'Alchemy'](#) silvery hairy foliage, unusual for a sunflower.

[Helianthus 'Vanilla Ice'](#) a branching sunflower.

[Zinnia 'Benary's Giant Wine'](#) April sowings look good in summer but are flagging by September; for later flowering, sow direct in early June.

[Helenium 'Rauchtupas'](#)

[Vernonia arkansana 'Mammuth'](#) grows to 6 or 7 ft.

[Helenium 'Riverton Beauty'](#) Tall.

**Gladioli** will flower roughly 100 days after the corm has been planted.

**Dwarf gladioli** look more comfortable with other plants in a garden setting than the very tall ones.

[Gladiolus 'Bimbo'](#) - big and bright.

[Gladiolus 'Sylvia'](#) - dwarf

[Gladiolus 'Violetta'](#) - dwarf

[Canna x iridiflora](#)

[Dahlia 'Black Jack'](#) very dark flowers – also has dark foliage.

[Galtonia candicans](#) white pendulous bell-shaped flowers.

[Anethum graveolens](#) **dill** - flowers August-September.

## SEPTEMBER

[Vigna caracalla](#) "Snail vine" – very easy to grow from seed.

[Ipomoea lobata 'Citronella'](#) tall twining climber.

[Malus 'Red Sentinel'](#) **crab apple** with striking red fruit.

[Malus 'Golden Hornet'](#) **crab apple** that is a good pollinator for many apple trees.

[Miscanthus 'Flamingo'](#) grass that grows to 5 ft. Very delicate appearance.

[Symphotrichum 'Little Carlow'](#) pale purple **Michaelmas daisy**.

[Symphotrichum novae-angliae 'Rubinschatz'](#) an American **aster**, which are taller and more resistant to mildew than the European asters (*novae-belgiae*)

[Leucanthemum serotina](#) white daisy flowers October – November. Grows to 6 ft.

## OCTOBER

[Callicarpa bodinieri 'Profusion'](#) **beauty berry** - need 2 or 3 plants in a group so they can cross-pollinate.

[Abutilon 'Wakehurst'](#) wall shrub, but needs to be sheltered.

[Alstroemeria 'Indian Summer'](#) bronze foliage.

[Leonotis leonurus](#) plant in a sheltered part of the garden or in container that can be put in sheltered position.

[Dahlia 'Karma Choc'](#) one of the “Karma” cultivars, bred specifically for the cut flower market.

[Rosa 'Fru Dagmar Hastrup'](#) a rugosa rose. Lower part of plant is bare, so grows oregano underneath.

[Salvia × jamensis 'Raspberry Royale'](#)

[Tricyrtis formosana](#) **Toad lily**.

[Arundo donax 'Peppermint Stick'](#) **giant reed grass**.

[Symphotrichum 'Lady in Black'](#) **aster** with small white flowers against very dark foliage on purple stems.

## NOVEMBER

[Pennisetum setaceum 'Purpureum'](#) hardy grass – flowers November-December. Does not seed around.

[Rosa moyesii 'Geranium'](#) large red hips follow the bright red single flowers.

[Prunus incisa 'Kojo-no-mai'](#) good for foliage in November and flowers in March.

[Euonymus hamiltonianus 'Coral Charm'](#)

[Cortaderia selloana 'Evita'](#) **dwarf pampas grass**.

[Miscanthus nepalensis](#) hardy grass – lovely seed heads that last through winter.

[Acer griseum](#) **paper-bark maple**.

[Acer 'Gingerbread'](#) very good autumn foliage.

## DECEMBER

[× Amarine tubergenii 'Belladiva'](#) cross between *Amaryllis* and *Nerine* – hot, dry position;  
good for south facing wall.

[Camellia sasanqua 'Crimson King'](#) needs a sheltered position in the garden.

[Panicum virgatum 'Kupferhirse'](#) **switch grass**.

[Cornus sanguinea 'Anny's Winter Orange'](#) new **dogwood** cultivar – colour brighter than '*Midwinter Fire*'.

[Lunaria rediviva](#) perennial form of **honesty**.

[Betula albosinensis 'Bowling Green'](#)

[Hamamelis x intermedia 'Robert'](#) **witch-hazel** with coppery-orange blooms.

[Mahonia x media 'Buckland'](#)

[Asplenium](#) evergreen fern.

*Apologies for any errors and the very sparse comments that do not do justice to Tom Brown's talk.*

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