

Community PlantAid Nursery

Plants available at the nursery at the moment are:

Peaches:

Now is a good time to put in fruit trees and there is a small range of peaches available at the nursery.

Angel Peach (Donut Peach) was released in 2008 and grows to about 3 meters. It is a sweet, white fleshed variety that does not need a separate pollinator (self fertile). Also known as the Peento or Chinese Flat Peach.

The strange doughnut-shape of this fruit shouldn't put you off as this clingstone is reported to be full of flavour.

Elberta Peach is best known for being a yellow canning peach but it is also a high quality sweet eating freestone peach. It is self pollinating and is noted for having a very small seed.

Salvia

This group of shrubs should be an important feature in every garden. They are extremely showy plants and many exhibit prolonged flowering periods. There are a multitude of colours – check out the nursery stock as many still have a flower or two. Usually they grow to less than 1.5m (many under 90cm) and prefer full sun. Some don't overwinter well but the way to find out is to give them a go. You will not be disappointed. Look out for *Salvia greggii* varieties, *S. microphylla*, *S. leucantha*, *S. patens*, *S. 'Indigo Spires'* *S. 'Anthony Parker'*.

Irises

A plant that really does well in Marysville is the Bearded Iris. Not only does it have a showy flower in October-November but also adds a bit of structure to the garden at other times. They require full sun for most of the day, love cold frosty weather and shouldn't be planted too deeply.

Plantaid has been fortunate to receive a donation of Irises from the garden of a Creswick-based enthusiast. She shows regularly and successfully at many shows so they are particularly special. They are located in the shadehouse. They will need to be left in the pot until they have developed a strong root system and then planted out at a later date.

There are also some established irises from another source in the outside section of the nursery. Colours are unknown but you really can't go wrong or be disappointed with an Iris.