

Community PlantAid Nursery

This week concentrating on some lower growing plants that are available at the nursery.

Cut-leaf Daisy (*Brachyscombe multifida*) is a fantastic little clump-forming native from eastern Australia. Growing around 30cm tall this plant is covered with small blue daisy flowers from August to March with sporadic flowering outside that time as well. Has a tendency to lightly sucker which is an advantage on sloping sites. Plant *en masse* for best effect. Can be cut back if shows any tendency to become straggly. Also strikes very easily from cuttings and pieces. Your garden should not be without at least one!!

Shasta Daisy ‘Snow Lady’ (*Leucanthemum X superbum 'Snow Lady'*) is a compact dwarf perennial with masses of 5-7cm white daisy flowers containing a yellow central disk over summer. (Excellent long lasting cut flower)
Prefers full sun and may be divided when the clump gets too congested. Certainly a plant that catches your attention in the garden.

Lamb’s Ears (*Stachys byzantina* syn. *Stachys lanata*)

This old-fashioned perennial does really well in Marysville’s climate. It creates a dense ground cover of the familiar woolly leaves that tend to inhibit weed growth as well as producing purple-lilac flowers on short spikes. Really it is grown for the foliage rather than the flowers. Low maintenance plant that likes full sun and harsh conditions which is not surprising as they originate in Turkey and Iran.

Tickseed (*Coreopsis grandiflora ‘Early Sunrise’*)

This form of the American prairie perennial produces golden yellow, 5cm semi-double flowers constantly all summer. Just 50cm high, it is certainly a tough little plant being able to withstand winter cold as well as the heat of the warmer months. The plants at the nursery are quite congested and would benefit if they were divided and the offsets directly planted. (Can be done from this time of the year until the spring)