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The Red Hat Society, Victoria, is just one of the many groups that have relaxed at the Flametree Café after taking a leisurely walk around the nursery and display gardens. It is the perfect time of the year to stroll among the many striking flowers that are currently on show.

Bring your family, friends, or group, to the nursery and enjoy our café and gardens. The Flametree Café is currently open every day (except Friday) from 10am to 4pm and has Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate/Cold Drinks and snacks.

RORAIMA PLANT PROFILE

Euphorbia ammak variegated

What looks like a traditional branching form of Cactus to many is actually a Euphorbia. This Euphorbia is very easy to grow, handling both light frost and winter rain as long as the garden bed is raised to allow drainage. The pictured Euphorbia is growing in a staff member's garden and has been there for 15 years despite strong hot and cold winds. This Euphorbia measures 4.5m high by 3.5m wide. It is planted in a raised clay bed and receives only minimal water over the Summer months. It has been known to get pink spots on it after a cold Winter, but they vanish once the warmer season arrives. It has had no pests or diseases, possibly due to the sap that is inside the plant. Euphorbias produce a milky sap known as latex that appears when the plant is cut or knocked. This can sometimes have an irritating effect like redness, rashes or itchy skin where the latex has had contact. Generally washing your skin with soapy water will remove the sap and prevent reactions. It is recommended to remove the sap from your garden tools with methylated spirits.

Euphorbia ammak variegated prefers full sun and a free draining soil, certainly makes a statement in the garden when it matures. Why not add one to your garden? It can also be successfully grown in large pots but will not reach the same size.

Euphorbia ammak variegated will be available in 20cm pots for $60 each in approximately 6-12 months. Please call the nursery on 5282 8704 to put your name on the waiting list. You don't want to miss out on this little beauty!

WINTER WONDERS

Templetonia retusa

Here is a native that grows very well locally and only reaches 1.2 to 1.6m in height. Commonly known as Cocky's Tongue, it displays a mass of rich red flowers during the Winter months. Nectar-eating birds love this native shrub. It prefers a full sun/part shade position and a free-draining soil. This pictured shrub is planted in raised clay beds. They will be available during July, 2019 in 14cm pots as pictured to the right for only $12.95 each. Call the nursery on 5282 8704 to place your details on a waiting list and we will call you when the stock arrives.

Kalanchoe beharensis brown dwarf

This Kalanchoe provides a contrast in both color and texture and makes a great addition to the garden. The image to the left has been taken at a Queensland Garden that a staff member previously visited and returned with a cutting that has now been grown to sell to our customers. Whilst not growing as vigorously as it will in Queensland, Kalanchoe beharensis brown dwarf will do well in frost free conditions. It prefers full sun/part shade and a free draining soil, and is available in 10cm pots for $9.95 each as pictured to the right.

Aloe 'Saturn'

A stunning Aloe that displays architectural foliage with its marginal orange teeth on each leaf, and has bright bicoloured flowers (left). Honeyeaters love these flowers, and Aloes are very good plants to attract nectar-eating birds to your garden. Aloes prefer full sun/part sun and a free draining soil. The one pictured is growing in a staff members garden in a raised clay bed which drains off excess water during the cooler months. Aloe 'Saturn' is available in 14cm pots as pictured to the right for only $19.95 each.

Aloe 'Moonglow'

Who would not love one of these in their garden? Masses of bright yellow flowers appear on this beautiful Aloe during the Winter months, brightening up the garden with its picturesque display. Birds just love these flowers and their pollen. It prefers full sun/part sun and a free draining soil. The pictured Aloe is in a staff member's garden on a raised clay bed that allows excess water to drain away during the wetter months. It is available in 14cm pots as pictured to the right for only $19.95 each.

Rhipsalis grandiflora

This beautiful Winter-flowering plant, with its masses of cream flowers, is a must for any collection. Native to South America, it prefers a shaded position or morning sun. It is best grown in hanging baskets or raised garden beds to appreciate the cascading foliage. An extremely easy plant to grow, it is available in 14cm hanging baskets as pictured to the right for only $14.95.

Haworthias

Native to South Africa, Haworthias are a much loved by plant collectors. They are a perfect plant for those who don't have a lot of garden space or who live in small houses, apartments or units. There are many different forms available. Over time they will cluster as pictured to the left. Preferring morning sun/part shade and a free draining soil, they are available in 10cm pots as pictured below and range in price from $9.95 to $20 each.

Crassula celia

This low-growing succulent is suitable for pots or garden beds and has clusters of tiny pale pink/cream flowers during Winter. A pretty plant to brighten up the short days in the garden! It prefers full sun/part shade and a free draining soil, and is available in 10cm pots as pictured to the right for only $9.95**.**

Kennedia

Commonly known as "Coral Pea" the Kennedias are native to Australia and are perfect for those of you with narrow garden beds who want a plant with height. The Kennedia vines can be grown over supports/trellis to provide height, or left to sprawl as a ground cover. They are tough plants once established. The flowers can be black/yellow, red and pink. Preferring full sun/part shade and a free draining soil, they are available in 14cm pots as pictured to the right for only $12.95each. We currently have 3 different colored flower varieties available.

Words

Marginal – relating to or at the edge or margin
As described in the Aloe 'Saturn'

WINTER GARDENING

At the beginning of the cooler season, it is always best to prepare for those cold nights ahead. For those of you in areas that receive frosts, it is suggested you prepare your tender plants like Brugmansia. You can use a product such as Envy to coat the plant with a fine film of protective cover that helps repel light frost. Another way to avoid damage from frost would be to cover with sheets of plastic or weed mat etc. the night before the frost.

Just a reminder to those of you with that weedy Oxalis pes-caprae. See our newsletter Winter 2015 on how to successfully remove it from your garden.

NOTE: At the time of publication of this newsletter, the plants listed are either currently for sale or will be available soon and may be pre-ordered. We may not have all of the featured plants in older newsletters in stock

We have lots of images for you to peruse so please join us! Note we are using Instagram to show you images only. Please send any questions via email roraima.nursery@gmail.com or Facebook.

Don’t forget to have a look at us on Facebook. Keep your eyes open for new plants and **special offers**.

We hope you enjoy your Winter gardening and should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at Roraima Nursery. Be it in person, online or by phone, we will do our very best to look after you and your gardening needs.

Happy gardening,
From all at Roraima Nursery