Choice plants for March!

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Lenten Rose

Hellebores add a beautiful bright touch of colour to the garden from late December through to April. Glossy dark green evergreen foliage is complemented by an abundance of long-blooming, single or double cup-shaped flowers. They appear soft and elegant, yet defy the weather to flourish during the coldest season.

Varieties available include shades of pink, red, and white, some with speckled or spotted petals. With a height and spread of 35cm, they are ideal in the border or flowerbed, and also suitable for planting into pots or containers. They are fully hardy and prefer a position in partial or dappled shade in moist fertile soil.

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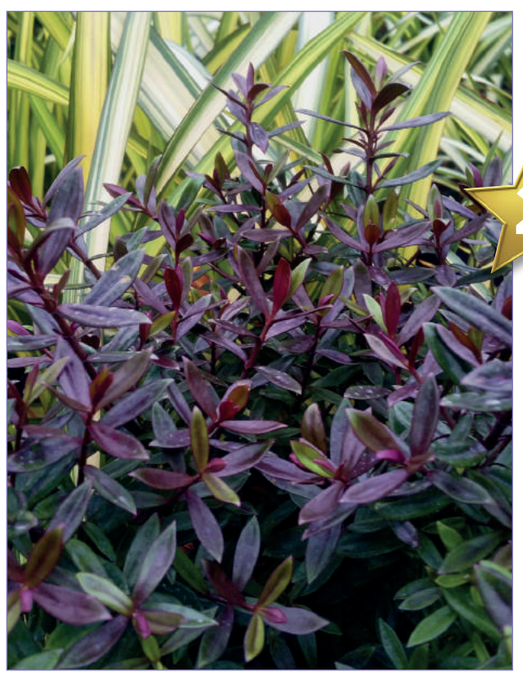

Hebe Raspberry Chocolate

Bred in Tully Nurseries, *Hebe* 'Raspberry Chocolate', part of the Bella Bloom collection, is a brand new evergreen plant with striking dark foliage: height and spread 75cm. It is a sport from another Tully Nurseries variety, *Hebe* 'Black Beauty', and has purple pink flowers in summer. Plant 'Raspberry Chocolate' in a mixed shrubbery with golden foliage plants and pink and white flowering alpines. These hebes are Bord Bia approved and are available in most garden centres throughout Ireland.

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Primroses for spring

"One of our signature crops on the nursery, we love early spring primroses as we have vast amounts of colour. These hardy and colourful perennials are ideal for the variety of seasonal weather that will be thrown at us over the coming weeks. Here at O' Connor Nurseries, we have a selection of colours from bright reds, yellows, pinks, blues to beautiful woodland and Provence shades, something to suit all tastes."

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Hebe Joan Mac

Hebe 'Joan Mac' is also a sport from *Hebe* 'Black Beauty', a dark, evergreen plant giving lasting colour: height and spread 60cm. It is more compact than 'Black Beauty', making it a lovely plant for a patio container with its shiny foliage and unique, upright, dense habit. It has striking purple black foliage in autumn and winter and pink flowers in summer. 'Joan Mac' is called after the owner Joan Tully. "As they say big things come in small packages and 'Joan Mac' is a winner for compact size and lovely bright shiny foliage."

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Rhodanthemum 'Casablanca'

'Casablanca' is an attractive garden plant with daisy-like flowers of soft white with a dark eye. Flowers emerge in spring from beautiful silvery grey foliage and continue over a long flowering season. It is a hardy plant and its low mounding habit makes it the perfect filler between other perennial and shrubs in a border. It is also an ideal plant for containers as it combines well with a wide range of colours and forms. It is a fantastic plant for coastal areas, height 30cm, from Young Nurseries 'Perennial Performer' range of outstanding herbaceous perennial flowers.

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