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Continued acclaim for 'Love and Wishes'

Plants Management Australia (PMA) is delighted to announce that further on from its success at Chelsea flower show, Salvia 'Love & Wishes' has gone on to scoop up three more prestigious awards, with successes at the HTA National Plant show, Plantarium, and finishing off the season with a flourish at the Four Oaks Trade Show.

'Love and Wishes' was named both Best in Category and Best in Show at the UK's largest horticultural show, the HTA National Plant Show in June. The Salvia's eye catching clusters of magenta flowers captured the attention of the public as well as the judges, and in a first for the HTA show, took out both of the popular visitor votes in the same two categories.

The Salvia's award winning streak continued at the Dutch plant show Plantarium, where up against a strong field of 127 other entrants, 'Love & Wishes' won a silver award in the new plants competition.

Only a month later, in a bumper awards presentation at Four Oaks Trade Show, 'Love and Wishes' was awarded the best Nursery Stock Introduction in partnership with Wyevale Nurseries. 'Love and Wishes' also featured in a special report in the September issue of Horticulture Week magazine— being highlighted alongside fellow winners of the UK's premier show for ornamental Horticulture.

PMA's Managing Director, Chris Sargent, extends his congratulations to Australian husband and wife breeders, John and Jill Fisher. These awards are "remarkable achievements for an Australian plant. Not many varieties make it this far and certainly not to these heights. John and Jill are to be congratulated for their breeding success and vision".

Salvia 'Love & Wishes' is the third instalment in the Salvia Wish Collection and features slender, purple stems, clusters of claret coloured flowers and striking deep plum calyces. It follows the success of Salvia 'Wendy's Wish' and 'Ember's Wish, with all three varieties producing outstanding performances in the garden offering long flowering periods, bright colour displays and natural dome shaped habits.

In Australia, part of the proceeds from the sale of all three varieties are donated to Make-A-Wish Australia®.

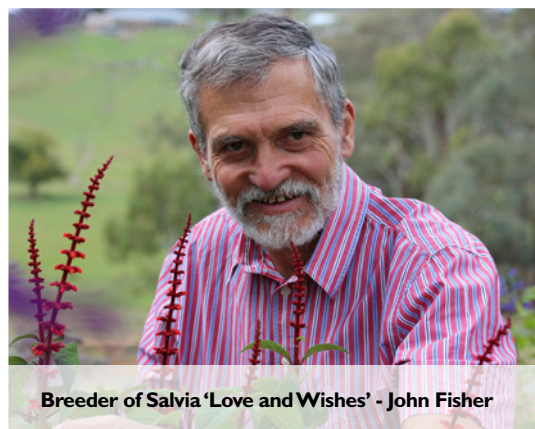
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Salvia 'Love and Wishes' on display at Plantarium



Salvia 'Love and Wishes' on display at the HTA show



Breeder of Salvia 'Love and Wishes' - John Fisher