

UK acclaim for 'Love and Wishes'

Plants Management Australia Pty Ltd (PMA) is delighted to announce that Salvia 'Love and Wishes' has scooped the pool at the UK's largest horticultural show, the HTA National Plant Show. Sponsored and judged by the world's leading horticultural body, the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) 'Love and Wishes' was named Best in Category and then went on to take out the prestigious Best in Show award. In a first for the HTA Show, Salvia 'Love and Wishes' also took out both of the popular visitor votes for the same two categories.

This year's awards attracted over 90 entries across five different categories. Judging panel member and RHS Director, Jim Gardiner commented "All the judges were unanimously in favour of this plant, not only winning Best in Category, but also Best in Show."

Salvia 'Love & Wishes' is the third instalment in the Salvia Wish Collection. It follows the success of Salvia 'Wendy's Wish' and 'Ember's Wish'. All three varieties are outstanding performers 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®.

'Love and Wishes' rewards with deep purple flowers for most of the year. The flower spikes extend beyond the foliage with the initial point of interest being the dark plum coloured calyces, shortly followed by the beautiful long lasting claret coloured flowers.

PMA's Managing Director, Chris Sargent, extended his congratulations to Australian plant breeder John Fisher and his wife Jill. "Both 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 and Wishes' made its initial debut onto the UK market at the Chelsea Flower Show last month, taking out 3rd place in the prestigious Plant of the Year competition.

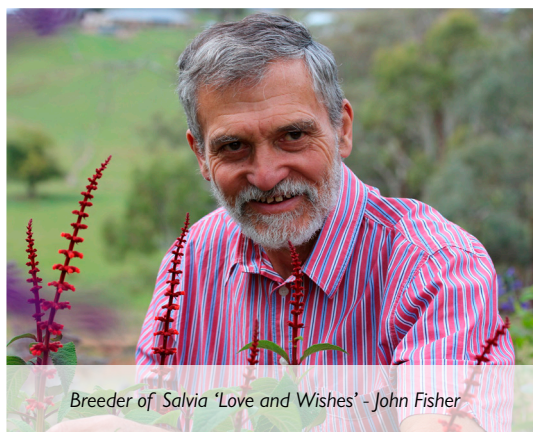
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Long lasting displays are a key feature of Salvia 'Love and Wishes'



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



Breeder of Salvia 'Love and Wishes' - John Fisher