

Origanum 'Hopfenblüte'

is a chance seedling from *O. pulchrum* x *O. vulgare*. The growth form is low and rounded or mounded. It grows to about 40 cm (16") tall. The 3-4 cm long, light rose-lilac flowers appear in June and bloom into September. The flowers are similar to the umbels of hops, which is how the plant got its name (Translator's Note: "Hopfenblüte" is German for "hops flower"). *Origanum 'Hopfenblüte'* can be used as a cut flower and dries well. It is suitable for planting in bowls and troughs, according to the breeder, Johann Etzinger, who is also Head Gardener at the Feldweber business in Ort im Innkreis, Austria.

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Dendranthema 'Poesie' (Indicum group) was found by Wolfgang Kautz in a garden in Cosbuc in the Maramures, part of the northern Carpathians. The upright-growing, about 1m (40") high plant is captivating because of its vitality and remarkable cold-hardiness as well its tremendous show of flowers. The flowers are medium-sized, about 5 cm (2") across and semi-double. At first they are a creamy-white and as the flowers open, they become lighter and lighter so that by the time they are fully open, they are pure white. The flowers have proven to last well in a vase.

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Aster 'Treffpunkt' is probably a cross between *A. novi-belgii* and *A. cordifolius*. The cultivar is 80-100 cm (32-40") tall. The growth form is thicket-like and upright. Stem sturdiness, extreme vigor and disease-resistance are the outstanding characteristics of the plant. The attractive, violet-blue flowers bloom from August into October.

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Agastache 'Pink Sunrise'

is a seedling of *Agastache rupestris*, which was selected at the Königshof of the Vienna Higher Federal Educational Institute and Experiment Station for Horticulture and named by Jürgen Knickmann. The upright-growing plant reaches a height of 100-120 cm (40-48"). It begins blooming in mid-June and remains attractive for a long while, into the end of August. The flowers undergo a unique color change: in their early stage, they exhibit tones of orange, like the buds, but as time goes on they take on a violet-pink colour, similar to the sepals. The lance-shaped, blue-green coloured leaves, as well as the silver-blue stems, indicate the drought-resistance of the plant. As to whether plants that are cold hardy in the pannonian climate will prove hardy in other regions, this likely depends on the required porosity of the soil.

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Agastache 'Ayala' is a cross between *A. mexicana* and *A. anisata*. The plants' growth habit is upright and thicket-like. They will achieve a height of approximately 1.2 m (48") tall. The large flowers, about 2 cm in size, are sterile. They are arranged in racemes and are a dull, light- to medium-blue in colour. The plant sets itself apart by its very long blooming period, from June into September.

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