

Raymond Evison Clematis – RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2024 - GPE070

The Guernsey Clematis Nursery are very much looking forward to celebrating its 40 years of growing and selling clematis plants around the world at the 2024 Chelsea Flower Show, with its exhibit of Raymond Evison Clematis. There must be between 65 and 70 million clematis plants growing around the world that started their life in Raymond Evison's world-famous Guernsey Clematis Nursery.

Raymond has to date been awarded 33 Chelsea Flower Show Gold Medals as well as numerous annual awards for his exhibits at the world-famous Chelsea Flower Show.

There will be over 2,000 plants in full flower, comprising of 40 cultivars, that were all bred or developed in Guernsey including two new ones from the most recent breeding programme. Clematis Lindsay™ EviGsy 152 (PBR) named after Mrs. Lindsay Reid a long-time director of the Nursery who retired recently, which is stunning deep violet/blue and Clematis Guernsey Flute™ EviGsy 153 (PBR), an amazing robust white large-flowered hybrid, Raymond says about Guernsey Flute "It is the most outstanding clematis we have ever raised, it just does not stop flowering for weeks ". Guernsey Flute will be entered into the New Plant Award at Chelsea 2024.

The 2024 exhibit which is 140sqm in size will feature a wooden serpentine walkway where show visitors can intermingle with the thousands of clematis flowers at close quarters, to enjoy their beauty. All plants have been grown in peat-free compost.

A special feature at the 2024 show will be a specially made Iroko wooden garden bench, constructed especially for the show by Grow Ltd, an amazing Guernsey Charity, that is staffed (the Crew as they are called) by people with special needs. The bench is aimed to give show visitors the chance to rest for a moment, and to take images of themselves with a backdrop of clematis flowers.

There will a wooden celebratory plaque placed on the bench, painted with stylised clematis flowers which will be the work of Juliet Martel the companies young Horticultural Apprentice.

On Monday we officially present the third stamp in the Guernsey Posts' series of 'Clematis Gold' stamps, to Lady Diana Rowland. The stamp designed by Gillian Barlow, shows our 2009 Chelsea introduction, Clematis Diana's Delight, named after Lady Rowland in recognition of her work with Raymond on several of his books.

All of this is only possible with the generous sponsorship from Fenchurch Advisory Partners.

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For the two new varieties please see the next pages.

Clematis Guernsey Flute™ EviGsy153^(PBR) New for 2024



Description

The exquisite large star-shaped, pure white flowers some 12-14cm (4½"-5½") across, with brown/red anthers are formed from May through to July, with reliable repeat flowering into September. With its compact habit and height of 90-120cm (3'-4'), Guernsey Flute would make a wonderful addition to a patio, in a container, or in the mid to front of a flower border, growing through host plants, where it's longevity of successive flowers can be fully appreciated.

The modern clematis in the Raymond Evison range flower readily and will yield good results using relatively simple pruning techniques. In late winter/early Spring simply reduce all stems down to 15cm (6") of soil level.

This exceptional clematis has an unusual but endearing trait of holding, just open flower buds, for an extended period, almost like a champagne flute, hence the use of 'flute' in its name. When flowers mature, they open fully flat, with pointed sepals and of generous proportions. Unlike most white clematis, these blooms are exceedingly robust meaning they will not fade, mark, or damage easily and last for a very long time.

The Guernsey part of the name is reference to the variety being one of the first varieties to come out of Raymond J Evison's new breeding programme and to celebrate The 40th anniversary of The Guernsey Clematis Nursery.



Clematis Lindsay™ EviGsy152_(PBR)



New for 2024

Description

The large star-shaped flowers, some 12-14cm (4½"-5½") across, are deep purple/blue in colour and have complimentary red anthers. The flowers clothe the plant from base to tip during May, June and July with a repeat flowering in September.

Height is 90-120cm and pruning could not be any easier, Simply reduce all stems down to 15cm (6") of soil level in late winter/early spring.

Clematis Lindsay™EviGsy152_(PBR) will make the perfect plant for a container, or growing in a border amongst other plants.

This wonderful free-flowering clematis is named in recognition after one of The Guernsey Clematis Nursery Directors, Lindsay Reid, who has worked alongside Raymond J Evison for over 30 years, mainly overseeing the international sales but also an integral member of the board, directing The Guernsey Clematis Nursery to where it is today.

Clematis Lindsay™EviGsy152_(PBR) is one of the first-generation varieties to come from Raymond J Evison's new breeding programme, here in Guernsey. Raymond and his team are now seeing the years of development and hard work put into the Guernsey breeding programme, come to fruition. Some truly commendable attributes in the form of desirable habit, flower colour, shape, size and abundance, and fabulous vibrant foliage are all coming through.

