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EXTRAORDINARY GIFTS, EXQUISITELY PRESENTED

NEWS AND IMAGES FROM PHEASANTS HATCH

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Weddings, summer parties and picnics, and a host of celebratory deliveries: Summer at Pheasant's Hatch has been a whirl of activity which hasn't gone unnoticed. Our love of plants has caught the attention of a number of discerning editors and journalists who have been kind enough to write a nice word or two about our work. We have also overcome the daunting prospect of television – appearing on a recent wedding programme, providing flowers and plants for one happy couple.

As cooler, slightly shorter days herald the start of a new season and we are delighted to present a whole host of new plant gifts in our Autumn Collection. However, if the thought of summer ending seems all too much, fear not! We have just a few plants left from our Summer Collection, which can be found on our website. And our diary is already filling up for weddings and celebrations next year!

The abundance of colour which filled the gardens and woods of Pheasant's Hatch during the height of summer are now giving way to earthier, more muted tones, with rich, vibrant accents in the form of berries, red brown leaves and delicate autumnal fruits. This changing landscape has provided much of the inspiration for this season's collection of plant gifts. It has also provided an opportunity to refresh and redevelop much of the terraces and sheltered spots around the grounds and we are busy planning a series of contemporary designs for our gardens and grounds. We will keep you posted on our progress during the winter months.

Best wishes,
Philippa



TWENTIES COUTURE, TEALS AND TWEEDS: THIS SEASON'S STYLING CELEBRATES THE TRADITIONAL, WITH A TWIST



Classic cuts and rich fabrics mix with a thrifty make do and mend outlook; this season's catwalks continue a love affair with the opulence of the twenties, and the smoky, subdued romance of the post war Britain.

To complement this season's trends, we have carefully selected a range of plants to suit every occasion. The combination of our fifties inspired **Ajania Pacifica** sat perfectly within its contemporary, opal pot provides a refreshingly modern take on this classic plant.

Rich autumnal colours are reflected in the **Giant Guzmania**, which adds in sharp, architectural lines to overall dramatic effect. And as dinners, celebrations and evening get-togethers venture back indoors, what better than a table decoration

you can eat! Our **Miniature Orange Tree**, with its striking dark green foliage and plump, orange fruits are a must for any kitchen or dining room.

Along with our **Hebe** and **Skimmia** plants, this season's collection has something for everyone.



THE AUTUMN COLLECTION

Giant Guzmania

Rich, vibrant colours, clean lines and exotic undertones – the Giant Guzmania instantly transports you to warmer climes on cool, autumnal days.

Originating from the rainforests of South America, this plant is best suited to a warm, indoor environment, away from drafts and in sunny spots. It can enjoy the great outdoors but must be taken in of an evening to avoid any early autumnal frosts.

Ajania Pacifica

Our very modern twist on a vintage classic – the Ajania plant, or gold chrysanthemum is simply stunning in our beautiful opal pots. Its warm clay green and cream tipped foliage, with fine clusters of yellow flowers celebrate all that is good about this much loved variety. The plant can be kept indoors and then transplanted outside once it has stopped flowering.



Miniature Orange Tree

Traditionally housed in an orangery or glasshouse, this beautiful contemporary citrus plant is the perfect addition to any kitchen or well lit dining room. A cheeky sense of fun and energy exudes from the bright plump fruits but this is well balanced by its stylish dark green foliage.

Enjoying bright sunlight and a warm environment, our miniature Orange Tree will continue to produce perfect, edible fruits throughout the autumnal months.



Hebes

When we saw not one, but two very different, but perfectly presented hebes, we decided that both had to feature in our Autumn Collection



Stems of large purple flowers emerge from dark, evergreen foliage to produce the first of these perfect plant presents. The autumnal Hebe captures the warmth and rich tones of the season, and once enjoyed in doors, can be transferred into the garden to enjoy year after year.

The second, smaller Hebe, with its green globe like foliage and delicate, pure white flowers is simplicity itself. Just a little watering and a little haircut from time to time is all that is required for both plants.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM PHILIPPA CRADDOCK

We are already receiving enquiries about this year's Christmas gifts. News of this very special collection will be available from early November onwards but what we can tell you is that it will include a beautifully decorated bay tree, which can be enjoyed over Christmas and then planted in the garden, or by a doorway once the festivities are over. Watch this space!

