

Plant of the week:

Clematis

Clematis 'Crystal Fountain',
Clematis 'Blue Fairy',
Clematis 'Evipo058'

Family: *Ranunculaceae*

Hardiness: Zone 4

Height: 6 - 7 feet



Flowers: Spectacular double fold measuring 4 1/2 - 6 inch wide with creamy-white stamens against large, lilac-blue petals.

Culture: Prefers sun to partial sun in well drained soil. My clematis is situated in the front garden which faces east. It's a crowd pleaser for walking sidewalk traffic! I planted it 17 June 2006 as a very young transplant. Because it flowers twice a year, it can be enjoyed in May/June and in August.

Pruning Group: 2 Repeat-Blooming

Hybridized by Hiroshi Hayakwa, Year of Registration or Introduction: 2003. It has been said that *Clematis* 'Crystal Fountain' could also be called "Empress of the Vine" because it comes from Japan where I was married 22 years ago!