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## Recycling Nursery Pots

By Dawna Bernier

According to a report by the Chicago Tribune, we recycle only about 1% of garden plastics. Part of the recycling barrier is the fact that the horticulture industry doesn't use recycling-friendly plastics. Have you driven past your local garden center and noticed dumpsters filled with garden pots, trays, large nursery containers? It's a common sight.

April is the perfect time to contact your local nurseries and garden centers to see if they are willing to save their pots from going to the landfill. With a few phone calls or a few stops at your local hot spots you will find that these sellers and growers are more than willing to let you take their trash home. What is trash to them is not necessarily trash to the Brugmansia grower. Plus you are also helping out the environment by recycling something that would be filling your local landfills.

## Brugmansia Tales

By Joelle Dewhurst



Haven't you always wondered about the story behind the bloom? Me too. Recently BGI has added a new feature to the galleries, the story behind the photo. We have asked the hybridizers for the background trials and tribulations of their floral

creations. They answer questions like; Why did you choose this cross? How did you decide on a

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A good start is to open up your yellow pages. Start making phone calls. Growers, Retailers, Nurseries, Landscapers are all faced with the dilemma of getting rid of excess pots and trays. Your local Wal-Mart, Home Depot, and Lowes are also excellent places to inquire. I myself find that the local landscapers are your best bet. They love people that take their trash. You are helping them save money also from hiring the garbage man from leaving a dumpster to empty every week.

Just remember you should always wash and disinfect your pots before using them.

name? What is it about this particular Brugmansia that inspired you to name it?

We hope that many more people share their Brugmansia tales so that we can save these important pieces of Brug history for all who follow. An excellent example of this can be seen with Watermelon Man, one of Elizabeth Fichtl newest creations.

## Supplies in the Classifieds

By Mary Voss

BGI has purchased bulk supplies for the benefit of our members and will be offering them for sale in the classifieds. We will not be selling these for a profit, we will only be reselling at a price to recover our cost plus shipping. The items that will be available are as follows

Permanent Markers for marking on plant tags

Large wrap-around tree type tags for marking plants

Smaller wrap-around type tags for marking pollinated flowers

Pollen vials



*Pollen vials are one of the items offered for sale in the Classifieds*

Red sable brushes for pollinating flowers

The first item has arrived and has been listed in the classifieds, the Permanent Markers. As more items arrive I will list them for sale. If the members have any other items they would like to see offered let us know and if the demand is big enough we will add them to the inventory. .

## New Brugmansia Cultivar Names

Brugmansia Growers International would like to announce the following new cultivar names for new cultivars in the genus Brugmansia.

New Cultivar Name: *Brugmansia* 'Watermelon Man'

- \* Color: Very Dark Pink/Red/Burgundy
- \* Flower Position: Nodding
- \* Flower Form: Single
- \* Pod Parent: Dorthea
- \* Pollen Parent: Earth Angel
- \* Species/Breeding History Set: siva
- \* Hybridizer or Introducer: Elizabeth Fichtl
- \* Seedling Parent: Elizabeth Fichtl



*Watermelon Man*

New Cultivar Name: *Brugmansia* 'Mustafa'

- \* Color: Pink
- \* Flower Position: Nodding
- \* Flower Form: Double or More
- \* Pod Parent: The Chief
- \* Pollen Parent: Mountain Magic
- \* Species/Breeding History Set: siva
- \* Hybridizer or Introducer: Elizabeth Fichtl
- \* Seedling Parent: Elizabeth Fichtl



*Mustafa*

New Cultivar Name: *Brugmansia* 'Miss Doris'

- \* Color: Pink
- \* Flower Position: Pendant
- \* Flower Form: Double or More
- \* Pod Parent: Bergkonigin
- \* Pollen Parent: Painted Lady
- \* Species/Breeding History Set: candida
- \* Hybridizer or Introducer: Jerri Parcel
- \* Seedling Parent: William Byrd



*Miss Doris*

New Cultivar Name: *Brugmansia* 'Michelle Obama'

- Year Introduced: 2011
- Flower Color: White/Cream
- Flower Position: pendant
- Flower Form: double or more
- Flower Shape: Trumpet
- Leaf Color: solid green
- Pod Parent: The Chief
- Pollen Parent: Sassy
- Breeding History Set: candida
- Originator/Hybridizer: Elizabeth Fichtl
- Seedling Parent (who grew the plant from seed): William Byrd



*Michelle Obama*

New Cultivar Name: *Brugmansia* 'Hurstwood Bow'

- \* Color: Lilac/Purple
- \* Flower Position: Nodding
- \* Flower Form: Single
- \* Pod Parent: Arborea 'S'
- \* Pollen Parent: Wildfire
- \* Species/Breeding History Set: arbovulsa
- \* Hybridizer or Introducer: Alan Ashworth
- \* Seedling Parent: Alan Ashworth



*Hurstwood Bow*

New Cultivar Name: *Brugmansia* 'Coral Reef'

- \* Color: Apricot/Melon/Peach
- \* Flower Position: Nodding
- \* Flower Form: Single
- \* Pod Parent: Aztec Gold
- \* Pollen Parent: noid
- \* Species/Breeding History Set: suaveolens
- \* Hybridizer or Introducer: Wayne Carter
- \* Seedling Parent: Wayne Carter



*Coral Reef*

New Cultivar Name: *Brugmansia* 'Love Potion no.9'

- \* Color: Yellow
- \* Flower Position: Pendant
- \* Flower Form: Single
- \* Pod Parent: Aztec Gold
- \* Pollen Parent: noid
- \* Species/Breeding History Set: suaveolens
- \* Hybridizer or Introducer: Wayne Carter
- \* Seedling Parent: Wayne Carter



*Love Potion no. 9*

New Cultivar Name: *Brugmansia* 'Hurstwood Elinor'

- Year Introduced: 2011
- Flower Color: Lilac/Purple
- Flower Position: nodding
- Flower Form: single
- Flower Shape: Trumpet
- Leaf Color: solid green
- Pod Parent: Arborea 'S'
- Pollen Parent: Wildfire
- Breeding History Set: arbovulsa
- Originator/Hybridizer: Alan Ashworth (Hurstwood)
- Seedling Parent (who grew the plant from seed): Elinor Wilson

*Hurstwood Elinor*New Cultivar Name: *Brugmansia* 'Fire Fighter Angel'

- Year Introduced: 2009
- Flower Color: Apricot/Melon/Peach
- Flower Position: nodding
- Flower Form: double or more
- Flower Shape: Trumpet
- Leaf Color: solid green
- Pod Parent: Ludger's Windsong
- Pollen Parent: New Orleans Lady
- Breeding History Set: candida
- Originator/Hybridizer: Brenda Delph
- Seedling Parent (who grew the plant from seed): Christine Tonitto

*Fire Fighter Angel*New Cultivar Name: *Brugmansia* 'Twilight Time'

- Year Introduced: 2009
- Flower Color: Apricot/Melon/Peach
- Flower Position: nodding
- Flower Form: double or more
- Flower Shape: Trumpet
- Leaf Color: solid green
- Pod Parent: Creamsickle
- Pollen Parent: Sam
- Breeding History Set: candida
- Originator/Hybridizer: Elizabeth Fichtl
- Seedling Parent (who grew the plant from seed): Christine Tonitto

*Twilight Time*

New Cultivar Name: *Brugmansia* 'Barack Obama'

- Year Introduced: 2011
- Flower Color: Very Dark Pink/Red/Burgundy
- Flower Position: nodding
- Flower Form: single
- Flower Shape: Trumpet
- Leaf Color: solid green
- Pod Parent: Dorthea
- Pollen Parent: Sam
- Breeding History Set: cubensis
- Originator/Hybridizer: Jerri Parcell
- Seedling Parent (who grew the plant from seed): William Carl Byrd



*Barack Obama*

## Imidacloprid

By Edna Murphree

Imidacloprid is a systemic, chloro-nicotinyl insecticide with soil, seed and foliar uses for the control of sucking insects including rice hoppers, aphids, thrips, whiteflies, termites, turf insects, soil insects and some beetles. It is especially systemic when used as a seed or soil treatment. The chemical works by interfering with the transmission of stimuli in the insect nervous system. Specifically, it causes a blockage in a type of neuronal pathway (nicotinergeric) that is more abundant in insects than in warm-blooded animals (making the chemical selectively more toxic to insects than warm-blooded animals). This blockage leads to the accumulation of acetylcholine, an important neurotransmitter, resulting in the insect's paralysis, and eventually death.

Because imidacloprid is soluble in water it is easily taken up through plant roots, leaves and stems and moved throughout plants where it controls plant-feeding insects. I bought a generic brand of this product for cost purposes. Two of the brand names for this product are Premise and Merit.

The reason I wanted to try this was to keep down the number of white flies and aphids in my green house over the winter. The product tells you it takes about 2 months for it to start working. So in early fall I started mixing the chemical with my water as I watered the plants. I kept this up for about 3 months. So far it has been excellent. I have had only 1 (one) white fly that I saw and no aphids whatsoever. I will continue to use this product. If you buy the generic it's very inexpensive, and easy to use.

The generic brand I purchased was named Dominion.

## Frugal Gardening Tips

By Shawn Jacobs



With gas prices (and just about everything else) rising, I thought I would share some gardening tips to save money:

- \* Repurpose – Think outside of the box. Some items not meant for gardening can be used as garden items.
- \* Check the cleaning section of your local dollar store. Most have plastic cleaning buckets that can be used as pots in a pinch if you drill drainage holes in the bottom.
- \* Old boots, pots, coffee cups, etc...can be used as planters and add a whimsical touch. Pretty much anything that can hold dirt can be a planter if you want it to.
- \* Don't throw out those clay pots with the salt buildup on the outside. If you don't like the aged look, they can be cleaned with vinegar.
- \* A saucer for underneath a large pot can work as a birdbath if you place it on some kind of pedestal (an inverted pot, for example) and fill with water.
- \* Make your own soil – Rather than buying bagged soil, it is often cheaper to make your own if you can find the ingredients locally. Buy large bags of perlite, peat, compost, and anything else you may want, and mix your own soil. An added benefit is you can customize it to suit the needs of different plants.
- \* Get the most bang for your buck out of plants – If you are just starting a new garden, think about getting plants that can be divided easily to create new plants. Plants such as hostas, daylilies, and ornamental grasses can be divided every few years to give you more and more of those plants without paying over and over again.
- \* Harvest seeds from this years plants to grow next year instead of buying seeds.
- \* Think ahead: At the end of the gardening season, be sure to still visit the garden department, you can often get good deals on fertilizer, supplies, and perennials to use next year.
- \* Share: Share and trade plants with friends and neighbors. Many of us here at BGI have enhanced our brug collections through trades and the generosity of other BGI members.

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