

2008 Perennial Plant Association Plant of the Year Geranium 'Rozanne'

The Perennial Plant Association has awarded the title of Perennial Plant of the Year® to *Geranium* 'Rozanne'. Donald and Rozanne Waterer discovered this strong performing hardy geranium in their garden in Somerset, England in 1989. It has 2 inch, iridescent violet-blue, saucer-shaped flowers with purple-violet veins and radiant white centers. Bloom time is from late spring to mid fall.

Highlights

- Hardiness – Zones 4 to 9
- Size – 50cm tall and 50-70cm wide
- Light – Best in full sun to partial shade
- Soil – Prefers moist, well-drained soil
- Uses – Geranium 'Rozanne' may be used as a dynamic ground cover in a mass planting, or as an attractive specimen plant. Rozanne's energetic habit makes it an excellent choice for patio containers, window boxes, and hanging baskets.
- Unique Qualities – The large violet-blue flowers with purple-violet veins and small white centers offer non-stop flowering through the growing season. It has one of the longest flowering periods of any of the hardy geraniums.
- Deer and rabbit resistant.

Growing & Maintenance

Geraniums are generally quite adaptable to a variety of growing conditions. Though it prefers moist, well-drained soil, it will also tolerate periods of drought once established. Geranium will grow in full sun or part shade. In too much shade, however, its habit will be less compact and fewer flowers will be produced. Geraniums are generally considered pest free. They require little care once established, but may be divided every 3-4 years. If the foliage begins to look ragged by late summer, simply trim it back. A new flush of foliage will quickly take its place.

Good Companions

Campanula, Heuchera, Ornamental Grasses, Hosta, Iris, Alchemilla, and plants with golden or yellow foliage.

Resources

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