Plant of the Month: July

Scientific Name: *Eucomis comosa* ‘Sparkling Burgundy’

Common Name: Sparkling Burgundy Pineapple Lily

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Unique flowers, beautiful foliage, amazing cut flower and a pollinator plant. What more could you ask for? *Eucomis comosa* ‘Sparkling Burgundy’ is a must have for the home landscape. This perennial bulb can grow in part shade or full sun, with the biggest show of color in sun. There are many different cultivars of *Eucomis*, but this is our favorite due to its added burgundy appeal.

Commonly known as a Pineapple Lily, it’s adequately named after the bloom that resembles a pineapple. Don’t let the looks deceive you though; it has no relation to an actual pineapple. The cultivar sparkling burgundy has flowers that are tinted pink on spikes that can get 20-30” tall. This unique specimen puts on a bloom show throughout summer and the burgundy foliage takes the spotlight in spring and fall.

Convinced you should have one now? When planting these bulbs, make sure they are roughly 6” deep in well-drained soil to have the best growth and support. If you love cut flowers in the home, then you will be head over heels! This flower stalk has a vase life of over 30 days. To have the highest vase life, make sure the flowers are harvested in the morning and the vase water replaced weekly.