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## New euphorbias will leave you breathless

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Sometimes the competition in the world can leave you breathless. In the plant world it's certainly more than a figure of speech as a new euphorbia series, Breathless, is making its debut this year.

It was just a couple of years ago Diamond Frost euphorbia entered the gardening world and quickly swept every award imaginable. It also became recognized as about the toughest flower you could grow, blooming from spring through frost.

Breathless is much like Diamond Frost, though perhaps a little tighter in habit. Diamond Frost reaches about 18 inches tall and Breathless a little shorter, closer to 15 inches, and offers a choice of colors. Breathless Blush displays white flowers, which are actually bracts, blushing with pink. The leaves are a dark green with red tones.

Like Diamond Frost, they ruggedly perform in the landscape all summer. But don't limit them to the landscape; you will also adore their mounding habit in mixed containers. While Diamond Frost has been used as the ideal filler-type flower in open pockets, the Breathless habit allows it to take on a slightly more prominent role.

Euphorbia is an environmentally friendly addition to the landscape, drought tolerant and virtually pest free.

For best blooming, select a location with as much sunlight as possible. Prepare the bed well so the plant will establish quickly. If you have a soil more suitable for making bricks, incorporate 3 to 4 inches of organic matter such as compost, humus or peat to not only loosen, but also improve drainage and aeration. Plant at the same depth they are growing in their container, 10 to 12 inches apart, even 14 inches if you find White Manaus.

The white-flowered selections make great partners with Intensia phlox, such as Neon Pink, Orchid Blast or Cabernet. Use also tall blue salvias such as Mystic Spires, Victoria Blue or Cathedral Deep

Blue to give a spiky texture. As you are designing your bed, use some ornamental grass with gold to chartreuse foliage.

The Breathless Blush combines well with pink-flowered selections of salvias and burgundy-leafed grasses, while adding a touch a lime-green-foliaged plants such as coleus or lamium will add some extra zest.

No matter your choice of landscape style, the euphorbia will prove to be a terrific addition offering nonstop flowers coupled with interesting texture.

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