New Clematis

Tom Kimmel

Twixwood Nursery, 46669 E. Hillcrest Dr., Berrien Springs, Michigan 49103

Clematis 'Blękitny Aniol'

Height: 2.5 to 4 m.

Flower: Diameter 10 to 15 cm; light blue, lighter in the middle of the sepals and darker on edges, very fine silky texture, ruffled sepals with curled edges, yellow-greenish stamens nicely contrast with blue sepals.

Flowering date: June to August.

A very freely flowering and long-blooming cultivar. At the same time a shoot can have flowers on seven nodes. It is a healthy plant, it can grow separately or in a group, also together with other plants, i.e., roses and other shrubs or conifers. It grows beautifully in a sunny, south-facing position, but a shadier, even a north location also suit it. 'Błękitny Anioł' flowers abundantly from the middle of June until the middle of August and its flowers look fresh for a very long time. If, however, blooming is weak, the plant can be cut back in the second part of July and it will flower nicely again in September. The blooms contrast well with a dark background from other plants or a wall. When flowers cover it densely, it looks like a downy angel. The cultivar is also suitable as a cut flower.

The cultivar was raised by Brother Stefan Franczak in 1989 and introduced to the market in 1990. In 1990 it received "Word of Recommendation" by the judging committee of the Royal Boskoop Horticultural Society in Holland. In 1992 it received the gold medal on "Plantarium" in Boskoop — the biggest ornamental nursery trade show in Europe.

Clematis 'Kardynał Wyszyński'

Height: 2.5 to 3 m.

Flower: Diameter 15 to 17 cm; broad sepals with lightly waved edges, glowing crimson sepals, stamens have dark crimson anthers and light pink filaments. Flowering date: June to September.

This cultivar is very freely blooming and it has a very attractive bright color. It can be grown as a specimen or over other shrubs or conifers or as a good ground cover. The cultivar is also suitable as a cut flower.

The cultivar was raised by Brother Stefan Franczak in 1988 and introduced to the market in 1990. In 1990 it received "Word of Recommendation" by the judging committee of the Royal Boskoop Horticultural Society in Holland. In 1990 it received the gold medal on "Plantarium" in Boskoop — the biggest ornamental nursery trade show in Europe.

Clematis 'Jan Pawel II'

Height: 4 m.

Flower: Diameter 10 to 15 cm; creamy white with pink streaks which become more distinctive in the late summer as a pink bar, stamen has dark red anther and white filament.

Flowering date: July to October.

This cultivar is strong growing and very healthy. It has a very long flowering time and blooms freely. A changing color during the flowering season is a very interesting

feature. Sepals are broad, overlapping, with a textured surface and a pretty satin sheen; pearly, almost translucent white with a hint of pink. Sepals have very light pink streaks at the start of the blooming period (July to August) and they become more distinctive by the end of the flowering season (September to October) as a pink bar. As the flowers age the bar on the surface fades, but on the reverse side still gives a hint of pink through the sepal. An additional attraction can be the very nice seed heads. The flowers and seed heads are suitable as cut flowers.

The cultivar was raised by Brother Stefan Franczak and introduced to the market in 1982.

Clematis 'Polish Spirit'

Height: 3 to 4 m.

Flower: Diameter 7 to 8 cm; velvety, rich purple-blue, in the middle of sepals color is deeper; stamen has deep violet anther and light green filament.

Flowering date: July to September.

This cultivar is extremely free flowering with a long blooming period. It can be grown by itself but is also very good for growing over trees, large shrubs, or conifers, and it can be used as ground cover. It is suitable for cut flowers. The very nice small dark green leaves are also decorative. The cultivar was raised in 1984 by Brother Stefan Franczak. He gave it to Raymond Evison who named and introduced it to the market in 1990. The cultivar received Award of Garden Merit in England.

Clematis 'Emilia Plater'

Height: 2.5 to 4 m.

Flower: Diameter 10 cm; light blue, crepe-like sepals with creamy-green stamens. Flowering date: June to September.

Very free- and long-flowering cultivar from the viticella group. It is vigorous and very healthy cultivar, and especially good for sunny positions. It was raised by Brother Stefan Franczak in 1988.

Clematis 'Kacper'

Height: 2.5 to 4 m.

Flower: Diameter 20 to 25 cm; very large, intensive violet with crenulated sepals and violet stamens.

Flowering date: June to September.

It was raised by Brother Stefan Franczak in 1988.

Clematis 'Matka Urszula Ledóchowska'

Height: 2 to 2.5 m.

Flower: Diameter 14 to 18 cm; white with red stamens.

Flowering date: May to June and if cut back again in August to September.

A free-flowering culitvar from the bottom of the plant. It was raised by Brother Stefan Franczak in 1990.

Clematis 'Monte Cassino'

Height: 2 to 2.5 m.

Flower: Diameter 13 to 15 cm, wine, velvet red, creamy stamens.

Flowering date: June to August.

It was raised by Brother Stefan Franczak in 1988.

Clematis 'Sympathia'

Height: 2.5 to 4 m.

Flower: Diameter 15 to 18 cm; silky rosy-lilac, lightly wavy edges, deep brown stamens.

Flowering date: June to September.

It was raised by Brother Stefan Franczak in 1988.

Clematis 'Warszawska Nike'

Height: 2.5 to 3 m.

Flower: Diameter 13 to 15 cm; a velvety violet color with golden stamens.

Flowering date: June to September.

A very free- and long-flowering cultivar even under a broad range of growing conditions. It was raised by Brother Stefan Franczak in 1988. In 1990 it received the silver medal on "Plantarium" in Boskoop, Holland.

Clematis 'Westerplatte'

Height. 1.5 to 2 m.

Flower: diameter 13 to 15 cm, bright rich red with red stamens.

Flowering date: June to August.

It was raised by Brother Stefan Franczak in 1990.

Clematis 'Aljonushka'

Height: 1.3 to 2 m; semiherbaceous, nonclimbing plant.

Flower: Flower does not open fully and remains as a hanging bell shape, slightly mauve-pink color.

Flowering date: July to September.

A hardy and free-flowering plant which was raised in 1963 by A.N. Volosenko-Valenis and M.A. Beskaravainaya in Yalta, Crimea (formerly part of the Soviet Union) from a cross of *C. integrifolia* and *C.* 'Nezhdamya'.

Clematis 'Paul Farges' (syn. C. 'Fargesioides')

Height: 6 m.

Flower: Diameter 4 cm; white, open flowers.

Flowering date: July to September.

Vigorous, hardy, healthy, and very free flowering with attractive seed heads. It was raised by A.N. Volosenko-Valenis and M.A. Beskaravainaja in Yalta, Crimea from a cross between *C. potanini* Maxim. × *C. vitalba* L. Name synonym in use include 'Summer Snow'.

Clematis 'Asao'

Height: 2 to 2.5 m.

Flower: Diameter 15 to 20 cm; light pink with rich deep pink margins and brown stamens; attractive seed heads; sometimes the flowers are semidouble.

Flowering date: The end of May to June and August to September.

It was raised in Japan.

Clematis 'Fuji-musume'

Height: 2 to 2.5 m.

Flower: Diameter 12 to 15 cm, very clear color, sky blue, yellow anthers.

Flowering date: The end of May to August.

This cultivar is free flowering from the bottom of the plant. It was raised by Sejuru Arai in Japan in 1952 from a cross of 'Asgiri' and 'The President'. It was introduced into Europe in 1986.

Clematis 'Haku-oôkan'

Height: 2 to 2.5 m.

Flower: Diameter 15 to 17 cm; the name in English means "The White Royal Crown" and was so named because the crown of white stamens surrounded by violet sepals makes its flowers look regal. Occasionally flowers are semidouble from old wood. Flowering date: The end of May to August.

It was raised by Esio Kubota in Japan. It doesn't like a north growing condition.

Clematis 'Vino'

Height: 2 to 3 m.

Flower: diameter 15 to 18 cm; magenta-red, with contrasting creamy-yellow stamens.

Flowering date: The end of May to June and August.

It was raised by D.T. Poulsen in Denmark and introduced in 1989.

Clematis 'Snow Queen'

Height: 2 to 2.5 m.

Flower: Diameter 15 to 20 cm; bluish-white, changing to pure white as flowers ages.

Flowering date: The end of May to June and August to September.

It was raised by Alister Keay in New Zealand. Introduced to Europe in 1983.

Clematis 'Multi Blue'

Height: 1.5 to 2.0 m.

Flower: Diameter 10 to 15 cm; sepals light French navy-blue, with a "multi" inner layer of sepals which forms an attractive spiky crown in the center of the bloom. Flowering date: The end of May to August.

Very unusually looking clematis with double flowers from the young and the old wood. The cultivar is not genetically stable so there is some variation in flower shape with this free-flowering cultivar. It was selected by Bouter & Zoon in Holland as a sport from 'The President' in 1983 and it was introduced in 1986 . It received the silver medal on "Plantarium" in Boskoop, Holland in 1990

Clematis 'Helios'

Height: 1 to 1.5 m.

Flower: Diameter 4 to 6 cm; yellow, open as they mature.

Flowering date: June to August.

A compact plant form in the *C. tangutica* group with open flowers. It was raised at the Research Station of Nursery Stock in Boskoop, Holland in 1988 as a cross of *C. tangutica* and *C. serratifolia* 'Golden Harvest'. It received an Award of Merit.

Clematis montana 'Freda'

Height: 4 to 6 m.

Flower: Diameter 5 to 6 cm, sepals are deep cherry-pink, with paler pink bars and almost red margins — the darkest colored of all the montanas — golden stamens, and bronze foliage.

Flowering date: May to June.

A more compact plant and less vigorous than *C. montana* var. *rubens*. It was raised by Mrs. Freda Deacon of Woodbridge, Suffolk, England, and was introduced in 1985. It has an Award of Garden Merit in England.