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Salvia 'Wendy's Wish' Gains "Rising Star" Status

Santa Barbara, California, December, 2010 – Salvia 'Wendy's Wish' is a striking new PlantHaven introduction gaining attention across the country. Prized for its flaming magenta tubular blooms held on dark maroon stems, this quick growing sage is was selected in the garden of Wendy Smith, a Salvia enthusiast, in Australia. It's name reflects Wendy's desire that a portion of the royalties from sales go to a children's charity in Australia.

Jimmy Turner, senior director of gardens at the Dallas Arboretum observed "What first attracted me to 'Wendy's Wish' salvia was the unique color of the flowers...You can't miss this plant, even from 200 feet away." "This Australian sage deserves honorary Texas status!" affirms Turner. "This is one beauty tough enough to handle a Texas summer and look good doing it...The warmer and more humid the weather becomes, the more flowers this plant will put on" says Jimmy. Color does not fade and the plant continues to glow despite extreme conditions.

Salvia 'Wendy's Wish' has a tidy, compact, slightly open habit of 40" x 40". Large mid-green glossy foliage provides a rich contrast to the hot pink flaming blooms. The blooms are sterile which contribute to the long floriferous bloom time. 'Wendy's Wish' has great impact in the landscape in massed beds or in patio pots or containers.

For more information about Salvia 'Wendy's Wish', visit www.planthaven.com or email new.plants@planthaven.com. Please see recent articles in [Fresh Dirt on Sunset.com](#) and [Jimmy Turners article](#) from Neil Sperry's Gardens.