

Growing Instructions for Fuchsia triphylla
“Gartenmeister Bonstedt”

Common Name: Honeysuckle Fuchsia

For In-Club competition February 2016



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Plant your plugs in a 4" plastic pot.

These cuttings can be grown outside until mid October.

In mid November, transplant to a 6" pot.

Pinch one more time 6 weeks before the competition which is February 9th.

In the meantime, consider the following cultural needs of your Fuchsia:

Planting Medium

A peat based compost is best for fuchsias, as it will make controlling moisture easier.

Peat is very efficient at holding water and dissolved nutrients, while maintaining lots of air space in the growing medium.

Watering:

Fuchsias in pots should never be kept permanently wet. This stops air circulating around the roots and drowns the plant. It is far better to let them dry out slightly before watering but not to the point where they are wilting. Water must be present to allow the plant to take up nutrients .

If a plant does become waterlogged try removing it from the pot and standing it on a folded newspaper.

Feeding:

Fuchsias benefit from supplemental feeding. However, the plugs do not need to be fed for the first 4-5 weeks if planted in good compost.

After that, use a fertilizer that is higher in nitrogen than potash such as Miracle Gro's 25-8-16.

A quarter strength feed can be given at every watering. A little given often is better than a lot all at once.

Never feed a plant that is dry as this can harm the feeder roots.

Light

Although this Fuchsia can tolerate direct sunlight once it matures, it is best to grow in morning light, or indirect afternoon sunshine.