

# Letters

Having read Souren Ala's article in the autumn issue I would urge waiting a little longer for *Fascicularia bicolor*.

Several years ago a bag of bare root *Fascicularia* rosettes was given to our Group plant sale, and as there were no takers I brought a couple home and potted them up, having seen flowering specimens at Great Dixter. They were fed and watered year after year, I'm guessing seven or eight, with no sign of flowering until last summer when things began to happen. By mid-September there were 19 flowering rosettes and the plant, now three foot across, became a real talking point. It shows that Hardy Planters need to be patient and optimistic!

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I was very interested to read in the Spring 2016 edition (Vol. 37 No. 1) Martin Spray's article *Some artistic thoughts gleaned from the gentle art of gardening*, especially the information about daisies/molehills on limed lines. This pre-digital photo (so apologies for quality) was taken in 2000. The site is one of 3 hockey pitches which at the time were used by St James girls' school in West Malvern. I think it illustrates Martin's explanation rather well.

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