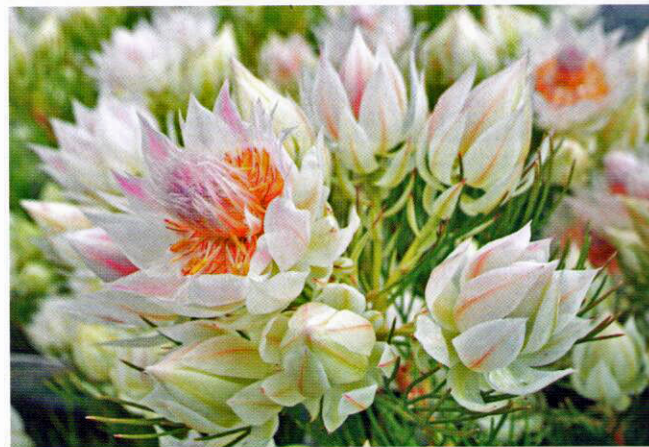


THE FLOWER TRENDS ROUNDUP



WHAT'S UP FROM DOWN UNDER It seems we have barely begun to explore the riches of Australia. "We have some amazing flowers that have been around for a while, but most florists and wholesalers haven't seen them," says Diana Roy of Resendiz Brothers Protea Growers in California. Some are by now familiar with the nubby texture of green berzelia—but have you seen the variety called Red Jelly (pictured at top left)? Among other stunning exotics grown by Resendiz Brothers is telopea, seen at top right, a hardy flower with a three-week vase life; a bright red variety, Gembrook, won the people's choice blue ribbon at the most recent SAF Outstanding Varieties Competition. Flannel flower (*Actinotus helianthi*) offers daisy-shaped flower heads with creamy white bracts atop stems and leaves covered with a pale gray down. Blushing Bride (*Serruria florida*), offers papery white bracts surrounding feathery, white or light pink flowers; a type of protea, it is actually native to South Africa but extensively grown in Australia. Isopogon (*Isopogon cuneatus*), also in the protea family, looks like a purple fireworks. Shaped like bottle brushes, with long, curling styles instead of petals, grevillea flowers come in a wide range of soft colors, set off by wispy gray-green foliage. www.resendizbrothers.com 🌿