



## THE DAVID COLEGRAVE FOUNDATION

### **Aims of the Foundation**

The Foundation seeks to support the development of the ornamental horticultural industry in the United Kingdom by financing and supporting scholarships for students interested in pursuing a career in this field.

### **About David Colegrave**

Born in 1925, David Colegrave entered the horticultural industry as a young man when he left the UK immediately after the war to work in Canada for the old-established Canadian seed house, McKenzie Seeds. From there, his travels took him to the United States where he spent 5 years working in the flower seed production industry in California for Waller Flowerseed (a company that he would purchase in later years!), followed by another 5 years back in Europe working for Graines d'Elite Clause, the well-known French flower breeding company.

In 1962 he returned to the UK and started his own business specializing in the sale of flower seeds to professional growers. The introduction to the U.K. market by Colegrave Seeds of innovations such as F1 hybrids, heat-sealed foil packs and plug (young plant) production would help transform the bedding plant business into a significant industry, and turn Colegrave Seeds into a major British success story. Colegrave died in 1992, but his son, Jeff, continued to run the business until it was sold to Ball Horticultural Company, a major family-owned American business, in 2001.

During his career, Colegrave took a keen interest in supporting and promoting the development of young people, and it was with this in mind that the Foundation was launched shortly after his death.

### **College scholarships**

The David Colegrave Foundation works with several of the U.K.'s premier horticultural colleges to support between 1 and 3 students at each college annually. Applications for these scholarships are made through the colleges themselves, and details can be obtained from the appropriate college authorities. As of 2008, the Foundation is working with the following colleges:

- **CAFRE -Greenmount Campus**
- Capel Manor College

- Hadlow College
- Pershore College
- Welsh College of Horticulture
- Writtle College

Thus far, the Foundation has provided scholarship funds for nearly 50 students across the UK and Northern Ireland, as well as through the support and sponsorship of several named and sponsored scholarships. To date, over £75,000 has been provided to support students. This will be the sixth year DCF has been providing a bursary at Greenmount

The DCF is pleased to be working with CAFRE in supporting horticulture students.

*2008 David Colegrave bursary winners with Mrs Claire Woods, CAFRE*



### **Bursary Details**

The David Colegrave bursary is only eligible for students studying on the Foundation Degree in Horticulture programme. *The award does not require a report but is based on an application and interview.* The application form for this scholarship is enclosed and this should be returned to Claire Woods by Monday 17 October 2011.