



Whew!

The 2022 ANLA Reunion, held at Midwest Groundcovers in August, was a rousing success! So much to see and do — and especially so many friends and colleagues to catch up with.

Let's do it again soon, shall we?

REUNION 2022!

Reunited

By Craig Regelbrugge

With Peaches & Herb's 1978 hit perhaps now playing in your head, we're pleased to report that the recent ANLA Reunion was similarly successful! The reunion, hosted at Midwest Groundcovers on August 12 and 13, brought together 80-ish active and retired industry professionals who were leaders, members, and staff of the American Nursery & Landscape Association.

In 2014, ANLA and OFA joined forces to form AmericanHort, but the professional and friendship bonds forged through years of ANLA volunteer service, Management Clinics, conventions, domestic and international

tours, leadership and business development classes, legislative conferences, and more remain strong. Midwest Groundcovers' St. Charles and Virgil growing facilities provided a perfect environment for two days of fellowship, reminiscing, tours, rides on vintage military vehicles, and talk of the future.

The event also provided the ideal forum to announce the publication of Peter Orum's new memoir, ***People, Plants, and Politics***. The book spans a sweep of history from World War II to the present, with rich detail, insights, and wisdom gleaned from his early years in Europe, immigrant experience in America, the founding and growth of a thriving horticultural business, and service to the industry he loves. Anyone wishing to purchase a copy can do so at the Midwest Groundcovers website:

<https://www.midwestgroundcovers.com/blog/people-plants-and-politics>

The cost is \$36.00, which includes shipping.

Thank you to Peter Orum, Craig and Christa Orum-Keller, and the entire Midwest team for being such exceptional hosts.

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So many ANLA friends couldn't make it to this year's reunion, but never fear! We've got lots of photos, so flip the page and take a peek at those you missed — or reminisce about a great time!

ANLA ALUMNI REUNION 2022 PHOTOS



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Two days of greeting and reminiscing, of talking and touring, of great food and entertainment in St. Charles and Virgil, Illinois, on the grounds of Midwest Groundcovers and Midwest Trading — who could ask for more? There were visits to nursery production sites as well as the mix plant; rides on Peter Orum’s collection of vintage World War II vehicles; breakout sessions with informally formal discussions; and plenty of time to gather and catch up. Dinner and dessert were accompanied by wonderful ANLA stories presented by Bob Dolibois, Kellee Magee O’Reilly, and Craig Regelbrugge, and Bob adopted the persona of fabled *American Nurseryman* columnist Charlie Chestnut to read from the archives. A big plus: Dwight Hughes brought historic photos — including past presidents’ portraits — and documents from the ANLA office in Ohio for any and all to claim.

And at long last, Peter introduced his memoir!

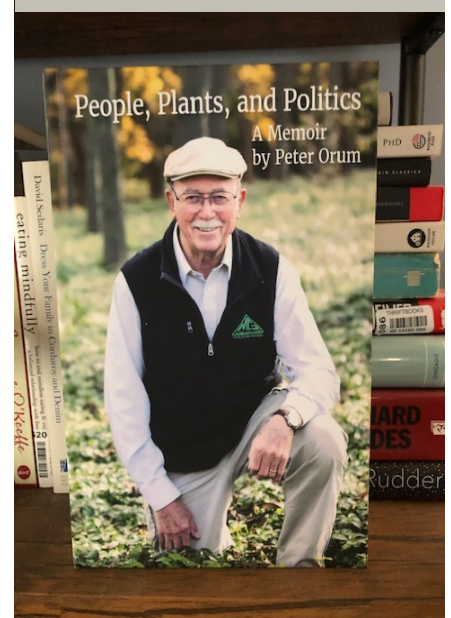


*People, Plants, and Politics:
A Memoir by Peter Orum*
is available now!

Read this fascinating story covering Peter’s life from childhood in Denmark through immigration to the U.S., to founding and building a powerhouse horticultural business, and his “retirement.”

You know Peter, but you’ll learn more about his worldwide family ties, his tireless work for national and international professional and heritage associations, as well as local and national politics, and more.

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In Passing



Mary Shadow

Mary Shadow of Belvidere, Tennessee, wife of Shadow Nursery owner Don Shadow, passed on August 12; she was 80.

Mary was a dedicated homemaker who enjoyed cooking, gardening, and entertaining, as well as spending time with her family, especially her grandsons. She often accompanied Don on his travels and will be remembered by so many who attended industry events with the Shadows.

Judy Lovelace

Judy Lovelace, co-owner of Lovelace Seed Company and Forrest Keeling Nursery in Elsberry, Missouri, passed on October 31; she was 82.

She married Wayne Lovelace in 1958, and over 64 years of marriage, they managed and owned both companies, and welcomed their two children — among other family members — into the family business. Judy treasured her family time, especially that spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She also loved to travel both for business and pleasure.



Services were held in Elsberry in early November.

Hughes Park dedicated in Cedar Rapids

Hughes Park, located on the former Hughes Nursery property in southwest Cedar Rapids, was dedicated with a ribbon cutting on Friday, September 9. More than 200 were attendance for the park's official opening, with the Cedar Rapids mayor, city manager, four city council members, city park director, and the Hughes Horse sculptor assisting Dwight, Tom, and John Hughes in the dedication.

Dwight surprised Hughes family members — only those carrying Dwight surprised Hughes family members — only those carrying William John Hughes' blood — with red buttons that state, "WJH, 9 September 2022: William John Hughes established the nursery on this site in 1908."

Following the dedication remarks, attendees enjoyed hitch wagon rides — and Dwight's horses got acquainted with their sculpted brother.

