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Welcome New Members!

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Plant Select® has over 180 members that includes Municipalities, Garden Centers, Propagators, Landscape Professionals, Online Retailers, Seed Companies, and over 2,000 followers on Facebook and Instagram! Plant Select® welcomes Municipalities to become licensed propagators to plant more plants that conserve water and reduce maintenance.

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Mike Bone and Plant Select

Plant Nativity

What is Native? Mike Bone and Plant Select®

Plant Select® is fortunate to have dedicated professionals - or Plant Select heroes as we like to call them- Folks who are in the field, in the greenhouse, and traveling the globe researching and finding plants that push the envelope bringing innovation to the horticultural playing field.

Mike Bone, Curator of Steppe Collections at Denver Botanic Gardens, is a Plant Select® hero who has brought years of dedication, expertise, and excitement to the program. We spoke with Mike about how he got started with Plant Select® and what the word 'native' means to him as he travels steppe regions around the world in search of tough and unique plants.

LITTLE TRUDY® catmint *Nepeta 'Psfike'* PP 18,904

There is no guarantee what rabbits will and won't eat in the garden, however, there are many Plant Select plants that are holding their own despite the cute little cottontails voracious appetite. LITTLE TRUDY® catmint is a reliable and tough plant that is long blooming, can bounce

back from heavy rain or hail, isn't appealing to rabbits, and will add lovely color to any setting. Add LITTLE TRUDY® to you your garden and the bees will love you for it as well. Visit the Native Bee Watch Blog below to learn more about the bees that have been seen on LITTLE TRUDY®.

Native Bee Watch!



LITTLE TRUDY catmint

Individual Partner Award! Larry Watson



Harriett McMillan announced the award for Larry Watson and accepted it on his behalf at the Annual Meeting on June 6, 2018.



A little bit about Larry by Harriett McMillan

Larry was one of the first people to work with Gayle Weinstein of Denver Botanic Gardens on the development of the Plant Select® program. Originally the focus was on woody plants and Larry brought great expertise to the initial stages of developing the program. As the program expanded to include a wider range of plants, Larry helped keep a balance between woody and herbaceous and provided insight into the selection of worthwhile plants taking into consideration the details of production and marketing value. His experience working with Harry Swift at Western Evergreens provided insight to the value of plants from the region that were deserving of promotion.

Plant Select® honors and thanks Larry for his dedication to the program with this award. Thank you, Larry!

Moon carrot *Sesli gummiferum*

'Tis the season for Moon carrot! This plant will catch your eye this month and into fall with its lacy blue foliage &/or pale pink flowers clustered in large umbels up to 5" wide. Moon carrot is a biennial producing a rosette of silver foliage the first year followed by pinkish-white flowers the second year. Let this plant go to seed to begin the cycle again the following spring. You can feel good knowing that this plant attracts a plethora of insects- your garden will be busy with activity as long as Moon carrot is in it! Find this plant in the Plant Select Garden at Denver Botanic Gardens.



Moon carrot: interesting,
unusual, fun!

