September 2018 News and Updates

Become a Member!

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. Learn how to become a Plant Select® Member!

Showcase Garden Award!
Betty Ford Alpine Gardens

"Betty Ford Alpine Gardens is an internationally acclaimed botanic garden known for its alpine horticulture, education and conservation. Located in the small resort town of Vail, Colorado which attracts a global audience for its skiing and outdoor recreation, Betty Ford Alpine Gardens is the highest elevation botanical garden in the world situated at 8,200’ (2,700 m) in the central Rocky Mountains. The Gardens attracts more than 100,000 visitors annually to see its unique collection of alpine and mountain plants collected from around the world."

Congratulations to Betty Ford Alpine Gardens for being a 2018 Plant Select® Showcase Garden Award recipient! This award acknowledges the efforts and achievements of a public garden toward education and promotion of the mission and goals of Plant Select®. Visit the Betty Ford Alpine Gardens today and commend them for their beautiful work that is a gift to the Vail community and all who visit it.

Plant Select Hero!
Scott Skogerboe
Fort Collins Wholesale Nursery Chief Propagator, Scott Skogerboe, has been a Plant Select Hero for over 20 years! From the beginning, Scott has brought immense plant knowledge and enthusiasm to the program plus a gift of story telling that leaves you with a deeper understanding and passion for the plant world. Scott has brought many plants to the forefront of horticulture that are underutilized and truly ideal for the arid Rocky Mountain Region. Hear Scott's story of *Cercocarpus intricatus*, Little Leaf Mountain Mahogany, and why he thinks it's perfect for Plant Select!

**Plant exploration in Utah with Scott Skogerboe**

**Take our survey**

**Name this plant!**

We'd like to hear from you! Please offer your suggestions for a common name for this unique orange penstemon to be introduced in 2019! Winner will receive a Plant Select® gift!

**Link to Survey**

**Blooming now!**

**Seven-son-flower tree**

*Heptacodium miconioides* is a unique and small under story tree that can be found blooming now through September! White fragrant flowers attract pollinators followed by distinctive red sepals that persist. The distinctive peeling bronze bark on this multi-stem tree or large shrub provides lovely winter interest. **Little Valley Wholesale Nursery** has this Plant Select® beauty for sale. Ask your local garden center for it and add it to your garden today!

**Seven-son-flower tree**

**Video: Pollinators & Plant Select plants with Sonya Anderson**

**September 14, 2018**

**Northern Water's Fall Field Day!**
The day will feature discussions on the revamp of Northern Water's Water Efficiency programs, partnership opportunities like Slow the Flow, Plant Select, Water Wise Landscape Professional training and more!

September 15, 2018
Steppe Symposium

Denver Botanic Gardens Second Annual Rocky Mountain Steppe Summit featuring four leading speakers on the Steppe Regions. Learn about Denver's unique ecosystem, as part of one of the steppe regions of the world.

Webinar- September 25
Historic Uses of Native Plants!

By CSU Extension Native Plant Master Program – Metro-to-Mountain Group

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