



Plant Select®

Smart plants for the right places

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If you're new to our e-newsletter, cheers! For more than 25 years, our non-profit has tested and selected waterwise plants that thrive in the high plains and intermountain regions, so you can create smart, stunning and low maintenance landscapes with a positive environmental impact—no matter what your skill level.

Plant Select's goal is to create smart plant choices for a new American landscape inspired by the Rocky Mountain region

A warm welcome to our newest Plant Select members:

- [Progressive Plants](#) – Copperton, Utah – Licensed Network Propagator
- [Samson Botanicals, LLC](#) – Enterprise, Alabama – Licensed Network Propagator
- [West Canyon Nurseries](#) – Glenwood Springs, Colorado – Licensed Grow-to-Retail
- [Ecological Garden Consulting](#) – Golden, Colorado – Landscape Professional Member
- Amy Mower – Individual Ambassador
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- Don Ireland – Individual Ambassador
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- Lynn Ireland – Individual Ambassador

And thanks to all who've renewed their memberships!

[Learn how to become a Plant Select member: Landscape Professional, Retail, Wholesale, Mail Order, Local Government or Individual Ambassador](#)

UNDAUNTED® Ruby muhly grass
Add beauty and movement with this airy grass from Texas

UNDAUNTED® Ruby muhly grass is one of North America's most beautiful native grasses, developing clouds of airy, pink seedheads in the fall.

Watch as Ross Shrigley of Plant Select shares what makes this grass special, what to pair with it and what to do in the spring.

Tip! In many parts of the semi-arid West, plants are waking up later than usual. Late April and early May would be good times to trim back this grass in 2023.



Watch this quick video

The beautiful gardens in the background are [The Gardens on Spring Creek](#) in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Wondering where to find Plant Select's 2023 releases? Don't miss our Garden Wiser event!

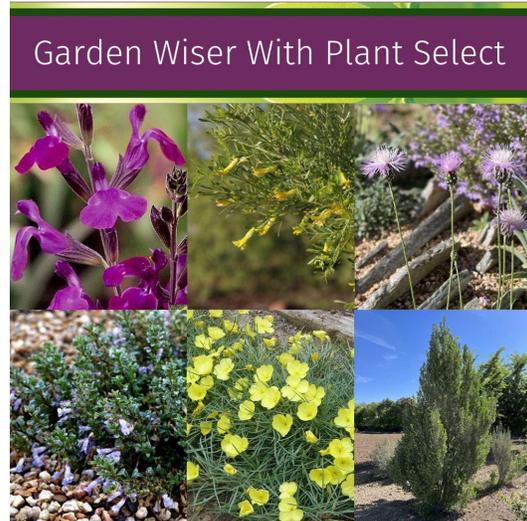
Date: Saturday, May 27

Time: 9 am–noon

Location: Participating garden centers
(Colorado's Front Range and Wyoming)

Get first dibs on Plant Select's [new perennials and shrubs for 2023](#)—tough, yet beautiful plants that thrive in the high plains and intermountain regions.

Plus, chat with Master Gardeners. They'll be available to discuss waterwise gardening, helpful gardening resources, Plant Select's new plants and more.



See participating garden centers here

Join us for the Plant Select Annual Conference on June 15 Get inspired with presentations like...

Untapped Native Species for the Rocky Mountains

Join us for this engaging talk with **Dr. Jennifer Ackerfield of Denver Botanic Gardens**, native plants expert and *Flora of Colorado* author. She'll take us on a journey through the flora of the Rocky



Mountains, highlighting species that would make good candidates for the Plant Select program.

Jennifer will also discuss plants subject to loss in the wild through urbanization, climate change and illegal collecting—and how programs like Plant Select may be able to help.



Selling Sustainability

Imagine getting homeowners excited about waterwise landscapes... while rarely mentioning saving water!

Cynthia Bee of Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District—a sustainable landscapes expert and TEDx speaker—will share a unique, statewide approach that she and her colleagues have developed in Utah for conservation messaging. It's creating measurable change at a critical time in Utah's water history.

Cynthia will introduce us to the Locascapes landscape approach, lessons they've learned and how you can produce measurable sustainability in your own community.



Creating Fire-Resilient Landscapes

With wildland fires offering a year-round risk, many of us are taking a fresh look at our landscapes.

Join Horticulturist **Andrea Dorman of Idaho Firewise** as she discusses how to rethink our western landscapes and create survivable space around homes and communities.

Get an insider's look at plant species, landscape design principles, water conservation and landscape maintenance techniques, and demonstration gardens—all through the lens of fire resiliency.

Thank you to our sponsors:
[Colorado State University](#), [Denver Botanic Gardens](#), [Northern Water](#)

Early bird pricing ends April 30!

HOA tip: Low-water plants can be water opportunists

Don't get fooled by some of their habits

Some low-water plants are “water opportunists”—meaning they'll take more water if you give it to them.

The trick is to adjust your watering habits, so you aren't giving these plants more irrigation than necessary after they're established in your landscapes. Don't let them fool you into thinking they need more water! Here are a few examples...



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Photo top row (left to right): [UNDAUNTED® Ruby muhly grass](#), [Blonde Ambition blue grama grass](#). Bottom row: [Pancito manzanita](#), [Autumn Amber sumac](#).



Upcoming plant sales

Snag popular and hard-to-find Plant Select plants

Colorado

[Spring Plant Sale at Denver Botanic Gardens](#)

Friday, May 12 + Saturday, May 13

Reservations required | [Plant shopping guide \(PDF\)](#)

Denver, Colorado

[Spring Plant Sale at Gardens on Spring Creek](#)

Saturday, May 20 + Sunday May 21

Reservations required

Fort Collins, Colorado

Idaho

[Spring Plant Sale at Idaho Botanical Garden*](#)

**Plant sale details should be available on their website very soon!*
Friday, May 12 (member event: 4–7 pm, reservations required) +
Saturday, May 13 (9 am–4 pm)
Boise, Idaho

Networking opportunities

[Spring Networkshop 2023 hosted by Arbor Valley Nursery](#)
Thursday, April 20
Denver, Colorado (registration required)

Classes

This is prime season for workshops at your local garden centers and botanic gardens. Please check their websites for upcoming opportunities!

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Spring flowering shrubs



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