



Plant Select[®]
Smart plants for the right places

New for Spring 2022:
WINTER FIRE[®] Sedum
Petrosedum rupestre 'Rice Creek'

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A warm welcome to our new Plant Select members!

[Glover Nursery](#) – West Jordan, UT – Garden Center Member
[Green Thumb SAM, LLC](#) – Boise & Meridian, ID – Landscape Professional Member

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

Enjoy evergreen beauty and late winter flowers with hardy manzanitas

Arctostaphylos x coloradensis

Give your winter landscape a splash of color with hardy manzanitas! These low-growing, drought-tolerant shrubs offer year-round interest. Native to western Colorado, hardy manzanitas are well adapted to dry climates that get fluctuating temperatures, high-elevation sunlight and summer heat. Zones 4b-8.

During late winter (yes, winter!) and early spring, lovely pink flowers hang in small clusters from the branches. Mature plants often produce tiny, dark red

berries in the summer. And the canopy of green leaves can offer year-round shelter for smaller songbirds and cover for ground-nesting insects.

Pro tip: These shrubs like fast-draining soil. Choose from 3 cultivars: [Panchito](#) (our most popular), [Chieftain](#) (our largest and most vigorous) and [Mock Bearberry](#) (our smallest).



[Learn about our hardy manzanitas](#)

Celebrating long-time Plant Select landscape members!

Meet Tanya Fisher, President, Colorado Vista Landscape Design, Inc.
Northern Colorado



How many years have you been a member?
I believe I became a member in 2012.

How would you describe your business in one sentence?

We're a progressive landscape design firm committed to the development of landscapes that harmonize our region's population growth with the betterment of our environment.

What is your favorite Plant Select plant?

Oh my, that's a trick question! I would have to lean to the Russian Hawthorn. Its profuse white flowers in the spring and the generous red fruit in the fall are stunning! ...

[See Tanya's full interview >](#)

Upcoming events that may interest you...

Feb. 26 | Utah: [Introduction to LocalscapesSM](#)

Do you live in Utah? Are you getting ready to install or upgrade your landscape? The Central Utah Water Conservancy District is hosting this introductory design class to

share the basics on how to landscape with ease in Utah's unique climate.

Feb. 26 | Colorado: [Landscape With Colorado Native Plants](#)

During this virtual conference, explore ways to embrace native plants, so you can enhance local ecosystems and save water. Sessions range from "well-behaved prairie plants for home gardens" to "native plant production."

Mar. 4 | Colorado: [New Visions for Colorado Gardens: A Workshop on Plants, Seeds and Wild Systems](#)

Tree of Life Landscapes is hosting its 4th-annual Create Beauty Conference. Kevin Williams, assistant curator for Denver Botanic Gardens, will lead this workshop, sharing a "wild-systems driven approach" to western plant design & installation.



Mar. 5 | Colorado, Wyoming & Beyond: [High Plains Landscape Workshop](#)

In this half-day, virtual workshop presented by Fort Collins Nursery, Mike Kintgen (curator of alpine collections at Denver Botanic Gardens) will share "Beauty in the Face of Extremes," and Horticulturist Kelly Norris will discuss "New Naturalism: Designing and Planting a Resilient, Ecologically Vibrant Home Garden."



How Emerald Ash Borer will affect your landscape budget (sooner rather than later in Colorado's Front Range)

Last month we chatted about [awkward turf spaces that can be costly to maintain](#). This month we want to shift our focus to ash trees... and how they'll affect your landscape budget in the near future if you live in Colorado's Front Range.

The Emerald Ash Borer is a highly destructive insect that infests and kills North American true ash trees (*Fraxinus* species). The entire City of Boulder was [presumed infested](#) at the close of 2015. As of February 2022, Emerald Ash Borer has been found in areas north of Fort Collins, down through parts of the northern metro Denver area. [\(You can view a map here.\)](#)

Ash trees are a common tree in Colorado's urban forests. In some cities, like Fort Collins, 1 in 3 trees is an ash.

Planning ahead for Emerald Ash Borer

Smart plants for the right places: Excellent winter plants for birds



Tennessee Purple
Coneflower



Russian Hawthorn



Thin Man Golden
Prairie Grass

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