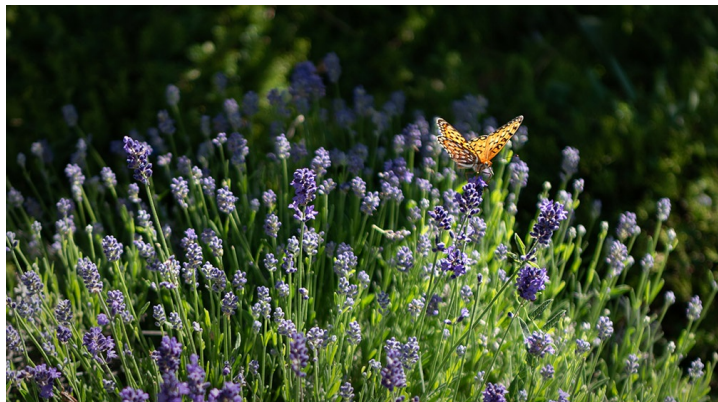


# Plant Select®

Smart plants for the right places

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*If you're new to our newsletter, cheers! For 27 years, our nonprofit has tested and selected plants that thrive in the intermountain regions and high plains, so you can create waterwise landscapes that are beautiful, low maintenance and have a positive environmental impact — no matter your skill level.*



[Wee One dwarf English lavender](#) (*Lavandula angustifolia* 'Wee One') with a fritillary butterfly at [The Gardens on Spring Creek](#)

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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**

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## A warm welcome to our newest Plant Select members:

- Emily Pannier – Individual Ambassador
- Javier Ortega – Individual Ambassador
- Lewis Hinkley – Individual Ambassador
- Roger Guzman – Individual Ambassador
- Susan Brackett – Individual Ambassador

**And thanks to all who've renewed their memberships!**

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## Western salvias: Ideal for the summer heat

Bring out the beauty of your western landscape with regionally native salvias! These long-blooming, shrubby perennials thrive in the heat. Many start producing vibrant flowers in July, attracting hummingbirds, pollinators and admiring neighbors into fall.



### Ultra Violet salvia

*Salvia* 'Ultra Violet' PP21,411

This compact salvia has iridescent purple blooms. A magnet for bumble bees! An introduction from the garden of Horticulturist Lauren Springer.



### Furman's Red sage

*Salvia greggii* 'Furman's Red'

A long-blooming beauty. Attracts a variety of pollinators. Has darker flowers and better overall hardiness than the wild species ([Wild Thing sage](#)).

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### Mojave sage

*Salvia pachyphylla*

There are cultivars on the market now, but we love our original selection: the wild species. Typically, no supplemental water is needed once established. Mauve-purple bracts linger into fall. Silvery, semi-evergreen foliage offers year-round beauty. Worth noting, Mojave sage can attract Japanese beetles, as well as butterflies, hummingbirds and bees.







**WINDWALKER® royal red salvia**  
*Salvia darcyi* x *S. microphylla* 'PWIN03S'

A hummingbird favorite! Comes back more reliably in colder climates than **VERMILLION BLUFFS®** (*Salvia darcyi* 'Pscarl') because it's blended with colder-hardy *Salvia microphylla*.



**Autumn Sapphire™ sage**  
*Salvia reptans* 'P016S'

Airy and lovely. An up-and-coming plant that should be used more! Cobalt blue flowers bloom in the fall. A late season source of food for bees and butterflies.

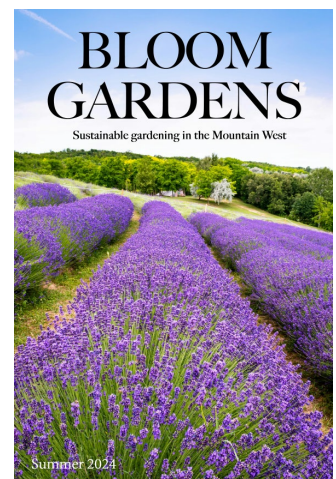
## Salvia success tips

Western salvias tend to be happiest in **hot, full sun, south-facing locations** that have **porous soils** and **get winter heat**. They can be very long lived in the right spots.

In areas where western salvias are marginally hardy, they're often best planted in the spring and summer, so they have more time to get established.

## Lovely, low fuss fernbush A mid-summer bloomer that's a magnet for beneficial insects

Jump into the summer issue of *Bloom Gardens* as we chat about fernbush (*Chamaebatiaria millefolium*)—a regionally native shrub that shines in manicured landscapes and naturalistic designs. It thrives with little water and attracts a range of pollinators with its abundant flowers in July and August.



[Read article](#)

## Plant tips with Ross

### Encouraging new chocolate flower plants (*Berlandiera lyrata*)



Is your [chocolate flower](#) going to seed? Watch as Ross Shrigley of Plant Select shares tips on how to spread the seeds, so new plants fill in year after year.

New to this [regionally native wildflower](#)? It's a long-blooming, low water perennial with a chocolate aroma in the morning. In the right conditions, it happily reseeds, so keep that in mind when choosing where to plant it.

Watch this quick video

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## Congrats to our 2024 Plant Select Partner Award winners!

Our non-profit relies on collaborative people who are passionate about waterwise plants. Every year, we recognize those who've gone above and beyond to extend Plant Select's mission. Please join us in recognizing our 2024 Partner Award recipients!



### Organizational Partner Award:

#### [Loveland Garden Center](#)

*This award recognizes a **business or organization** that has made a significant contribution to Plant Select's mission and goals.*



### Showcase Garden Award:

#### [Red Butte Garden](#)

*This award recognizes the efforts and achievements of a **public garden** toward the education and promotion of Plant Select's mission and goals.*

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## Individual Contributor Awards:

Kirk Fieseler (left)  
Grace Johnson (center)  
Jim Borland (right)

*This award recognizes **individuals** who've made significant contributions to Plant Select through their involvement, participation or actions.*

Photos courtesy of Scott Dressel-Martin

## Thanks for joining us Annual conference and trial garden days 2024



So many new faces, so many familiar faces! It was a joy to see all the interest in waterwise landscapes.

A huge thanks to...

... Our wonderful speakers:

- Kevin Philip Williams and Michael Guidi of [Denver Botanic Gardens](#) (rocking those ghillie suits!)
- David McKinney of the [Iowa Arboretum and Gardens](#)
- Sara A. Meier of [Green Thumb Sam](#)
- Mike Lorenc of [Conservation Garden Park](#)

... Our [Plant Select members](#) who joined us for our trial garden evaluations. We hope to see you again.

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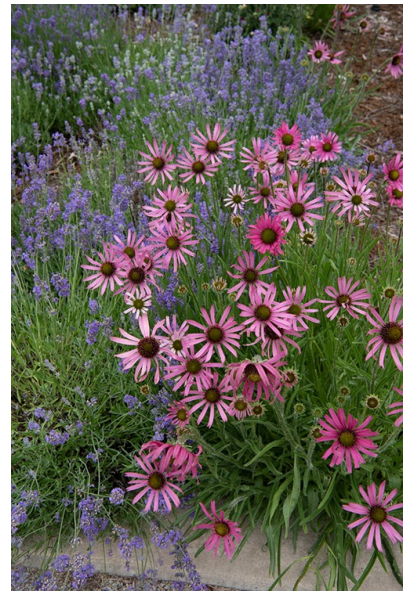
## Smart plants for the right places Mid-summer beauties



Bridge's  
penstemon



UNDAUNTED®  
alpine plume grass



Tennessee purple  
coneflower + Wee  
One dwarf English  
lavender

### Botanical names:

*Penstemon rostriflorus* | *Achnatherum calamagrostis* 'PUND02S' | *Echinacea tennesseensis* + *Lavandula angustifolia* 'Wee One'

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