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A warm welcome to our new members!

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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

Penstemons: Spice up your waterwise gardens with these beauties

Looking for reliable plants for your waterwise garden? Penstemons are a staple! These western natives ring a dinner bell for hummingbirds and native pollinators. Many offer summer-long color. They typically keep their foliage through the winter, adding year-round texture and interest to your garden. And they come in a variety of colors and heights... like the small-but-mighty penstemons below.



SteppeSuns® Sunset Glow This long-blooming pineleaf penstemon shines with the colors of the sunset. Native to Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado's Western Slope and Four Corners region. <u>Read more></u>



HALF PINT® pineleaf penstemon New for 2022, this long-blooming, low-growing penstemon is an eyecatcher with its scarlet-red blooms. Native to Arizona and New Mexico. <u>Read more></u>



SILVERTON® bluemat penstemon This lil' penstemon is a sleeper plant that often gets overlooked. But it has so much to offer with its lavender-blue flowers and silver-green foliage. Native to Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. Read more>



WAGGON WHEEL® bluemat penstemon Another newbie, this circular-growing penstemon makes an excellent groundcover or turf alternative in the right spots. Native to the mountains of Colorado and Wyoming. <u>Read more ></u>

In the garden with Grace More bees, please!

Want to attract more native bees, honey bees, butterflies and sphinx moths to your garden? In this new video, Horticulturist Grace Johnson (Denver Botanic Gardens-Chatfield Farms) shares **5 waterwise plants that are popular with pollinators** in early summer. And yes, these plants will turn your neighbors'



heads too with their colorful blooms.

Watch Grace's pollinator video

Upcoming events that may interest you

July 9: <u>Waterwise Tree and Shrub Tour</u> In-person event (registration required) <u>Conservation Garden Park</u> | West Jordan, Utah

July 16: <u>Waterwise Perennials Tour</u> In-person event (registration required) <u>Conservation Garden Park</u> | West Jordan, Utah

July 27 and 28: <u>Global Steppe Symposium</u> In-person AND online event (attend both days or just one) Presented by <u>Denver Botanic Gardens</u> | Denver, Colo.

Thank you for supporting Plant Select through our annual conference

It was a pleasure to share such a special day with so many of you on June 9! Thank you for joining us to celebrate 25 years. We hope you left feeling energized and inspired. We're grateful to everyone who's taken the time to share feedback.

Special thanks to our speakers: Kenton Seth, Kevin Williams & Dr. Daniel Burcham!



Photos courtesy of Scott Dressel-Martin/Denver Botanic Gardens and Ann Kendall

Please join us in congratulating Plant Select's 2022 award recipients

We celebrated our 2022 Plant Select Award Partners at our annual conference. We extend our heartfelt thanks for their service to Plant Select!



Organizational Partner Award Denver Botanic Gardens

Pictured: Mike Bone and Sonya Anderson



Individual Partner Award Bill Smith



Golden Shovel Award for Exceptional Demonstration Gardens <u>Conservation Garden Park</u> in West Jordan, Utah



Individual Partner Award David Staats

Pictured: David Staats and Dr. James Klett



Honoring the Career and Contributions of Dr. James Klett

As Dr. Klett prepares to retire, we're honored to celebrate his lifetime of work and his legacy with Plant Select. Dr. Klett has helped shape the Plant Select program from its conception, and he's had far-reaching influence through his leadership in the Extension service and through generations of horticulturists he's taught and mentored at CSU. Dr. Klett has played a significant role in defining Rocky Mountain horticulture in the new millennium, and we wish him the best!

Discover the appeal of crevice gardens with Kenton Seth's new book

What people are saying about Kenton's insights:

"Before the [Plant Select] annual conference, you couldn't have PAID me to put in a crevice garden," shares one

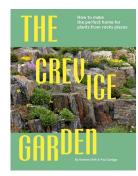
attendee. "But after hearing Kenton speak, now I want 10 crevice gardens."

Kenton's new book sold out right after he spoke at our annual conference, but we've ordered more copies. The book is packed with beautiful examples of crevice gardens, practical tips, plenty of inspiration and 250 "irresistible" plants for crevice gardens.

If you'd to add Kenton's book to your collection...

Grab your copy here >>





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