



**Plant Select**<sup>®</sup>  
Smart plants for the right places

New for Spring 2022:  
Blazing Star Meadow Gayfeather  
*Liatris ligulistylis*

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## A warm welcome to our new members!

- [Robertson's Landscaping](#) – Colorado Springs, CO –Landscape Professional Member
- [Eshraghi Nursery](#) – Hillsboro, Ore. – Licensed Network Propagator
- [City of Lakewood](#) – Lakewood, Colo. – Licensed Government Propagator

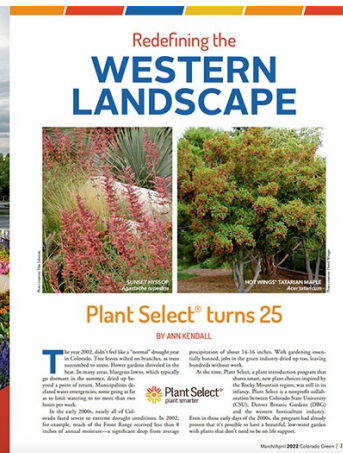
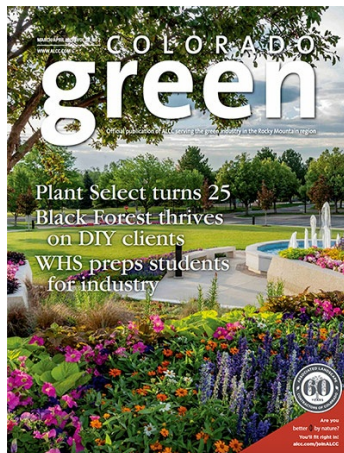
[Learn how to become a Plant Select member: Retail, Wholesale, Mail Order, or Landscape Professional!](#)

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

## Celebrating 25 years!

This year marks Plant Select's 25th anniversary: 170+ plant introductions. 80+ natives. 100s of passionate members and volunteers over the years!

Thank you for making this special collaboration between the green industry, Colorado State University and the Denver Botanic Gardens a success. We're grateful for your support, for your love of unique plants that bring diversity to our western landscapes and for helping us redefine how people think about the western landscape.



See our milestone introductions & our 25-year journey

## Ornamental grasses: Multi-season beauty in your gardens

Blonde Ambition blue grama grass is Plant Select's best-selling plant, and we couldn't wrap up our "winter beauty" series without chatting about ornamental grasses. Now's a great time to make your wish list, so you can make smart additions this spring.



UNDAUNTED® Ruby Muhly Grass  
*Muhlenbergia reverchonii*  
Native to North America



Blonde Ambition Blue Grama Grass  
*Bouteloua gracilis*  
Native to North America



Pink Crystals® Ruby Grass  
*Melinis nerviglumis*



UNDAUNTED® Alpine Plume Grass  
*Achnatherum calamagrostis*  
Native to North America



Thin Man Golden Prairie Grass  
*Sorghastrum nutans*  
Native to North America



Korean Feather Reed Grass  
*Calamagrostis brachytricha*



Giant Sacaton  
*Sporobolus wrightii*  
Native to North America

WINDWALKER® Big  
Bluestem  
*Andropogon gerardii*  
Native to North America  
(Fall color pictured)

Standing Ovation Little  
Bluestem  
*Schizachyrium scoparium*  
Native to North America



**NEW! FREEDA® Caterpillar Grass**  
*Harpochloa falx*

## Have you met our newest ornamental grass?

FREEDA® Caterpillar Grass is a small, clumping grass that's native to the South African steppe.

Its flowers emerge in July, forming loops that resemble caterpillars—only to unfurl into playful, fuzzy-looking seedheads that resemble dark eyebrows. (The name, FREEDA®, is a friendly nod to Mexican painter Frida Kahlo.) In winter, the tufts of foliage turn a dark chocolate color.

If you can't find Blonde Ambition or you're looking for something new, say hello to [FREEDA® Caterpillar Grass](#).

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## In the garden with Grace

### How to trim your ornamental grasses for beauty and ease

Early spring is a great time to cut back your Plant Select ornamental grasses to speed up this season's growth. Watch as Horticulturist **Grace Johnson** (Denver Botanic Gardens–Chatfield Farms) demonstrates one of her favorite pruning tools for spring and how to get a natural shape from your grasses. It's a pretty alternative to cutting straight across the plant.



Watch this short  
video

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## "When's the best time to plant ornamental grasses?"

Plant Select's ornamental grasses are **warm season grasses**. They wake up from dormancy later in the spring, and they actively grow during the hot months of summer. Their growth slows to a crawl as temperatures cool off.

The ideal time to plant warm season grasses is ["while they are actively growing and long before they begin to bloom."](#) In many parts of the intermountain west, this typically means late spring to early summer. This timing gives warm season grasses all summer to get established, so they can head into the upcoming winter as maturing plants.

There's irony to this timing. Spring is often when ornamental grasses look the least appealing in their nursery pots. Colorful flowers call for our attention instead. Don't let the humble spring appearance of ornamental grasses deter you from adding them! Late spring is the ideal time to plant warm season grasses.

*Pictured below: [Standing Ovation Little Bluestem](#) through the seasons*



## Recognizing long-time Plant Select landscape members! The Green Fuse, Wheat Ridge, Colo.



**What's one thing most people don't know about your organization?**

We're a female-owned company in our 22nd year of business.

**How would you describe your business in one sentence?**

We're passionate about transforming and enriching our clients' environments by revealing the unique potential of their property and finding inspiration from their landscape.

**Why did you become a Plant Select member?**

We wholeheartedly support the mission of planting smarter....

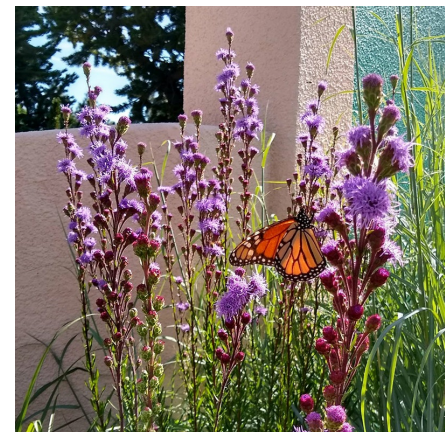
[See their full interview](#)  
(including their favorite Plant Select plant)

## Save the date for these upcoming Plant Select events

**Gold Country Master Gardener Symposium:**  
April 2 | Helena, Mont.

Join us for several talks: "Smart, Stunning Western Landscapes—More Beauty, Less Work" and "Spice Up Your Landscape With Resilient Plants." [Register here.](#)

**"Bring on the Heat" – Local Garden Centers:**  
May 28 | Front Range, Colo.



This event is a chance to explore our new plants (both the [2022 collection](#) AND the 2023 collection), buy your favorites and chat with master gardeners. Add unique plants to your landscapes that your neighbors will ask about! More info to come...

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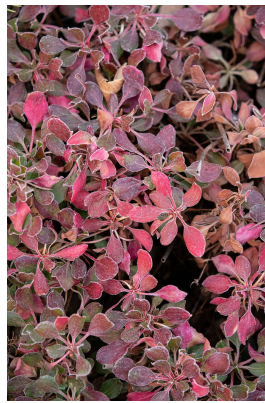
## Plant Select Annual Meeting: June 9 | Denver Botanic Gardens

This annual meeting is going to be a big one as we celebrate 25 years! We have exciting speakers in the works, along with awards, tours of the gardens, networking opportunities and more. More to come...

### Smart plants for the right places Winter foliage in shades of red



New Groundcover:  
WINTER FIRE®  
Sedum



Native Perennial:  
KANNAH CREEK®  
Buckwheat



Native Shrub:  
Paxistima  
Mountain Lover

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