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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

Join us for the Plant Select Annual Conference on June 9
Get inspired with presentations like...



Crevice Gardens and Their Use in the Dry West

Dig into the worldwide popularity of crevice gardens! **Kenton J. Seth**—aka, "The Crevice Garden Guy"—will discuss crevice gardens and their diverse uses, including their strongest uses in our region. Discover how you can leverage these beautiful gardens to solve specific problems of the dry American West.

Kenton will be signing his new book too: *The Crevice Garden: How to Make the Perfect Home for Plants From Rocky Places*.

I Want to Conquer the World: Making the Uncompromising Wildness of SummerHome Garden

In 2019 and 2020, Lisa Negri decided to change her reality by buying the lot next to her home and building a public garden on it in Denver's



urban Wash Park neighborhood. Now, [SummerHome Garden](#) has become a convergence point for the community and a beacon of Front Range naturalistic design.

Lead Designer **Kevin Philip Williams** (Denver Botanic Gardens) will discuss the concepts, plants and planting strategies that went into creating this cherished and challenging, urban pocket park.



Best Practices for Pruning Trees in a Time of Climate Change

Pruning—one of the most common tree care practices around the world—has been described as one of the best (and worst) things you can do for your trees.

Dr. Daniel Burcham of Colorado State University will share the latest thinking in tree pruning, especially for improving the physical structure and biological function of trees without impairing ecosystem services.

Plant Select Annual Conference
Thursday, June 9 | 8:15 am–3:15 pm
Denver Botanic Gardens
1007 York St. | Denver, Colo.

Early bird pricing through Sunday, May 22: \$50
Regular pricing (after May 22): \$60

Get your ticket here (early bird pricing through May 22)

In the garden with Grace Spice up your May garden!

Looking for a spring perennial to complement your bulbs and feed hungry pollinators? Check out this short video from Horticulturist Grace Johnson (Denver Botanic Gardens–Chatfield Farms) as she discusses [Golden Candles – *Thermopsis lupinoides*](#). See why this vibrant perennial is a beautiful addition to drought-tolerant spring gardens.



Watch this short
video

Beauty in the details



Top from left to right: [BLUE VELVET® honeysuckle](#), Greek Mountain Tea (currently in trials). Bottom: [KANNAH CREEK® Buckwheat](#), *Telesonix jamesii* (under consideration), [Silky Rock Jasmine](#).

Our thanks to [Mike McRoberts Photography](#) for his beautiful images!

HOAs: Transform your annual flower beds into colorful, waterwise gardens

Do you have annual flower beds? Consider turning them into waterwise perennial gardens instead.

After the plants are established, they'll use a lot less water, lowering your water bills. Plus, these gardens can provide food and shelter for pollinators, help restore native plants, create a place for people to gather and offer beauty well beyond summer.

You don't have to sacrifice color either. Waterwise flowers can put on a show with vibrant colors. (See photo at right.)

To make it easier to transition to a waterwise perennial garden, check out the [free, downloadable designs](#) on the Plant Select website.



Transformation of an annual flower bed into a xeric pollinator garden. Big color, low water!

Photo courtesy of Carl Reichley – see story below.

Case study: Creating a waterwise pollinator garden

How Carl Reichley added a "pocket of nature" in a suburban office park

It didn't take long for the hummingbirds to arrive.

"Almost immediately," shares Carl Reichley, the man behind creating a xeric pollinator garden in the middle of a suburban office park that's better known for its well-irrigated lawns and manicured flower beds.

The idea for a pollinator garden first came to Carl in 2020, shortly after he was hired as the building engineer for Yosemite Office Center in the south metro Denver area.

There was a large flower bed for annuals in front of his building, and it had 'opportunity' written all over it.



Carl Reichley

[View the full article \(and photos of this project\)](#)

Celebrating long-time Plant Select landscape members: Loretta Mannix, The Horticulture Consultant, Loveland, Colo.



How would you describe your business in one sentence?

I am a landscape designer, horticulture consultant and an I.S.A. certified arborist.

What year did you become a Plant Select member?
2011

What are your specialties?

Low water landscape designs, insect and disease diagnosis, problem solving, plant ID and care, and pruning guidance.

[Check out Loretta's interview
\(including her favorite Plant Select plants\)](#)

Save the dates: July 27 and 28

Global Steppe Symposium

Online event presented by Denver Botanic Gardens

This symposium will bring together the international steppe community — plant

lovers, scientists, land stewards, agriculturists and artists who live and work in the high plains of the world — to explore the complicated and essential relationship between humans, gardens and steppes. [Attend both days or just one.](#)

Smart plants for the right places May beauty



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