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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

In the garden with Grace
6 waterwise perennials for late summer



landscapes

Many plants look worn out by late summer, but not these 6 beauties! In this short video, Horticulturist Grace Johnson of Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms explores 6 drought-tolerant perennials that thrive in months like August and September. Enjoy pretty color while you feed hungry pollinators, including native

bees and hummingbirds.

Watch this short video

Beauty in the details



Cheers to [Andrea Dorman](#) of Idaho Firewise for sharing these lovely, late season images from the [Idaho Firewise Demonstration Gardens](#)!

Top row, left to right: [Turquoise Tails blue sedum](#) (*Sedum sediforme*), [Autumn Amber sumac](#) (*Rhus trilobata* 'Autumn Amber')

Bottom row, left to right: [Partridge Feather](#) (*Tanacetum densum* ssp. *Amani*), [Denver Daisy](#) (*Rudbeckia x hirta*), [Blonde Ambition](#) (*Bouteloua gracilis* 'Blonde Ambition')

Creating a waterwise retreat in Denver's urban corridor

How Nurse Heidi Harris has turned her “postage size” yard into a peaceful escape

Heidi Harris ([@denverdrygarden](#)) first caught our

attention on Instagram during the pandemic. She was working on the front lines of Covid, serving as an intensive care unit (ICU) nurse in a Denver hospital.

But when Heidi wasn't in the ICU, you'd find her outside in her garden. She'd recently purchased a house in the heart of the city.

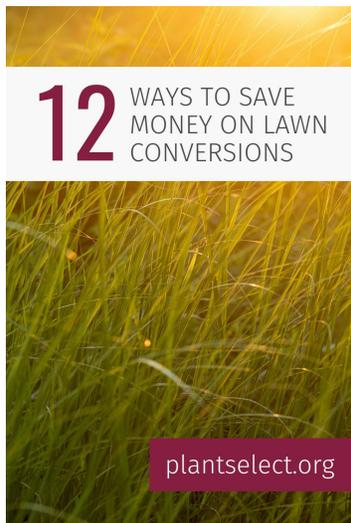
Day by day, she was busy transforming a rundown vegetable patch and a turf-diseased yard into a peaceful retreat of waterwise plants, filling her Instagram feed with colorful, low-water perennials.

"The garden was a really welcome retreat from the hospital and all that was going on," Heidi shares.

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Ross Shrigley (Plant Select) and Heidi Harris



Thinking about turning your lawn into a waterwise landscape?

Here's how to save money on your project

We've put together 12 tips to help you reduce the costs of converting your lawn into waterwise gardens or landscapes.

These money-saving tips are ideal for HOA communities, as well as individual homeowners.

[Check out 12 ways to save \(PDF\) >](#)

Honoring our 2022 Golden Shovel Award recipient Conservation Garden Park in West Jordan, Utah

In August, we had a chance to present this year's Golden Shovel Award for exceptional Plant Select demonstration gardens to members of the [Conservation Garden Park](#) team in northern Utah.

If you aren't familiar with

Conservation Garden Park, it helps Utah residents explore thousands of Utah-friendly plants, provides a full-scale example of a waterwise home landscape (known as [Localscapes®](#) in Utah), and offers inspiration and educational opportunities for creating easy-to-maintain, low-water landscapes.

Our Golden Shovel Award honors demonstration gardens that are moving their communities toward the use of sustainable and water-conserving plants. This honor is only given to gardens that have previously earned our Showcase Garden Award. (Conservation Garden Park received this honor in 2016.)



*Pictured: Ross Shrigley (Plant Select), Shaun Moser, Mike Lorenc, Natalie Boyack
Photo credit: Zoe Merrell-Dyer*

Upcoming events that may interest you

Waterwise Perennials Tour

Saturday, October 1

Location: Conservation Garden Park | West Jordan, Utah

2022 Water Conservation Symposium

Co-sponsored by Plant Select

For water utility professionals, non-profits, academics, developers & more

Wednesday, October 26

Location: Mile High Station | Denver, Colorado

2022 Colorado Pollinator Summit

Wednesday, November 9

Location: Denver Botanic Gardens | Denver, Colorado

2023 Independent Breeders Conference

Hosted by Plant Select

Save the dates: October 25–26, 2023

Location: Denver, Colorado

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