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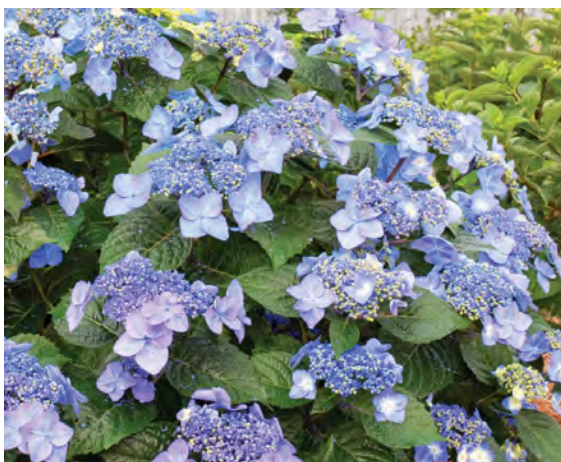
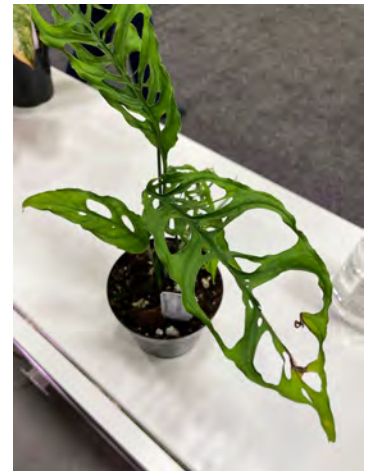
Title: Retailers' Choice Awards™ at Cultivate'22

Columbus, OH, July 18, 2022 – Retailers' Choice Awards™ were presented to 15 exhibiting firms for 15 products at Cultivate'22 in Columbus, OH on July 18, 2022. The Garden Center Group's Danny Summers lead the search as garden retailers selected the best new products to bring excitement and high level interest for their stores in the coming season. Following is a list of firms (presented A-Z) and the products receiving recognition:

Monstera obliqua
Aroid Greenhouses

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This unique form of Monstera features the most extreme leaf openings, often described as "more holes than leaf" or even called "Swiss Cheese Vine." Often, observations result is consisting of 90% holes and 10 percent leaf."



Hydrangea 'Pop Star'
Bailey Nurseries – Endless Summer®
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This new to the Endless Summer® family is a Hydrangea that is a beautiful lacecap and one of the earliest to bloom with a compact habit and loaded with blooms. 'Pop Star' is easy to grow and well suited for both in-ground as well as container applications. It is destined to be a star at retail.



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Bamboo Assorted – Sizes, Shapes and Display – PLUS the very best Natural Hangtag Stake!

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Bamboo is not often recognized with awards, but our judges spotted all the sizes, shapes and display options Bamboo Supply Company has to offer and it attracted a large number of votes. Along with typical stakes, they offer a compact display plus a variety of shapes and sizes of trellis and a 100% Natural Plant Tag Holder, available in 6, 10.5 and 15 inch x 5mm sizes. They are solid round bamboo stakes with a notch to securely hold tags with 5mm holes.



Unique Deer and Small Animal Repellents
Bobbex, Inc.

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When you begin comparing Bobbex to other repellents, you will quickly see the differences and why our retailers picked it for a Retailers' Choice Award. It is rated #1 in effectiveness. It's Eco-Friendly (safe for environment, people, plants, pets, and wildlife). Long-lasting (won't wash off in rain or snow). Bobbex lasts for weeks during growth seasons—even longer during dormant season. Easy to apply and it's actually GOOD for plants, flowers, and bulbs, so over-spraying is never a worry, and it's the only repellent that is protein-based. That's why it is rated #1. Check out all these details and more at their website.

New SUS-Tee Aquameter

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At first glance, the SUS-Tee Aquameter appears to be a marking pen or marker, but instead it is one of the most unique way of managing water for your plants. It has NO BATTERIES. It's unique wick detects moisture near the bottom and slowly turns the indicator near the top BLUE when plenty of moisture is available and turns WHITE when the plant needs more water. Available in three sizes. Contact Shun Honda for details for wholesale orders on this amazingly simply yet modern way to care for your plants!



Caterpillar Candy Series

Centerton Nursery

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With the important task of supporting pollinators, Centerton Nursery has introduced a creative message and selection of plants that Caterpillars love. It's called Caterpillar Candy and includes a selected number of Asclepias (Milkweed) in colorful 4" pots with great graphics. If you look real close at the photo on left, you can see a caterpillar on this plant just above the tag!



Delphinium 'Red Lark'
Darwin Perennials

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This is an exciting new coral-red color of delphiniums. Its sturdy upright habit makes it great in both as cut flowers or enjoyed in the garden. This variety is a sterile hybrid that will not reseed.

Delosperma 'DeGherkin'

Dummen Orange

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Also known as the 'Pickle-plant', the Delosperma Gherkin features touchable, fuzzy foliage on small pickle-like foliage. 'Gherkin' looks great in containers and baskets displaying a mounding to trailing habit. Accented by small yellow flowers, 'Gherkin' makes an indoor foliage statement standing alone or placed in collections.





Colocasia 'Polargreen'
Gardenworld-Growing Colors/2 Plant
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Cottage Grove, MN 55016 USA
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This is the first-ever Colocasia that is **hardy to zone 5!** Polargreen features medium green leaves with pink stems. Its mature height is 3-5' and hardiness zones 5-11. This Elephant Ear does not produce a bulb.

Hawaii Palm [Brighamia insignis]
Northland Floral

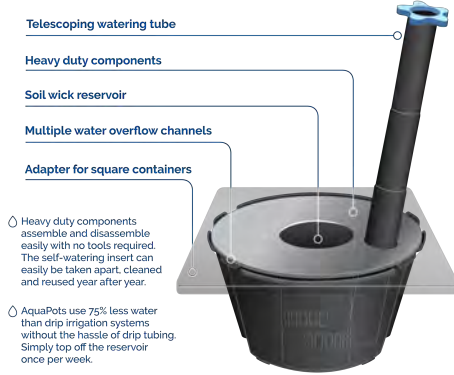
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The Hawaiian Palm (*Brighamia insignis*) can only be found in the wild located on the Hawaiian island of Kauai. It has become nearly extinct and despite the difficulties of natural cultivation in the wild it has been able to be commercially produced through seed and tissue culture. With proper care the *Brighamia* can produce yellow star shaped flowers that can last up to several weeks. The leaves will fall off once a year and will leave scarring on the trunk which shows the new growth. A new canopy will soon start to bud. These palms are relatively easy to take care of. For best results place in a bright, indirect location and avoid more than an hour of direct sunlight. Water approximately once a week or when the soil is half dry. Fertilize once a month with an all purpose tropical fertilizer. Enjoy one of the rarest plants on the planet!





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 Smart. Stylish. Sensational.



- Heavy duty components assemble and disassemble easily with no tools required. The self-watering insert can easily be taken apart, cleaned and reused year after year.
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- While you're saving time and labor, plants grown with Aquapots are bursting with vigor due to their consistent access to nutrient-infused water.



New Aquapots Kits
Proven Winners

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Proven Winners and Aquapots' creator, Jack Barnwell, has done it once again. Many have loved the original Aquapots with their unique water reservoir design. And now they are introducing several sizes of Aquapots Kits designed to fit into standard pots, even square ones! The reservoir is self-contained and features an extendable fill tube to adjust for the height of the pot. Watch the Proven Winners website for details on availability for 2023.

Automatic Handheld Shovel
Rotoshovel

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www.rotoshovel.com

Judges were drawn to this new handheld battery operated digging tool. Rotoshovel comes with its own case, charger and replacable 12 volt battery. Extra batteries are also available. Rotoshovel comes in two sizes.





Sedum 'Little Shimmer'

SelectaOne

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This new annual Sedum has a lot to catch your eye as its small heart-shaped leaves have a shimmer of lite green with some darker variations. It also develops delicate small flowers. This low-maintenance, drought-tolerant groundcover of 2-3" height and 5-7" spread, has a trailing habit which is wonderful for hanging baskets or containers as well.

Calibrachoa/Million Bells 'Orangina'

Suntory Flowers

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Suntory brings a new color to the Million Bells series. This one is named after the wildly popular orange drink, Orangina. Suntory is shaking things up, co-branding a new variety with a premium

beverage! New for 2023 is Million Bells® Orangina®, a gorgeous new orange calibrachoa. Refreshing Orangina® has been popular internationally since it was introduced in France in 1936. It is a blend of three citrus juices, mandarin orange pulp, sparkling water and tastes as fancy as a mimosa! Suntory Flowers' parent company, Suntory Holdings, is part owner of Pepsi Bottling Ventures, which produces Orangina® in North America.





New Organic Plant Foods
We the Wild Plant Care

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Our Judges quickly recognized this new line of organic plant food and protect spray for its new clean look. It originated in Australia but is now made here in the USA. These

products are 100% organic with up to 3 billion microbes per tsp. Products include an 8 oz. Grow Concentrate, 17oz. Protect Spray with Neem, and 14 oz. Enrich Power. They also offer a kit containing all three products.

A special thank you to all retailers participating in the Retailers' Choice Awards™ selection process. The awards at Cultivate'22 was a joint presentation by AmericanHort/Cultivate'22 and The Garden Center Group.

The Garden Center Group focuses on business solutions designed to help garden centers increase sales, improve operations and retain more profit. With a support team of leading industry professionals offering business management, financial, marketing, HR services and more, The Group offers retailers innovative resources to maximize their potential to succeed. For information about The Garden Center Group and the services it provides visit: www.thegardencentergroup.com or call Danny Summers at 678.909.7770.

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