
TPIE 2025 Cool Product Awards

It was a SUPER TPIE 2025! We had one of our largest groups ever of Garden Retailers as judges for TPIE 2025 this year, all helping to find great plants and products to present Cool Product Awards. We awarded 15 "Cool Products Awards." Even if you were not at TPIE or could not be a part of this process, you can still benefit from the details here. **THANK YOU**, Judges, for all your efforts! Here's a quick review and links for more information on products awarded: *(Listed by company in alpha order – all are equal winners!)*

Vanilla 'Sunshine State' / *Vanilla planifolia*

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The idea a home plant collector could grow their own Vanilla Beans is pretty amazing. Agri-Starts' Ty Strode says this Vanilla vine is self-pollinating and easy to grow in protected conditions (indoors) as it is sub-tropical. Blooms (and beans) begin to appear 24-36 months into plant development. It has a fabulous glossy green leaf.



Variegated Money Tree / *Pachira glabra variegata*

Aroid Greenhouses

Southwest Ranches, FL

Tel: 954-668-5200

www.aroidgreenhouses.com

A unique variegated sport of common Money Trees, Aroid's Paula and Melanie Amezcuita, shared details of their recent find. They said the variegation can show ranges of white to cream. Variegation is grafted onto a standard of the green variety.



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Drain Drawer Pots

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This is a remarkable story of a couple who experienced issues watering their own plants and decided to create a new planter to perform better (and their own company). Drain Drawer Pots have a unique design that allows them to both hold water for the plant when needed and drain water away. The drawer is the key to this multi-function design. When the drawer is even with the outside of the pot, it drains. When pushed in about 1/4" inch, it holds water for the plant to absorb. To empty, simply remove the drawer. Several sizes and colors will be available.



Glass Purses, Slippers and Wine Bottle Terrariums

Flori-Design, Inc.

Eustis, FL

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Flori-Design has created many unique terrariums and has received more Cool Product Awards than almost anyone (now at 11 awards total). This year, they presented three new designs, all custom-blown glass – a Purse in two sizes, a slipper, and a wine bottle. All of these come pre-planted (or landscaped) and retail ready! Order yours while you can!



Tradescantia zebrina 'Pink Paradise'

ForemostCo

Miami, FL

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This new hybrid has been in trials and is now being released into production. The plant as a hanging basket shown in the video is about 10 months old. It features a remarkable neon purple leaf that is so eye-catching. It will be great for hanging baskets as well as smaller sizes in mixed planters.

Androlepis 'Party Dress' (large form Bromeliad)

Grant's Farm Nursery

Davie, FL

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This new Androlepis is a gorgeous large, variegated bromeliad spreading 5 feet wide and 5 feet tall. A sport from skinneri, it was Stephen Grant's pride and joy that will be available in late 2026. The leaves are green, white and a deep beautiful fuschia pink. A must-have in every landscape! It's a stunning centerpiece!





Medinilla magnifica

Living Colors Nursery, Inc.

Homestead, FL

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<http://www.livingcolors.com>

This showy sub-tropical plant is a true marvel of nature. Its stunning pink flowers, which bloom in clusters at least 2x annually, are a sight to

behold. The plant's glossy, dark green leaves only add to its beauty. It is a popular choice for indoor gardening due to its low maintenance requirements and striking appearance. While Living Colors is now shipping this in 14" size, they also will have a red selection late in 2025. The plant shown in the video is about 10 months old from cutting.

Everlasting Preserved Rose display w/Necklace

Mossify

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*Mossify has introduced something totally different than we usually see from them. Founder Lucas Picciolo said they are always looking for something really unique, especially as a gift item, and this is undoubtedly just that. The **Everlasting Memories Rose** is a 100% real rose, meticulously preserved to last for years, and is available in two colors: **red and pink**. It comes in a small, elegant box with a glass top that showcases the stunning rose. Below the rose is a delightful surprise: a beautiful heart-shaped necklace that includes a small ball in the center. When shone against the light, it reveals "I Love You" in 100 different languages.*



Dieffenbachia 'Big Ben' variegated

Northland Floral

Lincon, ON Canada

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Dieffenbachia 'Big Ben' has stunning variegation. It is a large-form specimen plant that has stunning green and white variegated patterns. While

Northland is currently shipping in 8-inch pots, the sample plant shown in the video is an 18-month-old specimen. It can reach about 6' in height at maturity.

Philodendron 'Red Congo' variegated

Penang Nursery, Inc.

Apopka, FL

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Cool Product Award Judges have certainly seen and recognized a number of amazing Philodendrons in the last few years. This selection has all the fantastic characteristics of an award winner. Penang's Brady Lo said, "The parents of this hybrid are Philodendron Tatei and Philodendron Red Imperial, which produced Philodendron Congo Rojo, and this Philodendron 'Red Congo' variegated is a mutation which produces this stunning foliage." Its leaves exhibit a captivating exhibit of deep red stems and a blend of deep green and coppery red and striking contrast.



Peperomia 'Crème Brulee Less Orange'

The Plant Company

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*Owners Jason van Wingerden and Frank Paul presented two new award winners. This new Peperomia is part of the **LeafJoy™ Trial Collection**, which was found by a plant collector, and The Plant Company now has it in production. It has the most incredible color variations. The photo does not show the range of colors in this Peperomia.*

Anthurium 'Dark & Handsome'

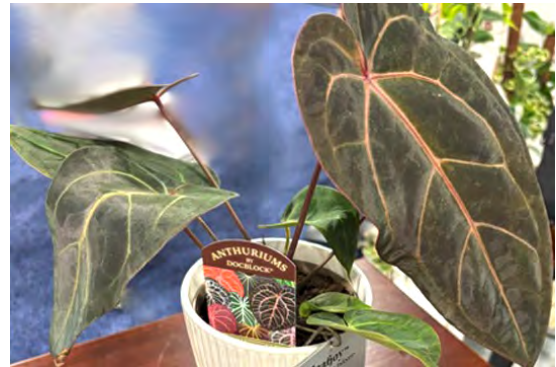
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*This new Anthurium comes from Dr. Jeff Block at DocBlock and is now in production as part of The **LeafJoy™ Collector's Edition Plant Collection**. It features striking dark foliage that develops red veins to separate the textured leaf sections. Jason van Wingerden said availability is very limited, but they are introducing quantities as quickly as possible.*



**The Biodegradable Moisture Meter
PlantDoc**

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This new Moisture Meter was developed by Daphne & Austin Peters and the idea came from their infant son. It is the first and only 100%

biodegradable, color-changing soil moisture meter. Daphne owns a plant shop in Portland - Daphne's Botanicals, and they saw a bath-time book for their son that, when exposed to water, changed colors. They also saw diapers that had a color-changing feature. This gave them the idea – why not a simpler plant moisture meter? That idea and search for the right materials lead to the creation of a new product and company... PlantDoc, the first and only 100% biodegradable, color-changing soil moisture meter!

Philodendron florida 'Ghost'

R&D Nurseries, Inc.

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Robert & Natalie Roe have received a number of Cool Product Awards over the last few years for excellent new plant finds. This one certainly raises the bar for Philodendrons. The new foliage emerges a creaming white and, over time, then turns green. Robert said the white leaves do not produce chlorophyll, so the larger the green portion is for the plant, the faster it will grow, first producing the young white leaves. The contrast is spectacular.



Leaf-Shaped Plant Supports & Extendable Trellises
Treleaf

Acworth, GA

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Treleaf's founder and creator, Zeba Parkar, has received multiple awards over the past 3 years for the creative products she is designing and producing, all in their Acworth, Georgia location. Following their original leaf-shaped trellises, they are now adding a new Flora fiddlehead-shaped trellis and leaf-shaped plant saucers, the SAUSR! The new SAUSR comes in 2 sizes and 3 colors.

This concludes the Cool Product Awards for TPIE 2025. There were 15 products awarded and many more deserving products on the show floor, all waiting to be discovered. If you are a Garden Retailer or Interiorscape Professional, be sure to watch for the opportunity to be part of this fun and rewarding search next year at TPIE 2026 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL!

If you would like to watch the actual Cool Product Awards Presentation, **Patrick Coleman, Editor of Garden Center Magazine**, recorded the session. You can see it here:
<https://www.gardencentermag.com/news/cool-products-awards-tpie-2025-garden-center-group-video/>



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Summary:

The 2025 TPIE Cool Product Awards is a collaboration between TPIE 2025, Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Association (FNGLA) and The Garden Center Group. The Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association (FNGLA) is a vibrant network of professionals who work in unison to shape the future of Florida's nursery and landscape industry. For more information on TPIE or FNGLA, visit: www.fn gla.org/tpie/

The Garden Center Group is a business group that provides solutions to operational issues facing independent garden retailers. Unlike a buying group that boosts your purchasing power on products that you sell, we focus on business solutions designed to help you increase sales, improve operations and retain more profit. By consolidating garden centers who agree to work together towards a common goal, The Group is able to provide a network of professionals and business services most centers would not be able to afford on their own. For more information visit: www.TheGardenCenterGroup.com

Note from Danny Summers:

A special THANK YOU to everyone who participated in this Cool Products of TPIE selection process. It was a tough job, but it was exciting and a great experience! Thank you so much!