

## TPIE 2022 Cool Product Awards

It was a **GREAT TPIE 2022!** We had our largest group ever of Garden Retailers as judges for TPIE 2022 this year, all helping to find great products to present the Cool Product Awards. We awarded 14 companies awards for 15 "Cool Products." Even if you were not at TPIE or you were not able to 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 details on products awarded:  
(Listed by company in alpha order)



### ***Sansaveria m. 'Whale Fin' Variegated*** **Aroid Greenhouses**

Paula and Melody Amezcuita  
4700 SW 186<sup>th</sup> Ave, Southwest Ranches, FL 33332  
Tel: 954-668-5200  
www.aroidgreenhouses.com  
info@aroidgreenhouses.com

*This unique form of snake plant resembling a whale fin with a dramatic variegated stripe.*

### ***New Expandable Moss Totem Pole*** **Aroid Greenhouses**

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*A unique design allows for the pole to expand as your plant grows by stacking another pole on top. Each pole features a cap that finishes off the top. Available in several sizes.*





***Xaxim sustainable planters***

**Biofink, LLC**

Barbara Fink  
21613 Rhodes Rd., Ste B, Spring, TX 77388  
Tel: 346-331-6201  
www.biofink.com  
info@biofink.com

*A differentiated product, 100% ecological, which is surprising due to its great absorption of water and nutrients, as well as its total similarity with the original fern fiber, which had its sale prohibited due to the risk of extinction of the plant used for its manufacture. The Xaxim Pots rooting capacity and its ecologically correct manufacturing process, also contribute to*

*the wide acceptance of the product and strengthen its position as a concrete alternative to fern tree fern fiber. The Xaxim Pots are available in 5 different sizes.*

***Macrame, Jute and Seagrass Pots, Hangers and Pot Covers***

**Creation Jute USA LLC**

Mahdi Adittyia  
61 Stafford Ave, Newington CT 06111  
Tel: 860-518-2339  
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*Creation Jute has an extensive line of handmade macrame plant hangers, braided jute pot covers, jute rope pot covers, seagrass pot covers, and much more, all in several tones. Creation Jute USA LLC is based in Connecticut and is the Wholesale Distributer of Creation Private Limited based in Bangladesh.*





***Cactus and Succulents – “Plants that Perform!”***

**Florida Cactus**

Mike Roberts

PO Box 2900, Apopka, FL 32704

Tel: 407-886-1833

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[sales@floridacactus.com](mailto:sales@floridacactus.com)

*Florida Cactus not only offers an extensive line of both cactus and succulents that many of our Centers rely upon but they also shared a creative visual message for their plants for retailers... Plants that Perform! They collected different old musical instruments and displayed combinations of their plants in and around the instruments with the message. Our judges were*

*impressed and took lots of photos to help them at their Garden Centers!*

***Mad About Mangave – ‘Mission to Mars’***

**Florida Tropiculture**

Patricia Lee

17325 SW 208<sup>th</sup> St, Miami, FL 33187

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[flotropic@att.net](mailto:flotropic@att.net)

*A common nickname for Mars is the Red Planet, and this Mangave gets its name from its unique, intense red coloration from the leaves. The 2¾" wide, thick green leaves are heavily speckled with burgundy red, with spots that bleed into each other for an overall red appearance. It was one of several wonderful Mangaves Florida Tropiculture offers.*





***A Unique Line of Planters and Stands***  
**FLORIDIS ARF America Corp**

Renata Cabezas  
4040 N Combee Rd, Ste 34, Bay 48, Lakeland, FL 33805  
Tel: 863-603-8449  
www.floridis.com  
renata@floridis.com

*FLORIDIS is the exclusive importers of the brand Floridis planters, which are manufactured in Brazil. The planters are made of polyethylene resin, super light and extremely tough and resistant. They have a wide variety of styles, sizes and colors to add a modern line of planters to your stores and projects. One smaller style (shown) has a unique stand which flips to offer two*

*display heights.*

***Tradescantia minima 'Pink Panther'***

**Holt Nurseries**

Debora Holt  
2690 Lakeville Rd., Apopka, FL 32703  
Tel: 407-880-2867  
www.holtnurseries.com  
sales@holtnurseries.com

*This wonderful dwarf wandering jew is a real eye-catcher as it shows off its tricolor personality of lite green, white and pink hues. One judge said, "in the sunlight it almost appears pearlescent.*





### ***Expanded Plant Varieties in Kokedamas and Display Ideas***

#### **Kazumi Garden**

Edgardo Manosalva  
7651 NW 15<sup>th</sup> St, Pembroke Pines, FL 33024  
Tel: 833-452-9864  
www.kazumigarden.com  
info@kazumigarden.com

*Kazumi Garden has received Cool Product Awards before as they introduced us to the ancient Japanese art of Kokedamas (meaning ball of moss) but this year, they not only are offer a greater number of plant varieties in Kokedamas but they also are providing ideas for properly displaying these works of art. While they only sell the Kokedamas, the Kazumi Team gave*

*examples of both natural and ceramic bases for these wonderful plants. Be sure to visit their website to see how these works of plant-art are crafted.*

### ***Bendable Plant Poles***

#### **Mossify**

Lucas Picciolo  
351 Ferrier St Unit 2, Markham, ON L3R 5Z2, Canada  
Tel: 647-991-7897  
www.mossify.ca  
luca@mossify.ca

*Mossify was quite busy for their first appearance at TPIE as they introduced their new bendable coir and moss plant poles that are completely bendable. Available in two thickness (diameter) with one with smaller coir covering and the other larger with moss, each available in 3 sizes. During the presentation, Lucas said, "with Mossify poles it puts creativity in the hands of the plant owner." During the presentation Lucas also shared details on their new cordless plant mister (Mossify Mistr).*





***Alocasia curpea 'Red Secret'***

**Northland Floral Inc.**

John Vanderwal  
4865 Martin Road N, Beamsville, ON, L0R 1B1  
Tel: 905-646-2828  
www.northlandfloral.com  
sales@northlandfloral.com

*This is a plant that when you first see it you are wondering, "Is it real?" This unusual Alocasia has a metallic look of copper. Northland shared in its maturity, this variety has leaves to 24 inches long. The metallic color is especially pronounced on juvenile leaves, and the back of the leaf is a deep purple.*

***Assorted Succulent Planters***

**Popes Plant Farm**

Mike Pope  
6814 Hwy 411 South, Greenback, TN 37742  
Tel: 865-856-8099  
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mike@popesplantfarm.com

*When the judges walked by Popes Plant Farm Booth, they were instantly attracted to all the wide assortment of succulent combination planters. From small to larger sizes and from natural-look containers to whimsical themes, there is so much to consider. Be sure to see their extensive offerings of this popular category for retail.*





***New Heads Planters Collection***

**The Pottery Patch Int'l Inc.**

Gaby Zuniga

412 Tall Pines Road West Palm Beach, FL 33413

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*The Pottery Patch has attracted our judges in previous years with their creative styles and this year was no different. Their collection of Head Planters in multiple styles was an instant selection for our judges who are convinced they will sell quickly.*

***New Bohemian Collection Indoor-Outdoor Planters***

**Pottery Pots USA Inc.**

Tom Oswalt

122 Kissel Rd, Suite A, Burlington, New Jersey 08016

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*Pottery Pots introduced their new Bohemian Collection which features natural bamboo exteriors and a **concrete/fiberglass** interior for both indoor and outdoor use. There is a variety of sizes and styles in this collection.*





***Philodendron 'Red Moon'***

**R & D Nurseries, Inc.**

Robert & Natalie Roe

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*This was another sunning find during TPIE 2022. This rare variety shows off a dramatic, red colors in both half-leave and some stems along with vibrant yellows and green colorations. This is certainly not one you will be ordering large quantities of since availabilities are low but certainly one to keep your eyes open for in the future.*

So, that's the Cool Product Awards for TPIE 2022. It was 15 awarded products by 14 companies and there were many more deserving products on the show floor, all waiting to be discovered. If you are a retail or interiorscape pro, be sure to watch for the opportunity to be part of this fun and rewarding search next year at TPIE 2023 in Tampa, FL!

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**Summary:**

*The 2022 TPIE Cool Product Awards is a collaboration between TPIE 2022, 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/](http://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](http://www.TheGardenCenterGroup.com)*

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**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!*