

Hopper Bros. wins Best in Show booth award

The Oregon nursery industry is known for its camaraderie but the spirit of competition at Farwest always results in some fantastic creative booth displays.

Judges walked the floor to find the best of the best, recognizing several winners with the Ted Van Veen Best in Show booth awards for 2024.

“The exhibitors at Farwest this year really pulled out all the stops,” Show Director Allan Niemi said. “I thought last year’s winners would be hard to beat, but there were some real head-turners this year.”

Winning the overall Best in Show booth award was **Hopper Bros.** of Woodburn, Oregon, for their booth containing pumpkins, gourds, and conifers, including one giant poodle-trimmed specimen conifer that was purchased on the show floor by another exhibitor.

“We really appreciate it and it’s very special to be given the award,” Joni Hopper said. “It’s not the glitzy modern type, it’s kind of homey, but it resonates with people.” Her



From left: Farwest Committee Chair Mikaela Eaton awards the Best in Show booth award to Joni and Denny Hopper of Hopper Bros. PHOTO BY VIC PANICHKUL

husband, Denny, designs the booth every year.

The Best in Show booth award comes with a free 10x10 booth space for the 2025 Farwest Show. Other Best of Division award winners included the following:

- Growers:** Best 10x10 Booth — **Schwope Brothers West Coast**, Cornelius, Oregon. Best 10x20 or Larger Row Booth — Hopper Bros., Woodburn, Oregon. Best Island Booth — **Gold Family Farms Inc.**, Hillsboro, Oregon.
- Service and Supply:** Best

10x10 Booth — The Harvest Company, Greenwood Village, Colorado. Best 10x20 or Larger Row Booth — **Down to Earth**, Eugene, Oregon. Best Island Booth — **Flier Systems USA Inc.**, Kenneshaw, Georgia

The show also recognized exhibitors who put extra creativity into their booths with three **Far From Ordinary** booth awards: **Busco LLC**, Molalla, Oregon; **Smith Gardens**, Bellingham, Washington; and **Walla Walla Nursery Co. Inc.**, Walla Walla, Washington. ©

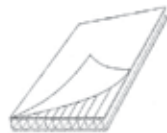
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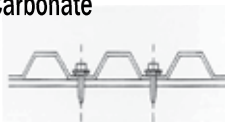
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