

# Youngblood wins top booth honors

The spirit of camaraderie distinguishes the Oregon nursery industry from others, but the spirit of competition ruled the day at the Farwest Show, and it resulted in some creative booth displays.

Impartial, non-industry volunteer judges chose **Youngblood Nursery Inc.** (Booth #18049) in Salem, Oregon for the overall Ted Van Veen Best in Show booth award for 2025. This award comes with a free 10x10 booth space for the 2026 Farwest Show.

“The amount of creativity displayed by exhibitors this year was really exceptional,” said Stephanie Collins, director of finance and administration for the Oregon Association of Nurseries, which produces the show.

“It seemed like everywhere you turned there was a booth that caught your eye,” said Farwest Chair Mikaela Eaton, who works at **Eschenfelder Farms**.

Six exhibitors were chosen for best in division prizes, and three others were awarded Far From Ordinary booth awards for



Farwest Chair Mikaela Eaton (left) awards the Ted Van Veen Best in Show booth award for 2025 to Youngblood Nursery. Accepting was Troy Youngblood (right) and Mackenzie Allaert. PHOTO BY VIC PANICHKUL

exceptional creativity. The Best of Division award winners included the following:

#### Growers:

- Best 10x10 Booth — **Blooming Nursery Inc.** of Cornelius, Oregon;
- Best 10x20 or Larger Row Booth — **Youngblood Nursery Inc.**; and
- Best Island Booth — **Bountiful Farms** of Woodburn, Oregon.

#### Service and Supply:

- Best 10x10 Booth — **Red Pig Garden Tools** of West Linn, Oregon;

- Best 10x20 or Larger Row Booth — Northwest Nursery Buyers Association (NNBA) of Welches, Oregon; and
- Best Island Booth — **RAYN Growing Systems** of Middleton, Wisconsin.

The show also recognized exhibitors who put extra creativity into their booths with three Far From Ordinary booth awards: **J&S Nursery Sales** of Newberg, Oregon; **The Pottery Patch** of West Palm Beach, Florida; and **Hopper Bros.** of Woodburn, Oregon. ©

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