



Ruby Ruffle® Patio Peach (*Prunus persica* Ruby Ruffle®). PHOTO COURTESY OF ALPHA NURSERY



Dahlia Venti™ Fireburst. PHOTO COURTESY OF BALL SEED



Centaurea Silver Swirl (*Centaurea ragusina* Silver Swirl). PHOTO COURTESY OF BALL SEED



Edge of Night Mondo Grass (*Ophiopogon planiscapus* 'Edge of Night'). PHOTO COURTESY OF ISELI NURSERY



Helleborus Winter Moonbeam (*Helleborus* hybrid 'Winter Moonbeam' PP21062). PHOTO COURTESY OF MERIDIAN YOUNG PLANTS



Pink Spike Snakeroot (*Actaea simplex* 'Pink Spike'). PHOTO COURTESY OF MONROVIA NURSERY COMPANY

# Dazzling plants, products garner Retailer's Choice Awards

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Every year, beautiful new plant introductions and dazzling new products vie for attention at the Farwest Show. This year, the best of the best were given Retailer's Choice Awards by a jury of volunteer garden retailers.

The awards were given August 21 at the Farwest Show in Portland, Oregon in a presentation emceed by Danny Summers, managing director of The Garden Center Group. Both live goods and hard goods were eligible.

The judges picked several plants with black/dark foliage colors, which could be indicative of a developing "goth garden" trend, Summers said. The same trend appeared at the Retailer's Choice Awards at Cultivate, he said.

The winners:

**Ruby Ruffle® Patio Peach** (*Prunus persica* Ruby Ruffle®), developed by the JC Raulston Arboretum at North Carolina State University, offered by **Alpha Nursery** (Salem, Oregon) and part

of the Star Roses & Plants Bloomables collection.

**Dahlia Venti™ Fireburst**, offered by **Ball Seed** (Chicago, Illinois).

**Centaurea Silver Swirl** (*Centaurea ragusina* Silver Swirl), offered by Ball Seed.

**Edge of Night Mondo Grass** (*Ophiopogon planiscapus* 'Edge of Night'), offered by **Iseli Nursery** (Boring, Oregon).

**Winter Moonbeam Hellebore** (*Helleborus* hybrid 'Winter Moonbeam' PP21062), offered by **Meridian Young Plants** (Lynden, Washington).

**Pink Spike Snakeroot** (*Actaea simplex* 'Pink Spike'), offered by **Monrovia Nursery Company** (Dayton, Oregon).

**Dark Fire Montbretia** (*Crocsmia* 'Dark Fire' PP35303), offered by Monrovia.

**Growth Technology GT Focus range of plant fertilizers**, offered by PlantHaul of Tustin, California.

**Kodiak Jet Black® Diervilla** (*Diervilla* 'SMNDSN' PPAF), offered by **Proven Winners** (DeKalb, Illinois).

**Buddleia Moptop™ Fountain Butterfly Bush** (*Buddleja*



Dark Fire Montbretia (*Crocosmia* 'Dark Fire' PP35303). PHOTO COURTESY OF MONROVIA NURSERY COMPANY



Growth Technology GT Focus range of plant fertilizers. PHOTO BY VIC PANICHKUL



Kodiak Jet Black® Diervilla (*Diervilla* 'SMNDSN' PPAF). PHOTO COURTESY OF PROVEN WINNERS



Buddleia Moptop™ Fountain Butterfly Bush (*Buddleja alternifolia* 'SMNBAB' PP36748, CPBRAJ). PHOTO COURTESY OF PROVEN WINNERS



Sweet Caroline Shadowstorm™ Ornamental Sweet Potato Vine (*Ipomoea batatas* 'NCORNSP-034SCVPG' PPAF). PHOTO COURTESY OF PROVEN WINNERS



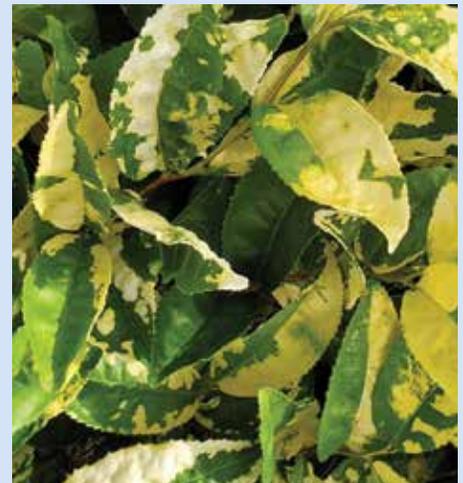
Funky Flow™ Mahonia (*Mahonia* hybrid 'NCMH1' PP34442). PHOTO COURTESY OF STAR ROSES AND PLANTS



SaucR leaf-shaped pot saucers. PHOTO COURTESY OF TRELEAF



MoonShadow™ Morello Hardy Hibiscus (*Hibiscus moscheutos* 'G191963' PPAF). PHOTO COURTESY OF VAN BELLE YOUNGPLANTS



*Camelia sinensis* 'Yellow Tea'. PHOTO COURTESY OF YOUNGBLOOD NURSERY

*alternifolia* 'SMNBAB' PP36748, CPBRAJ), offered by Proven Winners.

Sweet Caroline Shadowstorm™ Ornamental Sweet Potato Vine (*Ipomoea batatas* 'NCORNSP-034SCVPG' PPAF), offered by Proven Winners.

Funky Flow™ Mahonia (*Mahonia* hybrid 'NCMH1' PP34442), offered by **Star Roses and Plants** (West Grove, Pennsylvania)

SaucR offered by **Treleaf** (Acworth, Georgia)

MoonShadow™ Morello Hardy Hibiscus (*Hibiscus moscheutos* 'G191963' PPAF), offered by **Van Belle Youngplants** (Abbotsford, British Columbia).

*Camelia sinensis* 'Yellow Tea', offered by **Youngblood Nursery** (Salem, Oregon). ©