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Title: Retailers' Choice Awards™ at Cultivate'18

Columbus, OH, July 22, 2019 – Retailers' Choice Awards™ were presented to 13 exhibiting firms for 15 products at Cultivate'19 in Columbus, OH on July 15, 2019. The Garden Center Group's Danny Summers lead the search as garden retailers selected the best new products to bring excitement and high level of interest for their stores in the coming season. Following is a list of firms (presented A-Z) and the products receiving recognition:

Illicium parviflorum 'PIIP-I' BananAppeal®

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This compact, well-behaved *Illicium* has golden yellow foliage and keeps a nice mounded form. Unlike 'Florida Sunshine', **BananAppeal®** doesn't send out long gangly shoots and the leaves don't bleach out in winter. With anise-scented foliage, it is a perfect accent plant in shade gardens, maintaining its small stature and luminescent yellow-gold foliage. No suckers to date. Deer resistant. Height and Width: 3-4', Partial shade, Zones 7-9.



Petunia Midnight Gold
Ball FloraPlant

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This new introduction is a unique, first-of-its-kind novelty color of deep crimson to black with lemon border! Exceptional branching with profuse flowering. Slightly more vigorous than the Double Wave® Double Petunia Series. Features huge double blooms that are great for hanging baskets. Height 8-10", Width 20-26", Partial Sun to Sun.

Senecio candicans 'Senaw' Angel Wings®

Concept Plants

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A sensational, rounded plant with large, broad, toothy, silvery white, velvety leaves. Use to create a bold backdrop to green leaved plants and colorful flowering perennials in sunny, drought tolerant borders, rock gardens, succulent gardens, and containers. A frost-tender perennial; overwinter indoors or treat as an annual in cold winter regions. Height and Width 10-16", Partial to Full Sun, Zones 8-11.



Plastic Pots made from Recycled Plastics from sea.

CTi Plastics

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CTi has introduced their FlowPot program as they work with PlasticBank to include recovered plastics that are ocean-bound and incorporate into a number of their designs of plastic decorative containers. Plastic Bank is an economic development firm that empowers disenfranchised communities to exchange any type of plastic for currency.

Basewell Rooting System

Dummen Orange

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Dummen Orange has introduced a breakthrough in root systems. Basewell® bare-root cuttings feature advanced root development with no growing media. This allows Dummen Orange to ship Basewell® products to growers from off-shore production locations, ready to transplant directly into the finish container. Basewell® Rooting System also received the Medal of Excellence award presented by Greenhouse Grower magazine.





Chrysanthemum 'Rainbow Circus'
Dummen Orange

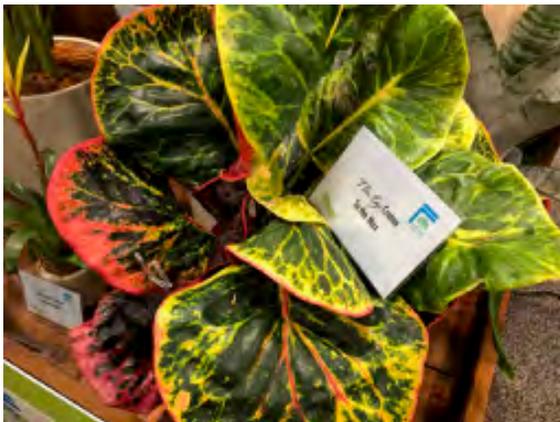
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Dummen Orange also introduced a new pot mum, *Chrysanthemum 'Rainbow Circus.'* This new bi-colored variety with vibrant red and yellow flowers resembles a circus tent! This single-flowered series is characterized by the stunningly beautiful bi-color effect wrapped around a fresh green center. Watch this new introduction to fly out of garden centers in 2020!

Ficinia truncata 'Ice Crystal' (Frosty Sedge)
Flamingo Holland

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With a fascinating look of frost, this evergreen grass-like perennial that grows to 6-8 inches tall with short hardened rhizomes from which emerge tufts of 3 to 4 inch long flat and narrow slightly recurved dark green leaves that have parallel edges and a blunt tip with membranous white margins that appears to give the plant a frosty variegated look. Height and Width to 12", hardiness reported down to 20° F.



Croton 'Ty Dy' Series
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ForemostCo introduces a new series of unique Crotons called 'Ty Dy' which currently includes Twisted, Gnarly, Tubular, and To The Max. These colorful and uniquely shaped leaves offer excitement not previously seen in Crotons. These will be an exciting addition for retail in the coming seasons!

(2 Awards)

Under the Sea Coleus® ‘Pink Tina’ and ‘Red Snapper’ Hort Couture Plants

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Hort Couture Plants has drawn consistent accolades for their Under the Sea Coleus® collection and this year is no exception with the addition of two new Coleus, ‘Pink Tina’ and ‘Red Snapper’. These two introductions caught the retailers’ attend with their dramatic colors. ‘Pink Tina’ features a marginal leaf color bright lavender changing to pink and moving to a center of crimson for an eye-popping effect.



‘Red Snapper’ takes a similar path with a bright cherry red marginal color with a deep crimson center. Both are show-stoppers and will be customer-stoppers at any garden center in future seasons!

Jack Frost® Japanese Maple Hybrids

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Jack Frost® maples are an exciting new line of small to medium-sized landscape trees from Iseli Nursery. Hybridized over the last 20+ years using *Acer pseudosieboldianum* as the foundation for hardiness combined with the beauty in leaf and branching of *Acer palmatum*, they have been evaluated and selected to tolerate the dramatic weather shifts in the upper Midwest of North America. Jack Frost® maples bring a new level of durability to a popular group of landscape trees. Rated at **Zone 4 hardiness**, currently the series includes these three selections: *Acer x pseudosieboldianum* Arctic Jade®, *Acer x pseudosieboldianum* Ice Dragon™, *Acer x pseudosieboldianum* North Wind®.



Seaside Serenade® Newport Hydrangea
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The Seaside Serenade® series is no stranger to awards as we have recognized several others in previous Retailers' Choice Awards. This year Newport joins the series bringing the series total to ten very unique hydrangeas. Our judges were drawn to Newport's deep rich color tones. This rebloomer features color changes with soil pH, more blue-violet in acidic soils, deeper pink in alkaline soils. Rated for Zones 4-9.



Iris versicolor 'Purple Flame'
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How about an Iris with Purple Foliage? This new, sultry selection is Iris versicolor 'Purple Flame'. Discovered at Mt. Cuba Center's gardens, compared to other Iris selections on the market, 'Purple Flame' has a richer, more intense cast to stems and flowers. However, the true beauty lies in

the irresistible foliage. Emerging in March, the purple flame-like foliage provides a wow factor of vivid and intense eggplant purple foliage, aging to the typical green foliage followed by an encore of rich and abundant purple flowers.

AquaPots
Proven Winners®

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This is the first Retailers' Choice Award to ever be given to Proven Winners® for a non-plant! Proven Winners® has partnered with Michael Carr Designs® to offer AquaPots™, the first ceramic self-watering containers. The AquaPot system was invented and patented by Jack Barnwell, an award-winning landscape designer from Mackinac Island, Michigan and co-owner of C3 Gardens of Naples, Florida. Currently being offered in 8 beautiful designs (in a range of sizes and colors), they are freeze, frost and hurricane resistant. Environmentally responsible, AquaPots™ reduce water use and are impossible to over-water with virtually zero run-off or leaching of fertilizer. BFG is the exclusive distributor of AquaPots™





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**Buxus NewGen™ Boxwood 'Freedom' and 'Independence'
Willoway Nurseries/SynRG™**

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New for 2020, the NewGen™ family of boxwood is bringing the industry a new generation of plants that have proven themselves through years of trialing with a better tolerance of Boxwood Blight, better resistance to Boxwood Leafminer, and overall stunning appearance. Now available in two varieties, 'Freedom' and 'Independence.' Hardy in zones 5-8, NewGen™ will be available through the SynRG network of growers.



A special thank you to all retailers participating in the Retailers' Choice Awards™ selection process. The awards at Cultivate'19 was a joint presentation by AmericanHort/Cultivate'19 and The Garden Center Group.

The Garden Center Group is North America's resource for solutions for garden retailing – including benchmarking, budgeting, inventory and margins, marketing, merchandising, brand building, property and site design, human resources, team building, succession, and more. This alliance of garden centers, service providers and vendors work together to create a community of professionals with one goal in mind – helping each other build successful companies. The Group focuses on business solutions designed to help garden centers increase sales, improve operations and retain more profit.

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