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Yard Garden & Patio Show launches Oregon's Gardening Season

Portland, Ore. – [date] - The 23rd annual Yard, Garden & Patio Show, presented by Dennis' 7 Dees Landscaping and Garden Centers, runs Friday through Sunday, Feb. 12-14 at the Oregon Convention Center. The event, which kicks off the new growing season, will feature seven grand garden displays and many garden vignettes, hundreds of exhibitors, outdoor cooking seminars, a huge recycled garden art section, unique Oregon wine and beer gardens and dozens of giveaways, including a Hawaiian Dream Vacation, a trip for two to Butchart Gardens and the Fairmont Empress Hotel in Victoria B.C. and a Pandora's Bracelet from LaRog Jewelers.

The show brings together over 250 exhibitors who help create one of the largest consumer garden shows of its kind in the United States. Green industry professionals from across the Pacific Northwest will offer outdoor living enthusiasts a wealth of ideas, and the expertise to make them a reality.

Highlights of the 2010 Yard, Garden & Patio Show include:

Display Gardens. Seven stunning display gardens with exciting new plants, landscaping ideas and the latest in outdoor living accessories. Whether looking to create an entertaining oasis at home or simply stroll through the gardens and admire their beauty, this is an experience not to be missed. Additionally, members of the Association of Northwest Landscape Designers will showcase their talents in small garden vignettes and container displays by local nurseries and design professionals will line the boulevards.

Cracked Pots. A new partnership this year brings even more local art to the show. Cracked Pots is an environmental non-profit organization completely nuts about recycling. The group works with talented regional artists who teach waste reduction through the creation and sale of custom garden art made from recycled materials. More than 20 of these cleverly crafty folks will be on the show floor showcasing some "old" art for the garden!

Free Seminars and Demonstrations. Top speakers include Northwest favorites and national stars, including Lucy Hardiman, Ed Hume, Mike Darcy and this year's main attraction, Dan Hinkley, sponsored by Monrovia. This year the show will have more than 40 hours of free seminars. There is something for everyone, from the novice gardener to the most seasoned green thumb.

Kids Dig In at the Kids Digs Area. All ages are welcome, and the Kids Digs area offers fun activities for kids to help them build enthusiasm for healthy, family-friendly activities. Native plants, hiking safety and camping basics will be provided by the Cascade Pacific Council Boy Scouts of America. Face painting, fun learning activities and even Rainbow Play Structures will be there for the kids.

Rare and Unique Plants, Plants and more Plants. Pink blueberries and other unusual plants? Many beautiful and special plants can be found throughout the show. And don't miss the Remarkable Green Market, filled with special, hard to find and unique plants. A percentage of

sales will benefit the Oregon State University Master Gardner program. Master gardeners are on hand to answer any garden question.

Giveaways galore. Dozens of giveaways from different exhibitors add excitement to this year's show including a Hawaiian Dream Vacation from Dennis' 7 Dees Landscaping and Garden Centers, a trip to Victoria B.C. to visit the beautiful Butchart Gardens (complete with hotel); a Pandora's Bracelet from LaRog Jewelers in time for Valentine's Day and much more. The first 300 people each day receive a free gift, compliments of show sponsors and exhibitors.

Winter in Bloom. Visitors to the Hardy Plant Society's winter interest display will be impressed by a vast array of plants to transform the garden into a year-round retreat with fragrance, color, blooms and other plant attributes.

Local beverage tastings. The 2010 show offers special beverage gardens featuring Oregon wines, microbrews and even an Olympic Beverage Garden with distilled spirits and large screen TVs for visitors to keep track of the Olympics and relax during their visit to the show.

Live music. The show offers local music artists throughout the weekend in the display and beverage gardens including Rio Con Brio, Jason Okamoto and Eddie Parente.

Family-friendly fun, outdoor living, and lifestyle. It's all at the 2010 Yard Garden & Patio Show presented by Dennis' 7 Dees Landscaping & Garden Centers.

2010 Yard, Garden & Patio Show presented by Dennis' 7 Dees Fast Facts

- **What:** From novice to Master Gardeners, loft or suburban dwellers and all plant lovers in between, the 2010 Yard Garden & Patio Show is filled with plants, experts and inspiration for everyone. At the show, soak up gardening knowledge from more than 40+ hours of free seminars, stroll through seven lavish display gardens, shop for plants and outdoor lifestyle products from 250+ exhibitors and enjoy Oregon wines and microbrews in the new beverage gardens, among many other fun activities.
- **When:** Friday, February 12 and Saturday, February 13 from 10 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, February 14 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- **Where:** The Oregon Convention Center located at 777 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in Portland.
- **Admission:** \$11 for adults and free for kids 12 and younger accompanied by a paying adult.
 - Advanced tickets \$7 at Dennis' 7 Dees locations through Feb. 11
 - Advanced tickets \$9 available at select retailers. See website for locations.
 - \$2 Off Coupons at www.ygpshow.com
- **For more information:** Call 360-210-5275 or go to www.ygpshow.com.

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About Oregon Association of Nurseries - Host of the 23rd Annual Yard, Garden & Patio Show

The Oregon Association of Nurseries, based in Wilsonville, represents more than 1,200 nursery & greenhouse growers, retailers, landscapers and suppliers. Oregon's ornamental horticulture

industry is the state's largest agricultural commodity, with annual sales of more than \$800 million. For information visit <http://www.oan.org/> or call 800-342-6401.