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**THE OREGON ASSOCIATION OF NURSERIES HOSTS  
2008 YARD, GARDEN & PATIO SHOW FEBRUARY 15-17 IN PORTLAND**

*Experience the 'Evolution of Gardening' at the Northwest's First Spring Garden and Outdoor Living Show*

**Portland, Ore.** – The Oregon Association of Nurseries is holding its 21<sup>st</sup> annual consumer gardening event, the Yard, Garden & Patio Show, Friday, February 15 through Sunday, February 17 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland. Featuring the 'Evolution of Gardening,' The 2008 Yard, Garden & Patio Show is Portland's only garden and outdoor living show produced by local growers and gardening experts designed to bring new, innovative ideas and products to 'green thumbs' throughout the Pacific Northwest.

First-time and avid gardeners alike will find endless amounts of outdoor inspiration in the show's 10 lavish display gardens filled with vibrant colors and fragrant flowers. Attendees can also shop from more than 300 exhibitors including local retail nurseries and garden centers, landscape designers and outdoor accessories companies offering new, unique plants and the latest in gardening and outdoor lifestyle products. For those looking to soak up gardening knowledge, free seminars and demonstrations will be held throughout the three-day show.

"As gardening continues to evolve, we're working to create an exciting experience that resonates with today's broad range of gardeners," said Brian Bauman of Bauman Farm and Gardens and chair of the 2008 Yard, Garden & Patio Show. "Whether gardeners are looking for ideas for small balcony spaces, inner city or suburban yards, or wide open country spaces, the 2008 Yard Garden & Patio Show will be filled with plants, experts and inspiration for everyone."

**2008 Yard, Garden & Patio Show Highlights**

- Ten display gardens designed by top local landscape pros will show water features, stonework, small space designs, outdoor furniture and an abundance of plants.
- The family-focused 'Kid Digs' area with activities to entertain and inspire young gardeners.
- More than 65 hours of free seminars and demonstrations featuring well-known gardening personalities.
- The 'Green Market' featuring a variety of rare and unusual plants.
- An entertaining 'Wine Pavilion' where adult attendees can taste a variety of Oregon wines.
- Free parcel pick-up so attendees don't have to carry around large items – they simply drive around to the loading dock where purchases are loaded into their vehicle.

### **Fast Facts**

- **What:** Experience the 'Evolution of Gardening' at the 2008 Yard, Garden & Patio Show – Portland's only garden and outdoor living show produced by local growers, retailers, landscapers and suppliers.
- **When:** Friday, February 15 and Saturday, February 16 from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. and Sunday, February 17 from 10 a.m. – 6 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. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the show door. Advance ticket purchase information will be available in the coming weeks.
- **For more information:** Call 800-342-6401 or go to [www.ygpshow.com](http://www.ygpshow.com).

### **About Oregon Association of Nurseries**

The Oregon Association of Nurseries, based in Wilsonville, represents more than 1,600 wholesale growers, retailers, landscapers and suppliers. Oregon's ornamental horticulture industry is the state's largest agricultural commodity, with annual sales of more than \$875 million. For information visit <http://www.oan.org/> or call 503-682-5089.

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