SGGA NEWS

January 2017

SGGA President's Message

Fred Gittings

Welcome to 2017. At the start of the year Saskatoon was the coldest place in Canada. Sometimes it's hard to imagine that in only a couple of month's our greenhouses will be full of green growing plants with the promise of another successful spring heading our way. It will come!

Last year we welcomed our new managing director, Guenette Bautz, who together with her team helped put together another successful Green Trades Conference in November. The conference continues to grow and last year the Saskatchewan Fruit Growers joined the Saskatchewan Vegetable Growers at our conference. Work has already started on planning this year's conference. As always we are looking for suggestions to improve the conference. Ideas on speakers, topics to be addressed or any other way to make the conference more useful to our members is always welcome.

Each new year brings new challenges. This year it could be the cost of a new carbon tax, extra government regulations on edible products, or even the spread of labour laws similar to what Alberta is doing. The SGGA as an organization will need to be proactive in dealing with any threats to our industry. The dialog will be ongoing I'm sure.

Last year the SGGA held spring workshops on preparing for the upcoming growing season. The sessions in Saskatoon and Regina were both well attended and workshops will be held again this spring. Those who attended last year's session felt it gave them an early advantage by reinforcing the necessity for a good clean start to the crop. Information on this year's workshop will be posted to our website as the details become finalized.

In conclusion I wish everyone a safe and prosperous 2017.

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Meet the new SGGA Staff

Managing Director / Conference Coordinator: GUENETTE BAUTZ

In August 2016, Guenette Bautz joined the SGGA as the new Managing Director and the SGTC Conference Co-ordinator. Guenette brings to the SGGA over 15 years of involvement working with not-for-profit agriculture organizations. She has extensive experience in organization management, working with boards, and conference coordination of both national and provincial conferences. Guenette is pleased to be working with the SGGA board of directors and the SGTC committee to support the organization with achieving their goals. Guenette's professional office is located near Middle Lake, Saskatchewan. Guenette and her team are looking forward to meeting industry representatives, company personnel and producers in 2017.

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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS OVERVIEW:

- ✓ Access to Tag Discount Program
- ✓ Access to Tray and Box Discount Program
- ✓ Subscription to SGGA's Quarterly Newsletter
- ✓ SGGA's Website: http://saskgreenhouses.com/
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- ✓ Industry Updates and Networking Opportunities
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  - Select Saskatchewan Branding Program
  - Greenhouse Vegetable Branding Program
- ✓ Extension Programs:
  - On Farm Food Safety Seminars
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2017 SGGA MEMBERSHIP FORM

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2017 SGGA MEMBERSHIP FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND SUBMIT IT, ALONG WITH PAYMENT, TO THE SGGA OFFICE

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May the SGGA use your Business Name for promotional purposes? _____Yes _____ No

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Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

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Order your tags through Horta-Craft and receive the SGGA members rate.

Congratulations

to the 2016 Scholarship Recipient:

Janelle Marie Kraushaar

The SGGA wishes Janelle all the best in her future endeavours.

SAVE THE DATE

Spring Greenhouse Vegetable & Ornamental Pest Management Workshop

Saturday, February 25, 2017 • 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

University of Saskatchewan Campus, Saskatoon

Time to go into the season with a great day filled with plant disease and insect management training. Two leading professionals **Ken Fry (Entomologist, Olds College)** and **Ron Howard (Plant Disease Specialist)** will cover basic identification, scouting, diagnostics, and management of greenhouse pests and diseases. These are foundational skills necessary for the successful greenhouse grower.

This workshop is an outstanding opportunity to refresh your training, bring your staff up to speed on the basics, and if you are new to the industry, to learn it for the first time. The format will be a combination of information-sharing, case studies, and problem solving with an emphasis on practical application in the greenhouse.

To register call the SGGA office 306-367-2012 or email saskgga@gmail.com

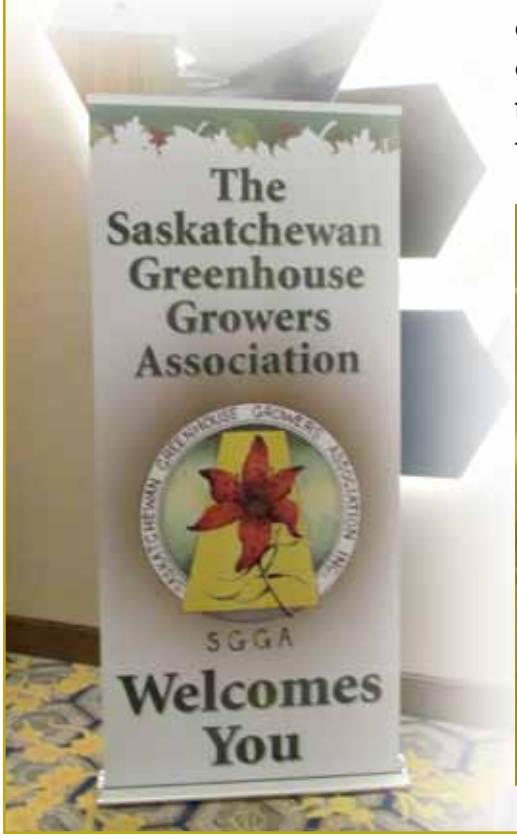
COST TO ATTEND: $40.00 for SGGA Members and $25.00 for additional registrants (staff)
$50.00 for non-members

More information to follow in upcoming emails

Saskatchewan Green Trades Conference

Saskatchewan Greenhouse Growers, the Saskatchewan Vegetable Growers and the Saskatchewan Fruit Growers hosted their annual Saskatchewan Green Trades Conference and Tradeshow in Saskatoon, November 1-3, 2016 at the Saskatoon Inn.

The SGGA was pleased to have the Saskatchewan Fruit Growers Association join the conference this year, along with the Saskatchewan Vegetable Growers Association; both organizations are actively involved as host committees.



This year's Green Trades Conference (SGTC) was divided into four mainstreams, ranging from Greenhouse Growing, Garden Centers, Vegetables and Fruit. In addition to this, there were over 35 diverse Tradeshow Booths from all across Canada and into the United States represented. This provided a great opportunity to meet the suppliers within the industry, who provide a wealth of knowledge to help you grow and expand your business.

The Greenhouse Growing aspect of the conference, speakers focused on many topics ranging from Greenhouse Hygiene, Vertical Farming, Humidity in your Greenhouse, Impacts of Production using LED Lights and Bio Stimulants And Another Way To Grow Organically-Soil Less Systems.

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Marketing Strategies to Build and Maintain Your Customer Base was also presented on, as well as the Ten Best Greenhouse Growing Decisions for 2017.

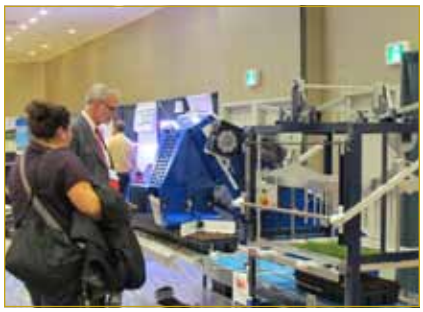
The Garden Centers portion of the conference focused on Watering, the Science and the Art, Hot New Plants, Japanese Gardens, Using PGR's in Bedding Plant Production, as well as a dynamic session on The Lazy Investor!

The vegetable industry presentations included a 2016 Update on the U of S Vegetable Crop Research. The focus then switched to Knowing Your Market before you Price Your Product, followed by a presentation on Exporting.

Industry topics on fruit focused on an array of topics, including Pears and Plums, Past and Present. Crossmount Saskatchewan: Opportunities in Prairie Horticulture, and "Why Not"- Agri-Tourism. Adding Value to What You Grow, and Food Safety, as well as, a power point showcasing The California Tour that 10 Saskatchewan Vegetable Producers took part in. Wrapping the fruit portion of the sessions up was a talk on the Overview of 2016 Fruit Production and an Update on SK Government Programs, including ADOPT.

Our Wednesday banquet was an enjoyable evening filled with great food, soothing entertainment and the unveiling of our New SGTC logo!! We also heard a brief history about our organization from three longstanding members, as well as presentations from our 2016 Outstanding Young Farmers (Dan & Chelsea Erlandson).

We were pleased to have over 200 in attendance at our conference this year, and are looking forward to building on that success for new and better things for our 2017 year. Hope to see you there!



NEW SGTC Logo unveiled!

The Saskatchewan Green Trades Conference Committee unveiled the new SGTC official logo during the formal supper held at the 2016 SGTC Conference.

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The SGTC Committee sincerely appreciates the help of our volunteers during our 2016 Saskatchewan Green Trades Conference.
Thank you…

- Romana Brenholen
- Jeannie Walker
- Louis Hertzun-Larson

SAVE THE DATES

2017 Saskatchewan Green Trades Conference & Tradeshow

November 7th, 8th & 9th, 2017

SASKATCHEWAN GREEN TRADES CONFERENCE

Hot New Perennials for 2017

One of the challenges of being a successful retail business owner is staying ahead of the trends and consistently providing new and exciting merchandise for your customer to purchase. This may be more obvious in the fashion, clothing or computer/electronics world but the same principle applies in the greenhouse and garden center industry. There isn't a gardener that I know of who doesn't wait with anticipation to see what the newest vegetable cultivar or the brightest annual flower is on the market this year. Perennials are no exception. The number of perennials available for the Saskatchewan Hardiness zones are sometimes very limited. If fact, in all my research so far this year, I have yet to come across a new perennial for zone 2. However, there are a number of promising Zone 3 and 4 perennial releases for 2017. I hope you find something inspiring in the following list to include in your 'New for 2017' Perennial Sales area this spring. Happy Growing!

Photo credits Kientzler, Germany

Heliopsis 'Sole D'Oro'

(Breeder: Kientzler)

Heliopsis 'Sole D'Oro' is a stunning, large flowered, long day perennial with focused flowering in summer and fall. Plants are hardy to zone 3. Plants are sure to flower first year and do not require vernalization. The breeder recommends growing plants in one gallon containers for a great retail display.

Heliopsis helianthoides 'Asahi'

'Asahi' means morning sun in Japanese – a perfect description for the golden-yellow double blossoms of this zone 3 heliopsis. Plants are50-60cm tall and flowers are long blooming.

Heuchera sp.* (Coral Bells) and *Heucherella

A large number of new heuchera and heucherellas are available for zone 3 and zone 4 growers. Even if they are not completely hardy in Saskatchewan, the new leaf and flower colors make this plant a viable alternative as an annual plant in a pot or in a flower bed. The plants provide a stunning display of colour that lasts throughout the season. New heuchera cultivars being released in 2017 include, 'Grape Soda' (purple leaves with cream to lemon colored flowers), 'Marvelous Marble Silver' (grown from seed, foliage starts out purple and turns silver as the temperature warms up through the summer), 'Black Pearl' (jet black glossy scalloped leaves with rosy-purple undersides), 'Pretty Pistachio' (huge chartreus leaves that mellow to lime green in summer), 'Mega Caramel' (very large golden caramel coloured leaves with pink – purple undersides) and 'Silver Gumdrop' (glossy silver foliage on a slightly smaller than average plant, flowers are iridescent pink). Two new heucherella cultivars recommended for zone 3/4 hardiness include 'Lime' (dense clump of clean, clear lime green foliage – excellent combination plant) and 'Hopscotch' (deeply lobed leaves emerge red with dark red centres in spring and change to bronzy red-orange by mid-summer ending with deep green in fall.

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Heuchera 'Dolce Appletini' (Proven Winners)
This delightful Coral Bells boasts both attractive foliage and flowers. Bright lime green leaves have a silver overlay, a color best brought out in part shade. Rich ruby red flowers top the plant starting in early summer and occasionally reblooms until fall. Hardy to zone 4.

Heuchera 'Champagne'
Foliage emerges peach to rose pink and transitions to a golden champagne yellow during the growing season. Light pastel peach flowers rise on maroon stems. Hardy to Zone 3

Heucherella 'Plum Cascade' (Terra Nova Nurseries)
This small-leaf trailing heucherella has deeply lobed purple-silver leaves and light-pink flowers. Great as a groundcover or in a hanging basket, 'Plum Cascade' is vigorous, easy to grow, and rust-resistant. Foliage reaches 10cm tall by 80cm wide. Hardy to Zones 4, it thrives in shade to part shade.

The ***Patio Peony Series*** has two new introductions this year hardy to zone 3. 'Kiev' and 'London' peony grow to a height of 50-60cm with a width of 60-90cm. The 15cm, raspberry coloured double flower of the 'London' cultivar is fragrant with strong stems;

recommended for cut flowers. Both peonies grow well in pots however they will not overwinter outdoors in above ground pots.

Several new **hostas**, hardy to zone 3, are available in 2017. 'Brother Stefan' with its big, bold heavily corrugated golden foliage edged with a wide blue-green border can reach up to 50cm tall and 90

cm wide. The flowers are large and white, attractive to hummingbirds. 'Hans' is known for its glaucous blue-green rounded leaves with showy, wide, feathery white centers and green jetting between the center and the margin. 'Wrinkle In Time' hosta is a small hosta (10cm high, 60cm wide) with wavy margins of the leaves that begin one third of the way from the leaf base. Leaf margins are creamy yellow in spring and mature to creamy white in summer. Flowers are lavender in colour. 'Forbidden Fruit' has thick sunny-yellow leaves with bold blue-green margins. 'Touch of Class' is a medium sized hosta (40cm high) with intense blue leaves set off by narrow flames of gold with green jetting accents between the leaf center and the margin.

'Snowsurfer Forte' Iberis: This vigorous growing selection of evergreen candytuft grows up to 60cm tall with flowers that start early and continue up the stems as the days get longer. The plant and the flowers will be as much as 4 times larger than older forms of Iberis sempervirens. After blooming, the plants hold an excellent shape with deep green color. Hardy to zone 4. Requires vernalization for flowering.

Lupinus Mini Gallery Series. A brand new series of lupines that is more compact than the old 'Gallery' series and blooming up to a full week earlier. The compact habit, excellent branching, and beautiful bloom display allow series of lupines to function as an excellent pot crop as well as a garden plant. Lupine 'Mini Gallery Blue' has been awarded the Gold Medal by FleuroSelect. 6 colors released so far, 'Blue', 'Blue Bicolor', 'Pink Bicolor', 'Red', 'White' and 'Yellow'. Hardy to zone 3.

Lupinus West Country Series

This new series of lupines introduced from England have bold colors and impressive plants. The bloom spikes are over-size and appear in spring to early summer. They need full sun and prefer rich soil. The deep purple 'Masterpiece' was a hit at the Chelsea Flower Show in 2016 winning a Gold Medal. Hardy to zone 3.

A new **penstemon** claiming to be hardy to zone 3 has been released by Walter's Garden. 'Blackbeard' has a deep purple eggplant shaped leaves with dark purple

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stems. Flowers are lilac purple with white centers. The flowers are followed by attractive deep burgundy seed pods for later season interest.

Phlox Paniculata 'Thai Pink Jade' is a mildew resistant selection of summer phlox from Plants Nouveau, hardy to zone 3. Plants are 60-80cm high with soft, cherry blossom pink blooms and a sweet candy fragrance from June into August.

Sedum: 'Frosted Fire' and 'Over the Moon' sedum are new selections for 2017. Both are hardy to zone 3. 'Frosted Fire' is a variegated form of 'Autumn Fire'. 'Frosted Fire' features creamy yellow edged blue foliage on upright mounds 30-40cm tall. Flowers are bright rose in late summer. 'Over the Moon' transitions through different phases throughout the growing season. Early in the season, dark green olive coloured leaves are rimmed with rose colour. The flowers appear in late summer to early fall on top of the dense mound of leaves.

A new introduction to the Sunsparkler™ sedum series is 'Wildfire'. Foliage colour is deep burgundy-red, edged in rose colour. A mounding habit that blooms in late summer with large clusters of rose-pink flowers. Hardy to zone 3.

Tiarella 'Sylvan Lace'
New from Terra Nova Nursery. The red centered, yellow leaves look much more like a heucherella. Flowers are near white and held above the foliage in late spring/ early summer. Easy to grow with a mounding habit, this will make a nice addition to the shady garden or as a companion in mixed pots. Hardy zones 3.

Echinacea 'Bubble Gum' and 'Prairie Splendor Compact Rose' are two new echinacea cultivars for 2017; hardy to zone 3. 'Bubble Gum' has non-fading blossoms with a pink pom-pom surrounded by lighter pink reflexed ray petals. Good branching in 'Bubble Gum' produces many flowers. 'Prairie Splendor Compact Rose' has an upright, compact habit with fragrant blooms that appear in the

first year of planting. The flower of 'Prairie Splendor Compact Rose' is daisy-like.

'Bubble Gum'

'Prairie Splendor Compact Rose'

Globeflower

Globeflower or *Trollius cultorum*
'New Moon'
Globe-shaped flower buds open to creamy icy yellow double flowers in early summer. The second season of growth will produce better flowering than the first growing season. Recommended for moist, shady areas. The deeply cut foliage provides an interesting backdrop to the beautiful flowers. Hardy to zone 3. (Photo credits to Bluestone Perennials)

Ajuga is a full-sun to full-shade ground cover usually recommended for its foliage. Two new releases of Ajuga reptans are available in 2017. 'Pink Lightning' has abundant green leaves with white margins. The plant is only 10-15cm tall but spreads rapidly. Mauve-pink flowers are evident in mid-late spring. 'Golden Glow' is a slower spreading ajuga with creamy yellow and green leaves tinted with rose tones in cooler weather. Short spikes of blue flowers late in spring add to 'Golden Glow's' allure. Both of the ajuga cultivars are hardy to zone 3.

'Pink Lightning'

'Golden Glow'

Bellflower, Campanula
Campanula trachelium 'Bernice'
Hardy to zone 3. This new release is approximately 60cm tall. Flowers are ornate purple blossoms (i.e. a flower within a flower). Stems are strong – recommended for cut flowers. Flower blooms throughout the summer. Grows in partial sun/partial shade. A new cultivar from the Campanula Clockwise™ Series 'Deep Blue' (Campanula portenschlagiana) propagates from seed and blooms in the first year. Hardy to zone 3, it has a mounding form.

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Meadow Sage or *Salvia nemerosa* 'Crystal Blue'. A Proven Winners 2017 release, hardy to zone 3. 'Crystal Blue' salvia has light sky blue flowers. The flowers are long lasting and provide 40-50cm spikes above neatly mounded, aromatic foliage. Recommended for dried or fresh cut flower arrangements. Attracts butterflies and hummingbirds and is deer resistant.

Yarrow, *Achillea millefolium* 'Laura' and 'Pretty Belinda'

'Laura' is a new release from the Song Siren™ Series known for their prolific blooming. Extra-large white eyes stand out against the clusters of velvety ruby red petals. Recommended for fresh or dried cut flowers. Flowers retain their colour throughout the season and when dried. Hardy to zone 3.

Iris sibirica 'Tumble Bug' is adorned with showy, violet-hued double flowers that are ruffled and full. A white center is featured at the base of each pedal. This Siberian Iris is hardy to zone 3. 40-60cm high

Lungwort, *Pulmonaria longifolia* 'Diana Clare'. Attractive apple-green foliage is speckled with silver producing violet-blue flowers which transition to purple and then pink in late spring - early summer. Small-medium sized plant (30-45 cm). Attractive foliage forms a mound providing interest throughout the season. Hardy to zone 3.

The Dragonfly™ series of **bergenias** has released 2 new cultivars for 2017. Bergenia Dragonfly™ 'Sakura' may be 'on the edge' for hardiness in Saskatchewan (zone 4), however, the beauty and size of this plant is worth a try. 'Sakura' means 'cherry blossom' in Japanese and the plant lives up to its

name with large rosy-pink clusters of semi-double blooms in spring. The thick waxy green foliage, each leaf measuring 10cm in diameter, transforms to deep plum tones in colder weather. Plant height is about 25-30cm.

Dragonfly ™'Spring Fling' is a slightly taller and narrower version of bergenia and is hardy to zone 3. This cultivar is a heavy bloomer with light pink flowers.

Daylily

Several new *Hemerocallis sp.* are new in 2017 and hardy for zone 3. 'Purple de Oro' is a mauve purple version of the famous 'Stella de Oro'. 'Purple de Oro' consistently flowers from May to August on tidy mounding foliage. Petal edges are ruffled nicely. 'Purple de Oro' has all the famously good qualities of Stellas in a new color.

'Big Time Happy Daylily' has large canary-yellow flowers with a slightly ruffled edge. Flowers on 'Big Time Happy Daylily' are open wider than typical daylily flowers. Blooms from early summer right through to frost.

'Berrylicious' is a slightly smaller daylily than the stellas (40-60cm). 'Berrylicious' blooms early to mid-summer. Flowers are deep raspberry colour with ruffled edges surrounding a yellow-green throat.

'Longfield's Black Magic Daylily' has the darkest shade of purple pedals with a fiery-red and gold eye. Plants stand 70-100cm high. Hardy to zone 3.

Rainbow Time® 'Tiger Swirl' daylily is a Proven Winners selection hardy to zone 3. Huge, 15-17cm triangular-shaped flowers are light golden yellow with a pronounced raspberry red eye. Its bottom sepals are smooth, often twisting or curling into a "swirling" motion. Bloom is midsummer.

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Hydrangea paniculata 'Fire Light'
An exciting new Proven Winners hydrangea is available for 2017. 'Fire Light' has large, full flowers which emerge ivory-white in colour and mature to a deep pink – red. It is easy to grow, long-blooming and hardy to Zone 3. 150-200cm high.

Hydrangea arborescens
Invincibelle® 'Ruby Smooth hydrangea' The dark burgundy-red flower buds of Invincibelle 'Ruby' hydrangea open to a two-toned combination of bright ruby red and silvery pink flowers. Foliage is extra dark and stems are strong. 'Ruby'tends to rebloom during the season. Plants are 60-90 cm high and are hardy to zone 3.

A number of different **lilies** are new in 2017. 'Cavoli' is an Asiatic lily with dark red – pink petals. Flowers are unscented for those with allergies. Blooms mid-late summer and is hardy to zone 3. 'Editha Double Roselily' is a spectacular soft pink Oriental lily hardy to Zone 3. 'Editha Double Roselily' has large, fully double flowers that are pollen-free and sweetly fragrant. The flowers are long lasting and with the lack of pollen they are more tolerable to allergy sufferers. A unique hybrid lily available in 2017 and hardy to Zone 3 is Lilium 'Fushion Hybrid Lily'. This lily is unique; heavily freckled, its vibrant centre expands to cover most of the orange-red petals. Plant height is 100-120cm high.

Oriental poppy,
Papaver orientalis 'Marlene'
'Marlene' is like the old-fashioned poppies. It has large, papery petals in a deep rosy-red colour. The resulting seed pods are attractive. Late spring-early summer bloom. 60-90cm high, Zone 3

Miniature Astilbe,
Astilbe simplicifolia 'Moulin Rouge'
A new miniature Astilbe that bears bright, fluffy red plumes. Adds vibrant colour to shady spots and can be used in containers too. 20-30cm high. Zone 3. Blooms mid-late summer

Peony, *Paeonia lactiflora*
'Red Charm Peony'
The reddest of red appears on these double and fluffy flowers. Very showy, long-lasting blooms on healthy, robust foliage. The lush green foliage is an elegant filler in mixed bouquets. Delightful fragrance. Plant them in full sun. Very long-lived and care free. Zone 3. 80-100cm high

Ornamental Rhubarb
Tanguticum Palmatum Rheum
This new Ornamental Rhubarb available from Vesey's seeds is non-edible but provides a dramatic addition to the landscape. Huge, spiky pointed leaves are the base for the towering spikes of rosy-red flowers. 100-150cm high. Zone 3

Columbine, *Aquilegia sp*.
'Winky Blue Columbine'
The fully double flowers of this exceptional Columbine are a bright cobalt blue with white highlights. Flowers are upward facing and butterfly magnets. 50-60cm high

Little Bluestem *Schizachyrium scoparium* Prairie Winds®
'Blue Paradise'
A Proven Winners selection for 2017. An upright ornamental grass that withstands adverse weather conditions. Easy to grow. In summer, striking silvery blue stems form a columnar habit. Deep wine purple fall color. 100-130cm tall. Zone 3

Information compiled by Jackie Bantle, Department of Plant Sciences, University of Saskatchewan.

History of the Saskatchewan Greenhouse Growers Association

By Tom Wright

The Greenhouse Growers Association was started in 1982, to lobby the government for the classification of our sector. It was finally deemed to be in the farm status, as we were growing a crop.

There were five growers that got together and formed the association. They were Central Botanical from Saskatoon, Moose Jaw Greenhouse, Miller Greenhouse from Saskatoon, Paul Fowler from Arborfield and Wrights Greenhouse from Beatty.

The Association struggled in the first few years until the numbers increased; it took a while because all of the correspondence was via the mail not email. In 1984 the board decided to put on a speaker session along with a small trade show. I remember the first conference was held in Regina at the Hotel Saskatchewan. There was one speaker from the US, two from eastern Canada and some local speakers. I remember that Elizabeth Parks from Wascana Center Authority was one of them. At the time, the board started the conference to supply technical information to the growers and the trade show was an addition for growers to access product.

The Board was made up of unpaid volunteers from the membership. Don Millar from Millar's Greenhouse in Saskatoon was the first President and Cam Wright was the Secretary/Treasurer. The first board was made up of four directors and a president, one of which would represent the allied trades, which was Paul Fowler. Paul owned his own greenhouse but also represented Ball Horticulture at the time. This has been my role on the board for 27 years. I guess that's why they asked me to do the history.

The Association struggled for a number of years. There were not a lot of growers in the province to share the work load. I remember we had a physical meeting once a year. This particular year we were in Martensville at the hotel and the board members had to kick in money to pay for the meeting room. After that we met in board members' homes around the province.

The Association started to grow as the industry started to grow. Along with this growth, the convention grew. In the early years of the convention, it alternated between Regina and Saskatoon. Eventually the numbers in Regina weren't feasible to continue there, so it was decided to move to Saskatoon, where it has stayed to present.

The Association grew in numbers in the early 90's. In 1998, the government hired, with the input from the Association, a Greenhouse & Nursery Crop Specialist. This person was to help the growers with their problems, in all forms of the greenhouse aspect. Glen Sweetman was that person. At the time, with the help form the Greenhouse Growers and the government, Glen was able to go to the Ohio Short Course. He was able to secure speakers from all over the US and Canada. The conference grew again.

It has been my pleasure to serve on the board for the last 27 years. I have seen good times and also trying times, but the majority has been good.

This is a little history of how and why the association was formed.

Thanks

Government of Canada updates Temporary Foreign Worker Program

In response to demands from Canada's agricultural industry, the Canadian government has just announced that the four-year cumulative duration rule will no longer apply to temporary foreign workers in Canada, effective immediately.

Producers will no longer need to train new employees every time a temporary foreign worker hits the cumulative four-year ceiling.

The participation of the Canadian Horticultural Council (CHC) contributed to the policy changes by helping the government understand the sector's specific needs. The Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council (CAHRC), as an agricultural industry coalition, was also a valuable partner. They coordinated the research funding and data analysis, and amplified the industry's voice to Government.

The cumulative duration rule, known as the "four-in, four-out" rule, was put in place in April 2011, limiting work for some temporary foreign workers in Canada to four years who then became ineligible to work in Canada for the next four years.

Removing this restriction also helps foreign workers who wish to apply for permanent residency.

In addition to this change, the exemption on the cap for seasonal industries seeking temporary foreign workers for up to 180 days during the 2017 calendar year will be extended until December 31, 2017. Although this is good news, the needs of our sector must be addressed in the longer term. CHC will continue to advocate on behalf of its members on this issue.

More information

For more information, see the government's press release:
Government of Canada takes early action to improve the Temporary Foreign Worker Program

Saskatoon's Annual Gardening and Backyard Lifestyle Show:

Gardenscape 2017

will be held at Prairieland Park
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

March 24-26, 2017

http://www.gardenscapeshow.ca/index.php

FYI: This year's Plant of the Year at the show will be ***Heuchera*** (Coral Bells). Over 15 different Heuchera cultivars will be on display in the gardens. Over 20,000 people attend the show. Some of these people may be your customers who will be looking for Heuchera plants this spring.

Anyone can attend the Plant Auction after the show: Sunday, March 26th beginning around 6:00pm. Many of the plant materials used to decorate the show and gardens are sold at this auction.

March 13, 2017

On Farm Food Safety Training Workshop

Saskatoon, SK

This workshop is a must attend!

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$10.00 Registration Fee

Agenda

12:30 p.m.	Sign-In / Coffee / Producer Networking
1:00 p.m.	CanadaGAP On-Farm Food Safety Presentation / Training
3:30 p.m.	On Farm Food Safety in your Greenhouse, Rick vanDuyvendyk and Jill Umpherville from Dutch Growers
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn

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Most bedding plant greenhouses sell vegetable packs and herbs. These numbers have been increasing over the last few years and consumers are more aware of what they are eating.

Do you know the risks in your greenhouse? Are your customers purchasing herbs, cutting them back before planting them and using that material as ready to eat food? Are you customers eating that strawberry off the plant in your greenhouse? You have a responsibility in food safety. Times are changing … this workshop offers the opportunity to learn from Rick vanDuyvendyk and Jill Umpherville from Dutch Growers and hear how about their operation and some of the choices they have made to reduce pesticide use and increase consumer awareness of these changes.

Attend the workshop to learn more on how you can increase safety for your customers and consumers!

Producers that attend the workshop may qualify for funding support (technical advise, equipment , certification)

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