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**2012 YARD, GARDEN & PATIO SHOW TO WELCOME CELEBRITY LANDSCAPER
AND DIY NETWORK “YARD CRASHERS” HOST AHMED HASSAN**

Portland – The 2012 Oregon Association of Nurseries’ (OAN) annual Yard, Garden & Patio Show, presented by Dennis’ 7 Dees Landscaping and Garden Centers will feature two presentations daily – February 17-19 – on the show floor from celebrity landscape designer and television personality Ahmed Hassan, according to OAN director of events and education Allan Niemi.

“We are extremely excited to bring Ahmed Hassan to YGP 2012,” Niemi said. “His show ‘Yard Crashers’ is wildly popular and his presence at YGP will expose the event to an entirely new audience. We’ll have his presentations live onstage on the show floor so that everyone will have a chance to see him.”

Hassan’s presentations are spontaneous, comedic, physical and often interactive. The format takes on an entirely different look with each presentation, but most include:

- Brief biography: his life and career path
- Maintaining existing landscaping: trimming, pruning and hedging, etc.
- Planting beautiful containers
- Selecting the right soil
- Watering
- Dispelling myths and urban legends

He utilizes a “fully dressed set” with props (such as shrubs, perennials, annuals, mulches, soil, gravel, etc.) to demonstrate skills and techniques.

Since 2008 Hassan and his team have surprised families with customized residential landscapes and upgraded homes on DIY Network's "Yard Crashers." Following a series of hosting stints for numerous DIY Network television shows including "The Dirt On...", "Green Me Up," and "Blog Cabin," the network created the series to showcase Hassan's high energy, motivational spirit and love for everything green.

He has served as guest contributor for the CBS Early Show and NBC's Today Show. He is a guest columnist for several publications including the new HGTV magazine.

Hassan will appear twice daily on the show floor at YGP: Friday and Saturday, February 17-18, at noon and 4:00 p.m.; and Sunday, February 19, at noon and 3:00 p.m.

The three-day Yard, Garden & Patio Show will be held February 17-19 at the Oregon Convention Center. Show hours are Friday and Saturday, February 17-18, 10:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m., and Sunday, February 19, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. The Oregon Convention Center is located at 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Portland, OR.

The Oregon Association of Nurseries, based in Wilsonville, represents more than 1,100 wholesale growers, retailers, landscapers and suppliers. Oregon's ornamental horticulture industry is among the state's largest agricultural commodities, with annual sales of \$676 million. More than 74 percent of the nursery plants grown in Oregon are shipped out of state. For information, visit www.oan.org or call (503) 682-5089.

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