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**2012 YARD, GARDEN & PATIO SHOW TO FEATURE “GARDEN TO TABLE,” A
LARGE DISPLAY OF SUSTAINABLE URBAN FARMING AND EDIBLE GARDENING**

Portland – The 2012 Oregon Association of Nurseries’ (OAN) annual Yard, Garden & Patio Show, presented by Dennis’ 7 Dees Landscaping and Garden Centers will feature “Garden to Table,” a large and beautifully designed display that illustrates how a garden can be stylish, ornamental and completely edible—producing high-quality vegetables and herbs for the home kitchen, according to OAN director of events and education Allan Niemi.

“With Portland’s reputation as a leader in the garden-to-table restaurant movement, we thought an example of how that can be done on a smaller scale at home should be an integral part of this year’s show,” Niemi said. “We’ve featured an edible garden in the past, but this is an entirely new level.”

Garden to Table’s design is inspired by a French country potager with plants commonly found in a French garden, like lavender, olives and cypress hedges.

The focus is on eating what is grown in the garden, with a dining area enclosed by espaliered fruit trees and edible plants. Each entrance features an overhead element made of twigs with a brick and cobble threshold underneath. Reclaimed wood is used to make most of the built elements, including a chicken coop and beehive.

Sustainable, rot-resistant and chemical-free Western Juniper lumber is used for tall raised beds. A rusty chandelier suspended over the dining table from an old barn ladder, old garden tools hanging on a worn cedar screen, antique cookware, old crates full of fruit and produce.

A simple outdoor kitchen is used for serving and food preparation, with a

preserving station with a canning area and cider press. And a glass greenhouse filled with citrus plants emphasizes year-round gardening.

“Our intent for this display is to celebrate all the things an edible garden can be,” Garden to Table designer Karen Schwartz said. “A place to grow, cook and preserve healthy quality food, a gathering place to share the bounty with family and friends, a beautiful and private retreat created with simple natural materials.”

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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