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**2012 YARD, GARDEN & PATIO SHOW'S REMARKABLE GREEN MARKET
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Portland – The 2012 Oregon Association of Nurseries' (OAN) annual Yard, Garden & Patio Show, presented by Dennis' 7 Dees Landscaping and Garden Centers will feature the Remarkable Green Market (RGM), a unique group of exhibits that features Oregon's notable niche nurseries, according to OAN director of events and education Allan Niemi.

The Remarkable Green Market was created as an opportunity for smaller, niche nurseries to have a presence at the show," Niemi said. "But these smaller exhibitors provide some unique offerings not found at many of the larger outlets."

Niemi said that many RGM exhibitors are veterans of the Hardy Plant Society plant sale that is held later in the spring, so this is an opportunity for plant buyers to get an early shot at their unique stock. In virtually all cases show attendees can talk with the owner or propagator, a real plus for plant fanatics.

This year's RGM includes Bauman's Farm & Garden, Dancing Oaks Nursery, Edelweiss Perennials, Gossler Farms Nursery, Highland Heather, Hydrangeas Plus, N & M Herb Nursery, Rare Plant Research, River Rock Nursery and Xera Plants, among others.

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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