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2012 YARD, GARDEN & PATIO SHOW TO HIGHLIGHT GLOBALLY INFLUENCED GARDEN DESIGN WITH “SEVEN GARDENS OF THE WORLD”

Portland – The 2012 Oregon Association of Nurseries’ (OAN) annual Yard, Garden & Patio Show (YGP), presented by Dennis’ 7 Dees Landscaping and Garden Centers will feature seven showcase gardens that depict garden design influence from around the world, according to OAN director of events and education Allan Niemi.

Called the “Seven Gardens of the World,” and in keeping with the YGP’s 2012 theme, Think Global, Garden Local, the showcase gardens will be the single largest feature of the show and will include design influences from such diverse locales as China, Pompeii, and Persia.

“The Seven Gardens of the World represent a dramatic departure for the Yard, Garden & Patio Show,” Niemi said. “But they will show how global influences can truly enhance a local garden. These are sophisticated designs that can be applied to virtually any garden space.”

The Seven Gardens of the World include:

Chinese Garden: Dennis’ 7 Dees Landscaping

Designed by De Yang, Dennis’ 7 Dees’ resident landscape architect from China, who practiced and taught Chinese garden design for more than 15 years at Zhangzhou University in south China before coming to Oregon with his wife in 1998.

According to Dennis’ 7 Dees’ Corey Verch: “Our intention is to hold true to the many delightful symbolic nuances, as well as the five-element format of rocks, water, plants, architecture and literary inscriptions of an authentic Chinese Garden. This

produces a huge challenge; the reality is that obtaining authentic materials from the other side of the globe for construction is both time- and cost-prohibitive. So we will represent authenticity with product and material choices more readily available here in the Pacific Northwest. That way we can truly present our Chinese Garden as a completely possible design idea for those in our marketplace to have something quite different, meaningful and beautiful.”

Garden of Pompeii: FroeberLand Landscape Architecture / Showscapes Inc.

According to FroeberLand’s Jeff Froeber, this will be a Roman themed garden, complete with a pool/fountain with a fire bowl and raised planters within; a boxwood labyrinth; cobblestone pavers; curved trellis with columns; a small Parthenon structure; statues and colorful pots; large trellis and period-accurate fencing; and slab basalt benches.

"We have designed a garden to showcase the Roman style of the past, but with materials that relate to today’s modern outdoor spaces," Froeber said.

‘Le Confort Francais’ (French Comfort): L Meyer Design / J.P. Stone Contractors

According to designer Linda Meyer, this French-Parisian Courtyard will feature luminescent foliage sparkling with lights to create a quaintly European courtyard complete with a rustic yet up to date outdoor eating/cooking area. This patio space is reminiscent of the café in Arles – the inspiration for ‘Café Terrace at Night,’ one of three ‘Starry Night’ paintings by Van Gogh. Deeply saturated colors accent a purely sensual garden; a cobblestone patio replicating the streets of France; and an old world styled kitchen evoke the aesthetic of a French patisserie. This garden is one that could be set in our own Pacific Northwest while exhibiting a bit of French flavor mingled with local plants and materials.'

“I believe the 'Think Global, Garden Local' theme to this year’s show is going to open a lot of avenues for homeowners as well as designers since it will be bringing so many different cultures into view,” Meyer said. “We’re very fortunate to live in a climate where we can push boundaries in the garden as long as care is taken, and to see such variety in one place is going to be exciting.”

Contemporary Japanese Tea House Garden: Treeline Designz / Baseline Landscapes LLC

Sitting at a two-foot elevation and surrounded by a bamboo fence, this display merges a contemporary Japanese tea house garden with a traditional tea ceremony. The garden design includes the following (mostly made with locally sourced materials):

- An eight-foot-wide natural stone entry with a wooden hand crafted bonsai gate

- Horizontally laid eight-foot natural one piece stones complemented by a contemporary square pattern of dark river rocks and green moss
- A centrally located raked sand river featuring a combination of different-sized rocks symbolizing a crane and tortoise, with a beautiful combination of moss, rocks and some dwarf species of various northwest plants
- On each side of the river a natural stone path leads visitors to a tea house and through a bamboo forest
- The 9'x9' feet tea house is constructed of locally grown bamboo, a two stone Buddha statue in meditation form on each side

“Sultans Paradise” Persian Garden: Paradise Restored Landscaping & Exterior Design

According to Paradise Restored: Urn fountains of classic beauty artfully complement entryway pools while Mediterranean arches provide a canopy. The atmosphere is subtle and elegant, yet vibrant and colorful, engaging all senses in this relaxing oasis.

Features of garden:

- Regal entry pools with urn fountains surrounded by an abundance of luxuriant greenery
- Stone columns support custom Mediterranean arches that canopy the garden
- Garden room w/beautiful urns boasting exquisite plantings
- Vibrant sultans lounge in a romantic pergola setting with stone fireplace
- Mediterranean flavor by way of belly dancers enhance design aesthetics

“Our garden tells the story of a princess upon awakening - walking through the palace to the garden room – taking in the beautiful view of the landscape – then entering a cozy sultan’s lounge to enjoy the warmth of the fireplace and the tranquility of an inner courtyard water feature,” Paradise Restored founder Micah Dennis said.

Portuguese Courtyard: Lapis Lazuli Tile & Garden Design / Professional Grounds Management Inc.

Designed to depict a Portuguese home, Praça Ibérica brings a flavor of the most western edge of Europe – Portugal, a country rich in the history of discovering the New World.

Praça Ibérica features plants that thrive in the Mediterranean climate, hand-painted tiles that seem to cover every square inch of Portugal, the delicate linens air-drying outside windows and balconies, the aroma of rosemary, the inviting simplicity of wine and bread on the table, the crying of a Portuguese guitar...and the hospitality.

“This exhibit was a perfect opportunity to incorporate my tiles and other art in a garden setting,” Lapis Lazuli designer Izzy Baptista said. “It is also a tribute to Portugal, the country where I learned how to hand-paint tiles over two decades ago.”

Formal English Garden: Aspen Creek Landscaping

Aspen Creek Landscaping’s Formal English Garden captures the spirit of a traditional garden, capturing playfulness and formality to appeal to all types of garden enthusiasts.

The elements present in the Formal English Garden follow the theme throughout: the focus is on an elegant stone fountain at the central point, which is complemented by art, pots and structure along cobbled paths.

“The Formal English Garden is carefully thought out to appeal to a wide range of visitors,” Aspen Creek owner Scott Picker said. “Young and old will be inspired to wander about, even in our cold wet spring weather.”

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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