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2012 YARD, GARDEN & PATIO SHOW TO SHOWCASE “SEVEN GARDENS OF THE WORLD” AND CELEBRITY LANDSCAPER AHMED HASSAN

“Think Global, Garden Local” is the theme of Portland’s first major outdoor living and garden show of the year

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 designs derived from all over the world, along with celebrity landscape designer and television personality Ahmed Hassan, according to OAN director of events and education Allan Niemi.

“Yard, Garden & Patio Show 2012 will be the most dynamic event we’ve ever produced,” Niemi said. “Ahmed Hassan is a major draw himself, with a huge following on the DIY Network from his work on “Yard Crashers” and other shows. But the inclusion of garden designs from other cultures – Seven Gardens of the World – is a real departure from YGP Shows past. The garden designers were excited to be challenged with the theme and to create internationally inspired designs with elements that will work with residential gardens. We’re expecting a very large turnout.”

The three-day event, to be held February 17-19 at the Oregon Convention Center, will also feature outdoor cooking classes from noted local chefs, a garden-to-fork-focused edible garden, the Cracked Pots garden artists, and scores of free seminars geared to hobbyists and master gardeners alike.

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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