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Inspiration Point

A peek at the hottest products from the 57th annual Colorado Garden & Home Show

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Just starting to collect ideas for a home improvement project? Ready to get a team hired? Simply love looking at pretty flowers? A trip to the Colorado Garden & Home Show should be on your February agenda.

In its 57th season, the expansive event takes over 400,000 square feet of the Colorado Convention Center February 13-21, featuring more than 600 companies showing off new trends and technology in the home arena, plus landscaping, gardening and so much more. In addition to a variety of professionally designed gardens (bring your cameras—ideas will be everywhere), including a 5,000-square-foot entrance garden complete with a climbing wall for small children, the show also features seminars, demos and more

than 10,000 flowers and blooms.

“The biggest draw for the show has always been the gardens; the show looks like spring,” says Jim Fricke, executive director of the Colorado Garden Foundation. “But almost equal to that draw is people who need home improvements done—there’s not a better place to comparison shop companies.”

Another highlight of the show? The Hot Products Zone, a selection of nine items destined to be big in 2016.

“This year’s products include everything from a Bermuda grass that’s good for heat and drought to a galley workstation that’s a large kitchen sink that can also be used as a buffet or cutting station to a pair of pruners that cater to women,” Fricke says. “It’s just a nice variety of different products featured at the entrance

that do a good job of giving people a taste of what’s at the show.”

HERE’S A PREVIEW OF THE NINE HOT PRODUCTS. GET YOUR INSPIRATION BOARDS READY.

The Galley Ideal Workstation: For indoor and outdoor kitchens, this ultimate option features a sink that also functions as a place to prep, cook, serve and entertain. At JM Kitchen & Bath, 2324 S. Colorado Blvd., 1375 Caprice Drive, Castle Rock, jmwoodworks.com.

Curbless Linear Drain Shower Base: An alternative to center drains, this Sander & Sons, Inc. style offers a sleek aesthetic. At Sander & Sons, 7540 S. Grant St., Littleton, kitchensofdenver.com.



Humboldt Redwood/Allweather Wood Redwood Pergola Kit: Add a customized shade structure to your backyard with this popular kit, \$2,999. Find area retailers at getredwood.com.

Quick Step Flooring: Laminate flooring made of 74 pre-consumer recycled wood and fiber chips from sustainable sources with a real wood look is offered through Littleton-based Kurowski Custom Homes and Remodeling, 303.972.8680, kurowski.com.

TOP OF THE CROP Clockwise from left: Humboldt Redwood/Allweather's pergola kit; a curbless linear drain shower base from Sander & Sons; Quick Step laminate flooring; drought-tolerant Bermuda grass; and women-specific pruners are among the hot product picks at this year's Colorado Garden & Home Show.

Woman's Pro Pruners: From Wildflower Seed & Tool Company, these ergonomic female-specific pruners, \$34, are made for a woman's grip. Find them at the show, or amazon.com.

Triangular Window Coverings: Denver-based Blind Corners and Curves, Inc. boasts a patented system, only available through the company, made just for specialty-shaped windows. For information, visit blindcornersandcurves.com, 303.872.8951.

Champion Insulated Composite Siding: Maintenance-free, long-lasting color and the use of modern materials are key features of this siding from Champion Windows, Sunrooms and Home. Find more information at 303.547.3379, championwindow.com.

Fujitsu Extra Low Temperature Heating Mini-split: This new line of ductless minisplit heat pumps is ideal for heating up small rooms quickly. At Elkhorn Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc., 303.975.8809, elkhvac.com.

NorthBridge Bermuda Grass: Featuring a fine texture plus cold, heat and drought tolerance, this grass works for home, sports, golf and commercial properties. Find more information at turf.okstate.edu. **DLM**



NEED-TO-KNOW INFO
COLORADO GARDEN & HOME SHOW

Where: Colorado Convention Center, 700 14th St.

When: February 13-21

Hours: Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sundays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Monday-Friday, noon to 8 p.m.

Admission: \$12; \$10 for seniors; children 12 and younger are free; get \$2 off admission with a nonperishable food donation at the ticket window (food will be distributed to local area food banks)



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