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2016 Farwest Show ‘Nursery Country Tours’ Includes Two Tours At Premier Area Growers

Wilsonville, Oregon (June 29, 2016) - The 2016 Farwest Show, August 25-27, in Portland, OR, has scheduled two day-long tours at leading nursery growers in the Portland area prior to the Show on Wednesday, August 24 from 8a-6p. Attendees decide which tour option they prefer. Both tours will explore nurseries representing the finest green-industry wholesale operations, showcasing the vast array of plants and products found in Oregon’s nursery country. The Farwest Show is pleased to continue its history of providing Nursery Country Tours in Oregon. A third full day tour is being added this year focusing on retail nurseries in addition to the two wholesale operations tours.

Tour 1: Best in the West - Combined with a rich history of nurserymen and women, talented growers, and ideal growing conditions, Oregon leads the nation in sales of nursery categories ranging from deciduous and flowering trees to coniferous evergreens. The Tour will spend the day visiting several top-notch growers east of Portland. Stops include: Ekstrom & Schmidt Nursery LLC, Don Schmidt Nursery Inc., Don Marjama Nursery Co. Inc., Sester Farms Inc., and Surface Nursery Inc.

Tour 2: EverGREEN - visits several of the highest quality growers in the Willamette Valley, showcasing the best from shrubs and trees to broadleaf and coniferous evergreens. Tour 2 highlights innovative and comprehensive growing operations, seedlings and stock supplies, equipment fabrication for reducing labor cost and increasing efficiency, and unique conifers, maples and broadleaves. Stops include: Alpha Nursery Inc., JLPN Inc., Wurdinger Manufacturing Inc., Tree Frog Nursery, KG Farms Inc., and Arrowhead Ornaments LLC

Registration is required for either tour. Cost per person is \$99 when registered by July 31 and \$115 starting August 1 (cost includes Farwest 3 Day Expo Pass). Space is limited to 52 per tour. The full day (8a-6p) includes luxury motor coach transportation, lunch, beverages, and snacks.

For more information and to register, visit www.FarwestShow.com.

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The Oregon Association of Nurseries (OAN), based in Wilsonville, represents more than 800 wholesale growers, retailers, landscapers and suppliers. Oregon’s ornamental horticulture industry is one of the state’s largest agricultural commodity, with annual sales of \$830 million. Oregon’s nursery industry is a traded sector; nearly 80 percent of the nursery plants grown in Oregon are shipped out of state. For information, visit www.oan.org or call 503-682-5089.

The Farwest Show, the largest green industry show in the West, is produced by the OAN, a trade organization that represents and serves the interests of the ornamental horticulture industry. Any revenue realized by the OAN is reinvested into the industry through education, research, marketing support and government relations. For more information about the 2016 Farwest Show, visit www.FarwestShow.com or call 503-682-5089.

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