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2018 Farwest Show speaker and fern expert Richie Steffen to share information on gardening with ferns

Wilsonville, Oregon (June 27, 2018) – The 2018 Farwest Show, August 22-24, in Portland, Oregon, has invited Richie Steffen, one of the industry's foremost authorities on ferns, to speak on the history and use of the ever-popular shade plant. Steffen's seminar, "Gardening with Ferns," will be delivered Thursday, August 23, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., in Room 115, at the Oregon Convention Center.

In a wide-ranging presentation, Steffen will share information on how to use ferns effectively in the landscape and their historical use in gardens. Using beautiful photography Steffen will highlight top performing native ferns along with exotics from around the world. The lecture will illustrate clever garden features that anyone can create at home.

Steffen, the director of the Elisabeth C. Miller Botanical Garden and curator for the garden's Great Plant Picks program, co-authored and co-photographed The Plant Lover's Guide to Ferns. Steffen oversees the development of the Miller garden and its educational programs, including Great Plant Picks, which is a resource for outstanding and reliable plants for the maritime Pacific Northwest. He is president of the Northwest Horticultural Society and the Hardy Fern Foundation and an experienced fern grower.

Registration for Steffen's seminar is required and available online at <https://farwestshow.com/register/>

Complete details on Farwest 2018 are found at 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 commodities, with annual sales of \$909 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 2018 Farwest Show, visit www.FarwestShow.com or call 503-682-5089.

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