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2019 Farwest Show speakers take attendees behind the scene at the Oregon Garden and add sparkle to Pacific NW gardens

Portland, Oregon (July 30, 2019) — Ty Boland and Lisa Port will speak on subjects of interest to landscape professionals during the 2019 Farwest Show, August 21-23, at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Oregon. Boland will share his experience as manager and curator at the Oregon Garden. Port will offer her insight into bringing luminosity to gardens with diminished light typical of the Pacific Northwest.

Boland's talk, "Behind the Scenes at the Oregon Garden", will look the history of the garden and the partnerships that exist today. He will lay out the challenges in maintaining the original design aesthetics, infrastructure, and discuss the plant collection and current accessions program. Boland will express the value of perseverance in the face of challenges facing the Oregon Garden and discuss work he is doing for the future. The seminar is scheduled for 8:30–9:30 a.m., Thursday, August 22.

Boland has worked as a nursery professional for more than 20 years, gaining a great deal of knowledge about plant production, worksite efficiencies, cultural care practices and design aesthetics. Over the last decade he has applied this knowledge at the Oregon Garden, overhauling the horticulture side of the organization and developing a strong, knowledgeable team that continues to carry the garden into the future.

Port's seminar, "Landscape Luminosity: Creating Gardens with Brilliance, Sparkle and Glow", addresses how to overcome challenges of the Pacific Northwest climate, which has diminished light and darkness for more than nine months of the year. Bringing luminosity to a garden is possible utilizing designer techniques, maximizing seasonal attributes, and exploiting brilliant plant material. Her talk is scheduled for 8:30–9:30 a.m., Thursday, August 22,

Port, FAPLD, is a certified landscape designer, licensed architect, fellow, and owner of Banyon Tree Design Studio LLC in Seattle, Washington. Banyon Tree Design creates custom residential landscape design and architecture projects for discerning homeowners. Projects typically include hardscape and planting design along with custom landscape elements and features.

Registration for the sessions is required. Convenient registration is available at <https://farwestshow.com/register/>. Complete details on events, daily schedules, speakers, and education for Farwest can be found at www.farwestshow.com. For further questions, contact Zen Landis, event and education manager, at 503-582-2011 or zlandis@oan.org.

The Oregon Association of Nurseries (OAN), based in Wilsonville, represents nearly 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 \$947 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 2019 Farwest Show, visit www.FarwestShow.com or call 503-682-5089.

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