

IPPS-EASTERN REGION CONFERENCE TEASE: FOCUS ON PRODUCTION!

The IPPS-Eastern Region (IPPS-ER) Conference will provide insights into plant production not only in the Delaware Valley and the surrounding area, but into plant production globally. The educational program will feature international as well as local speakers because IPPS-ER is hosting the IPPS-International Board this year. Conference attendees consistently rate our tours as the highlight of the conference. There will be a full day pre-conference tour and two half-day conference tours visiting major production nurseries, and botanical gardens in Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey and Delaware. Come experience firsthand the VIP access our tour attendees love on September 23-26, 2018! Watch upcoming newsletters for program details.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 - Southern New Jersey

Centerton Nursery



Now in its fifth decade of operation, Centerton Nursery is known for their innovative growing practices as well their unique product line which has expanded over the years to include perennials, herbs and vegetables.

Production takes place on 2.4 million square feet of cold frame, 45,000 ft. of propagation and 20,000 square feet of heated vegetable production. Their primary customer is the independent garden center. They ship their product to 32 states - throughout the east coast and as far west as Texas, Chicago and Wisconsin.

Overdevest Nurseries

From day one, Overdevest Nurseries has embraced environmentally-conscious growing practices: recycling irrigation water, integrated pest management, and using renewable potting substrates. In 2012 they achieved the rigorous requirements of the Veriflora® Sustainable Grown certification program -- recognized as the gold standard of sustainability in the floriculture and horticulture industries. Overdevest started as a small operation in 1952 specializing in azaleas, rhododendrons, dogwoods, and Japanese maples and has built a reputation of providing the highest quality plant material for the Independent Garden Center channel. They grow over 2,000 varieties of trees, shrubs, vines, perennials, and patio plants that are grown on approximately 290 acres. Container production involves over 2.7 million sq. ft. of coverable growing space.



Rivendell Nursery

Rivendell Nursery is a family owned B&B wholesale nursery specializing in deciduous and evergreen trees and shrubs, founded in 1988. It's situated in a pristine natural area of South Jersey close to Delaware Bay. Rivendell propagates over 60% of their stock in-house. They sell their nursery products throughout the eastern US and are known for their exceptional B&B material.

Following our tour, we will enjoy dinner and drinks at Rivendell Nursery surrounded by an amazing collection of specimen trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals and tropicals. Following dinner, we will enjoy a live auction of unusual and one of a kind plants and horticultural items before returning to the hotel.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25-Chester County, Pennsylvania

[North Creek Nurseries](#)

At **North Creek Nurseries**, we will explore 2.5 acres of trial gardens, engineered landscapes and a new state-of-the-art 54,850 square foot propagation range. They specialize in perennials, ornamental grasses, ferns & vines with an emphasis on Eastern US native plants. North Creek Nurseries provides Landscape Plug™ sized plants for ecological projects including storm water management, soil stabilization, landscape restoration and habitat establishment to help growers succeed and ecological designs thrive. Their customers are retail & wholesale nurseries, garden centers, mail order and landscape professionals throughout the US.



[Star Roses and Plants®](#)



Star Roses and Plants® brand has introduced notable varieties like the iconic 'Peace' Rose and the KnockOut® family of roses. Its in-house breeding division is a team of top-breeders and scientists that apply modern techniques in plant genetics to the development of industry-worthy and consumer-friendly ornamental flowering plants. These friendships have allowed them to work with some of the world's most innovative nurseries to introduce plants that thrive in the rigorous and diverse American climate.

We will be touring their state of the art 100,000 sq. ft.

production and breeding facility along with their extensive trial fields.

[University of Delaware Botanical Gardens](#)

After touring major production nurseries, we will cap off this year's tours with a visit to the University of Delaware Botanical Gardens where we will enjoy guided tours, interactive displays and have time to explore the collections on your own. The living plant collections have more than 3,000 species and cultivars of perennials, shrubs, and trees. University of Delaware's garden and research facility contributes to an understanding of the changing relationships between plants and people through education, extension, research, and community support.



Along with garden tours the Plant and Soil Science Department will host a reception for our group to include food and drink plus ice cream treats from the University dairy. Following the reception, we will make the very quick trip to our host hotel for a relaxing evening and entertaining lecture. You will be able to see if you were the highest bidder on that Silent Auction item you were craving!