

## **The Perennial Plant of the Year™**

The Perennial Plant of the Year™ (POY™) program began in 1990 to showcase a perennial that is a standout among its competitors. Perennials chosen are suitable for a wide range of growing climates, require low maintenance, have multiple-season interest, and are relatively pest/disease-free. Perennial Plant Association members vote for the Perennial Plant of the Year™ each summer. At that time, in addition to the vote, each member may also nominate up to two plants for future consideration. The Perennial Plant of the Year™ committee reviews the nominated perennials (more than 400 different perennials are often nominated each year) and selects 3 to or 4 perennials to be placed on the ballot.

### **Perennials of the Year – common name in parenthesis**

- 2018 – Allium 'Millenium' (Ornamental Onion)
- 2017 – Asclepias tuberosa (Butterfly Weed)
- 2016 – Anemone x hybrida 'Honorine Jobert' (Japanese Anemone)
- 2015 – Geranium x cantabrigiense 'Biokovo'
- 2014 – Panicum virgatum 'Northwind' (Switch Grass)
- 2013 – Polygonatum odoratum 'Variegatum' (Variegated Solomon's Seal)
- 2012 – Brunnera macrophylla 'Jack Frost' (Alkanet)
- 2011 – Amsonia hubrichtii (Arkansas Blue Star)
- 2010 – Baptisia australis (False Indigo)
- 2009 – Hakonechloa macra 'Aureola' (Hakone Grass)
- 2008 – Geranium 'Rozanne' (Cranesbill Geranium)
- 2007 – Nepeta 'Walker's Low' (Catmint, Catnip)
- 2006 – Dianthus gratianopolitanus 'Feuerhexe' or Firewitch (Pinks)
- 2005 – Helleborus x hybridus (Lenten Rose)
- 2004 – Athyrium niponicum 'Pictum' (Japanese Painted Fern)
- 2003 – Leucanthemum 'Becky' (Shasta Daisy)
- 2002 – Phlox 'David' (Tall Phlox)
- 2001 – Calamagrostis x acutiflora 'Karl Foerster' (Feather Reed Grass)
- 2000 – Scabiosa columbaria 'Butterfly Blue' (Pincushion Flower)
- 1999 – Rudbeckia fulgida var. sullivantii 'Goldsturm' (Black-Eyed Susan)
- 1998 – Echinacea purpurea 'Magnus' (Purple Coneflower)
- 1997 – Salvia 'Mainacht' or May Night (Meadow Sage)
- 1996 – Penstemon digitalis 'Husker Red' (Beardtongue)
- 1995 – Perovskia atriplicifolia (Russian Sage)
- 1994 – Astilbe 'Sprite' (Spirea)
- 1993 – Veronica 'Sunny Border Blue' (Speedwell)
- 1992 – Coreopsis verticillata 'Moonbeam' (Tickseed)
- 1991 – Heuchera micrantha 'Palace Purple' (Coral Bells)
- 1990 – Phlox stolonifera (Creeping Phlox)