

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

- 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)