



February 5 - 8, Colorado Convention Center, Denver



Plenty to See and Learn at ProGreen



In addition to outstanding learning opportunities (see below), you can have some special fun at ProGreen. Either as a spectator or a participant, don't miss these two competitive events!

The Potting Challenge - test your container design skills by competing in this timed event. Winners in the qualifying rounds advance to the finals! Watch these crafty people work under pressure!



Tree Climbing Competition
Tree climbing in the Convention Center? That's right - you don't want to miss the head to head competition by professional arborists.

A sample of the knowledge boosting horticulture sessions:

- [Best Practices for Creating Healthy Root Structures](#)
- [Useful Products for Managing Insect Problems in Colorado](#)
- [How to Identify and Manage Common Greenhouse Diseases](#)
- [Best of Annuals and Perennials from the 2018 CSU Trials](#)
- [Trees and Woody Plants for Small Places](#)

ProGreen EXPO offers an extremely efficient way to train your staff through a combination of stimulating education and the Rocky Mountain region's largest horticulture marketplace.

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Introducing Your 2019 Board of Directors



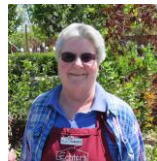
Mandy



Michelle



Kent



Harriett

Thank you to all of the members who voted for the 2019 Board of Directors. Here are the newly elected Directors:

- Mandy Gerace**, Welby Gardens, Officer at Large
- Michelle Cadena**, CCNP, Sunshine Horticulture
- Kent Broome**, Rocky Mountain Horticulture Services
- Harriett McMillian**, CCNP, Echter's Garden Center & Nursery

We thank the two members that are leaving the Board, Jesse Eastman, CCNP, Fort Collins Nursery and Beth Gully, Gully Greenhouse, for their service to CNGA and our Industry. You can see the full Board of Directors listing [here](#).

Who's the Member?



This western Colorado member grows a wide selection of bedding plants, herbs, vegetables, hanging baskets and container gardens. 12,000 sq. ft. of greenhouse space provides the ideal environment to grow plants that thrive in the Colorado mountains. They have a commitment to conservation and use renewable energy to heat and power the greenhouses, recycle

pots and trays, use biodegradable materials and organically compost plant materials. [Meet a fellow CNGA member.](#)

New Member Welcome

Hock Farms
Andrew Hock
Wellington, Colorado

Shara Ross
Denver, Colorado

Alison Hopkins
Denver, Colorado

Job Board

New!
[Head Grower](#)
[Assistant Grower](#)

See all jobs [here](#).

Calendar

- Feb. 5 - [CCNP Exam](#)
- Feb. 5/8 - [ProGreen EXPO](#)
- Feb. 6 - [YHP Happy Hour](#)
- Feb. 7 - [Industry Celebration](#)
- Feb/March - [New Mexico Certified Nursery Professional](#)

CDA Announces New Workforce Development Program

The CO Dept. of Agriculture is launching a new [workforce program](#) which will provide incentives to agricultural businesses, including nursery and greenhouse growers, to hire interns. Qualified businesses may be reimbursed up to 50% of the actual cost of hiring an intern, not to exceed \$5,000 per internship. The intent of this program is to support and train the next generation of Colorado growers, farmers and ranchers.

The [application](#) period closes Feb. 15, 2019. Businesses selected to participate will identify their own intern candidate. Interns must be approved by the Dept. and an agreement implemented between the business and CDA prior to the start of the internship.

For further questions about the program, contact Traci Saylor at 303-869-9171 or traci.saylor@state.co.us.