



Some changes to the starting lineup for 2016

Much the same as a sports team evaluates its roster every year, new draft choices are tried out, proven players are kept and others that have been around for a while retire or get retired. When a new Draft Choice is proven they are added to the team. So meet some of Christensen's Plant Center's new Draft Choices and additions to the lineup for 2016. And also sadly a few that have been asked to retire.

Retiring this year after many years of faithful service:
Cornus alba 'Elegantissima', Tam Juniper, Hydrangea 'Glowing Embers' and Hydrangea Invincibelle® Spirit.

Draft Choices in development:



Hydrangea m. 'Zebra' – A white-flowered macrophylla type with dark black stems that provide a beautiful contrast. Grows 3-4' tall and wide.

Hydrangea Invincibelle® Spirit II – The second generation of this pink-flowering 'Annabelle' looks like it could be a winner. A good hardy reblooming variety (at least according to its agent), that is sturdier than the first edition.

Additions to the starting lineup:



Cornus alba 'Ivory Halo' – A smaller and more compact cousin of C. alba 'Elegantissima'. It grows to about 4x4' and requires little maintenance. Proved to be very popular with our fans in 2015.

Hydrangea m. Fuchsia Glow™ – A compact (2-4' x 2-4') repeat blooming hydrangea that did real well in the big house last year. Very impressive results for a freshman to the lineup.

Juniper Grey Guardian™ and Grey Owl – Juniper virginiana varieties that have grown in popularity over the last two seasons. They have proven to be a good replacement for Tam juniper and grow to about the same size, 2-3' tall and 3-5' wide.

Also be on the watch for other hot new prospects that come along during the season and are given a try at the big leagues.



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