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## The Best of *Winter- Hazels*

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Biological pest control  
An artful landscape  
Plastic vs. fabric



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## On the cover:

With a pleasingly rounded, dense habit suitable for smaller borders as well as woodland gardens, *Corylopsis pauciflora* received the highest rating in trials at Longwood Gardens.

Photo courtesy of Evan Bean

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## Captivating *Corylopsis*

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Winter-hazels comprise a group of underappreciated but versatile blooming shrubs. Trials at Longwood Gardens highlight selections worthy of receiving more attention from growers and landscape professionals alike.

By Evan Bean and Dr. Tomasz Aniśko

## Nurseryscaping for Pest Control

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Providing a friendly environment for beneficial predators can also provide protection for your valuable crop. Benefits include a reduction on the reliance of chemicals, enhanced worker safety and increased plant quality.

By Robin Rosetta

## The Great Container Debate

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How do roots fare in production containers? Growth in traditional black plastic pots was compared to that in two fabric-type containers in research at Colorado State University.

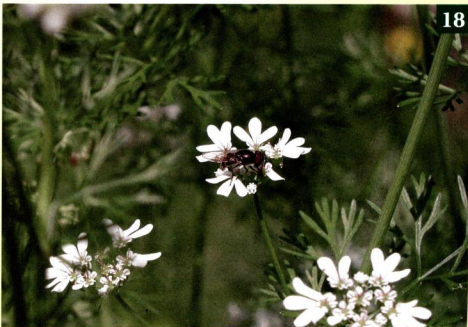
By Alison O'Connor

## A Living Work of Art

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A temporary installation proves to be an effective marketing tool for a landscape company, capturing contracts and showing there's art in what they do.

By Sally Benson



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# HotProducts

## Heuchera 'Forever Purple'

Now available for growers to preorder, *Heuchera* 'Forever Purple' from Terra Nova Nurseries has a vigorous, multi-crown mounding habit with showstopping foliage. Short-stemmed spikes of purple-pink flowers in the summer are paired with deep, ultra-purple glossy leaves with fluted edges that last throughout the year. *Heuchera* 'Forever Purple' grows to an average size of 12 inches tall by 22 inches wide with a 15-inch flower height, and it performs well in Zones 4 to 9 in sun to shade.

For more information: [www.terravanurseries.com](http://www.terravanurseries.com)



## Illicium 'Pink Frost'

*Illicium floridanum* 'Pink Frost' (First Editions® Pink Frost purple anise tree) from Bailey Nurseries boasts variegated, white and green foliage that provides a backdrop to the shrub's deep maroon, star-shaped flowers. This shade garden standout adds extra winter interest as the variegation turns a pink-rose color when temperatures dip. Hardy in zones 6 to 9, 'Pink Frost' reaches 6 to 10 feet tall and wide and is a vigorous growing evergreen.

For more information: [www.FirstEditionsPlants.com](http://www.FirstEditionsPlants.com)

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For more information: [www.planthaven.com/physlady.html](http://www.planthaven.com/physlady.html)



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