

Supplier News



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Nyquist Celebrates 20 Years

Melinda Nyquist celebrated 20 years with **Commercial Turf & Tractor** last August. Hired immediately after college, she now controls the service/contracting side of the company, which performs deep-tine aeration, topdressing, seeding, drainage, synthetic turf cleaning, and complete athletic field and greens renovation. Commercial Turf & Tractor sells such product lines as Wiedenmann, Maredo, First Products, Rotadairon, Massey Ferguson, WaterWick and JRM replacement parts.

Pittman Joins Organic Control

Organic Control announced that **Tina Pittman** has joined the company as customer service manager. Previously, she served as the AIDS Rides operations manager, and she also has experience in property management. Pittman holds a degree in business administration from Cal State North Ridge.

Towmaster Endorses EWS as Web Services Provider

Equipment Web Services, a division of Dominion Enterprises, has partnered with **Towmaster**, a manufacturer of equipment trailers and truck bodies. The relationship will increase and enhance the presence of Towmaster dealers on the Web. EWS gives participating Towmaster dealers a website solution designed to improve communication between dealers and prospective buyers.

Kubota Partners with Compact Power

Kubota Tractor Corp. announced a strategic partnership with **Compact Power Equipment Centers**, allowing it to offer select construction equipment for rent within various locations of The Home Depot Tool Rental. Since 2008, CPEC has provided customers with towable rental equipment for a variety of projects. Kubota's K008-3 excavator and BX25 tractor/loader-backhoe are

currently available in about 100 Home Depot locations nationwide. CPEC hopes to place Kubota equipment in each of its 280 current locations, with a 2012 expansion goal of more than 400 additional locations.



The woody ornamental plant of the year, Firebird crabapple

WNA Announces Plants of the Year



The perennial plant of the year, Summer Beauty ornamental onion.

The **Wisconsin Nursery Association** celebrated the 10th anniversary of its Plant of the Year program by announcing its 2012 Plants of the Year. They were selected at WNA's annual membership meeting and workshop. The woody ornamental plant of the year is the *Malus sargentii* "Select A" [PP 12621] (Firebird crabapple). The perennial plant of the year is *Allium* "Summer Beauty" (Summer Beauty ornamental onion). The Plant of the Year program was initiated in 2002 to promote quality – and underused – plants to the public.

Kohler Donates Tractor and Engines

Kohler Engines donated three engines and a lawn tractor powered by a Kohler engine to the Gibbs family of West Union, Iowa. The family was the focal point of an episode of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" that aired January 6.

SUPERthrive Inventor Passes Away

Dr. John Ansel Armstrong Thomson, inventor of SUPERthrive, passed away on November 28, 2011, five days after his 100th birthday. Thomson developed the SUPERthrive formula in 1939. Seventy-two years later, he was still engaged in the daily operations of his company, **Vitamin Institute**. As the new president, his daughter **Patrisha Thomson** will continue his legacy of improving horticultural and agricultural crops with the firm's sole product. Thomson held a doctorate degree in biochemistry and received numerous awards throughout his career.

Sheffield and Curtis Sign Financing Agreement

Curtis Industries, LLC has signed an installment financing agreement with **Sheffield Financial**, a subsidiary of BB&T, effective September 1, 2011, through March 31, 2012. The agreement provides consumer financing to customers purchasing Sno-Pro snow and ice control products through authorized Sno-Pro and Curtis dealers, including truck and UTV plows, spreaders and loader blades.

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