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Who chooses the 'Perennial of the Year'?

- ❑ Perennial of the Year Association
- ❑ Trade Association, Ohio, 1984
- ❑ Growers, retailers, landscapers, educators

1990 Showcase a perennial:

- Wide range of growing climates
- Low maintenance, easy to grow
- Disease resistant, durable
- Beautiful, multiple season interest

2012 Brunnera 'Jack Frost' (Perennial Forget-me-nots)

How do they choose the POY?

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- Each year Association members nominate plants
 - A committee narrows choice
 - Members vote

2011 *Amsonia hubrichtii* (Arkansas Bluestar Zone 5+)

The POY isn't a New Plant

Plant Breeders bring out
new plants every year



2010 *Baptista australis* (Blue false/wild Indigo)

Examples of new plants for 2013



Clematis Filigree



Mahogany Magic Ninebark



Campfire Rose (*Rosa CA29*)
IMO Tom Thompson

Wild Swan Anemone



Keystone Kopper Coleus

Visit your local garden centre

All-America Selections (AAS)?

What are these?

- ▣ AAS is a non-profit organization that tests **NEW** unsold plant cultivars in trial gardens (U.S. & Canada).
- ▣ Trial and display gardens can be visited.
- ▣ Bedding plants, fruits & vegetables must demonstrate improvements.
- ▣ Eg 2013: Ornamental Kale, Glamour Red F1



Variegated Solomon's Seal

Polygonatum odoratum variegatum

- ▣ Part to full shade
- ▣ Moist well-drained soil
- ▣ 18-24 inches tall
- ▣ Spreads by rhizomes
- ▣ Fragrant flowers in
mid-spring
- ▣ Zone 3+
- ▣ (Interesting name)



2014 POY

- ▣ *Panicum virgatum* 'Northwind'



- ▣ Tall Switchgrass, Zone 4+, Clumps, does not spread, 4-5 ft. tall

The End.



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