

New positions

John Casey, Rick Miller, Steve Campbell; and John Manes to sales representatives, Yule Tree Farms, Canby, Ore.

Terry Wimberly to sales representative, American Coolair, Jacksonville, Fla.

Joan Cone to sales representative, Holtkamp Greenhouses, Nashville.



Pete Sheardy
Speedling

Pete Sheardy to national sales and marketing manager, Speedling Inc. Ornamentals Division, Sun City, Fla.

Karen Westcott to marketing manager; **Rick Elkins** to product manager; **Maureen Thompson** to national sales manager;

Rick Lewis to marketing and sales support manager; **Ken Hutto** to technical service representative; and **Julie Spagnoli** to manager of regulatory, planning and government affairs, FMC Professional Solutions, Philadelphia.



Saumya Verma
Dow AgroSciences

Saumya Verma to sales representative, Dow AgroSciences, Indianapolis.

Jeff Plank to shipping and site development manager; and **Eric Hall** to grower, J. Berry Nursery, Grand Saline, Texas.

Susana Vanzie-Canton to researcher, Rancho Tissue Technologies, Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.

Mike Buchanan to general sales manager, Chemilizer Products Inc., Largo, Fla.

Jose Torres to associate brand manager, TetraPond, Blacksburg, Va.

Scott Armstrong to technical sales manager, BioWorks Inc., Fairport, N.Y.



Ed Thornton
Western Pulp Products

Ed Thornton to sales representative, Western Pulp Products, Corvallis, Ore.

Art Anderson to general manager, Northwest Shade Trees LLC, Brooks, Ore.

Jay Pearson to sales representative; and **Jake**

Socherman to sales and marketing manager, Sun Gro Horticulture Distribution Inc., Bellevue, Wash.

Matt Benson to business services leader, Dow AgroSciences, Indianapolis.

Tyler Morrison to sales representative, American Coolair, Jacksonville, Fla.



Karl Rowan
Sakai America

Craig R. Cowden to president, Horizon Horticultural Group, Vero Beach, Fla.

Brian McGuffin to sales representative, Cleary Chemical Corp., Dayton, N.J.

Karl Rowan to regional manager, Sakai America,

Adairsville, Ga.

Scott Todd to national business manager, Valent U.S.A. Corp., Walnut Cree, Calif.

Zach Bruce and **Jill Hoffman** to regional loss control managers; and **Tom Richey** to vice president of property claims/loss control, Hortica Insurance and Employee Benefits, Edwardsville, Ill.

Kevin Wetzonis to enhancement manager, Ruppert Nurseries Maryland Landscape Management Branch, Laytonsville, Md.

Honors

Aquascape Inc., St. Charles, Ill., earned a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certification for its headquarters building.

Marvin N. Miller, Ball Horticultural Co., West Chicago, Ill., received the Horticulture Initiative Award from Southeast Greenhouse Conference.

American Rose Society Production Evaluation Committee endorsed **Bayer Advanced** All-in-One Rose & Flower Care products.

Sickles Market LLC, Little Silver, N.J., was named Outstanding Retailer of the Year by National Association for the Specialty Food Trade.

Senninger Irrigation, Clermont, Fla., received two AE50 Awards from Society for Engineering in Agricultural, Food and Biological Systems.

Business changes

Alan Cone re-established his consulting business, **Prime Cone Inc.**, Dallas.

VersaScapes, Mount Pleasant, S.C., began doing business as **Wagner Horticulture Solutions**.

Pride of Place Plants and HortisHolland, together with Cassy Bright, formed **HortisUSA LLC**, a breeder representation company in Camarillo, Calif.

ForemostCo Inc., Miami, and C. Raker and Sons Inc., Litchfield, Mich., formed a relationship that broadens both companies' product offerings.

Little Giant Pump Co., Oklahoma City, has been renamed **Franklin Electric-Water Transfer Systems**.

Jackson & Perkins Wholesale named **McGregor Plant Sales**, Carlsbad, Calif., and **Florexpo**, Costa Rica, as producer-distributors for Suntory genetics.

Merck & Co. Inc., Research Triangle Park, N.C., granted **Syngenta**, Greensboro, N.C., exclusive license to manufacturing technology for the insecticide abamectin.

Deaths

Frank R. Bendure, vice president of Fairview Evergreen Nurseries Inc., Fairview, Pa., died April 15. He was 69.

Lou Brand, retired chairman of John Henry Co., Lansing, Mich., died April 18. He was 84.

William Flemer III, Princeton Nurseries, Allentown, N.J., died April 22. He was 85.

Ken Mills, immediate past president of Irrigation Association, died May 3. He was 65. ❧

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16-19, Nursery/Landscape Expo,

Dallas Convention Center, Dallas, Texas; (800) 880-0343; www.tnlaonline.org

21-23, Independent Garden Center

Show, Navy Pier, Chicago, Ill.; (203) 227-7240; www.igcshow.com

23-25, Farwest Show, Oregon Convention

Center, Portland, Ore.; Suzanne Hankins, (503) 682-5089; www.farwestshow.com

September

5-15, EuroAmerican Propagators

Open House, Bonsall, Calif.; (888) 323-0730; www.euroamprop.com

8-9, Green Profit's Retail Experience,

Renaissance Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio; Michelle Mazza, (614) 504-2157; mmazza@ballpublishing.com; www.ballpublishing.com/conferences

9-12, GrowerTalks' Greenhouse

Experience, Renaissance Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio; Michelle Mazza, (614) 504-2157; mmazza@ballpublishing.com; www.ballpublishing.com/conferences

12-13, CanWest Hort Show, Vancouver

Convention and Exhibition Centre, Vancouver, British Columbia; Karen De Jong, (604) 574-7772; kdejong@bclna.com; www.bclna.com

16-18, GLEE Garden and Leisure

Exhibition, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, England; Adam Ash, (609) 921-0222; reg@whitehoundadv.com; www.gleebirmingham.com

19-20, Garden Market Expo, Mandalay Bay Convention Center,

Las Vegas, Nev.; Kris Tavalero, (800) 748-6214; ktavalero@cangc.org; www.gardenmarketexpo.com

20-22, Garden Centers of America's Fashion in Bloom, Mid-Atlantic region,

(888) 648-6463; www.gardencentersofamerica.org

26-28, CalScape Expo Interiorscape Conference and Trade Show, Riviera

Resort and Casino, Las Vegas, Nev.; (707) 462-2276; www.piagrows.org ❧