

2011
DELAWARE
NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION
Plant of the Year

This year marks Delaware Nursery & Landscape Association's Seventeenth Annual Plant of the Year selection. The 2011 Herbaceous plant is *Geranium* 'Gerwat' Rozanne®. The 2011 Woody plant is *Aronia arbutifolia* 'Brilliantissima'. These plants were chosen because they are particularly well suited to thrive in Delaware.

Geranium 'Gerwat' Rozanne®

This fast-growing perennial is a workhorse in the garden. Rozanne® features large, 5-petaled, violet-blue flowers with small white centers above mounds of deeply cut dark green foliage. It flowers profusely from late spring through early summer, with continued flowering into the fall. This plant grows best in full sun with some afternoon protection, or part shade. It has exceptional heat tolerance. Loved by pollinators, Rozanne® will grow to a height of 1-1.5' with an equal spread.



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Aronia arbutifolia 'Brilliantissima'

This chokeberry cultivar is a deciduous native shrub that provides multiseason interest. Brilliantissima's white spring flowers give way to abundant glossy red berries which appear in dense clusters. Berries persist throughout the fall and into the winter. Lustrous dark green leaves turn a brilliant scarlet in the fall. To obtain optimum flowering, fruit, and fall color, Brilliantissima is best planted in full sun. It typically grows to a height of 6-8' and can tolerate both wet and dry sites. This plant really makes an impact when planted in masses.



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