

## A Fashion Statement

Grower Kerry Herndon, owner of Kerry's Bromeliad Nursery and Twyford International, announced he is now a dedicated follower of fashion. "We're not in the home-décor business or the gift business," he said. "My company is in the home-fashion business going forward, and we're going to roll out completely new looks every single year."

During the show, Kerry's received ECGC Distributors' 2006 Award of Distinction as a foliage supplier based on product quality and customer service. ECGC is a buying group and network for 12 of the largest independent garden centers in the United States. Kerry's also received Best of Show for its booth, which attractively presented an array of plants and packaging concepts in a home-fashion setting.

## Plants Galore

FNGLA helped visitors see all the latest offerings by hosting a New Plants and Products Room, which featured more than 50 new introductions, most of which were plants. Attendees voted on favorites.

Twyford International's aglaonema 'Ruby Sunset' won favorite new foliage plant with its striking variegation and red veins. Oglesby Plants International's anthurium 'Surprise' won favorite new flowering plant. It features red flowers with random white streaking.

Excelsa Gardens introduced the most unusual plant specimen, alocasia 'Stingray,' with leaves that look like a school of stingrays.

Also known for distinctive introductions, Deroose Plants showed at least a dozen new plants, including the curly *Codiaeum variegatum* 'Crown Revolutions' and the glossy oil fern (*Microsorium steerei*).

Standout introductions from ForestCo included aglaonema 'Pride

of Sumatra,' the orchid-like Sorbet spathoglottis series, and the tricolored calathea 'Jester,' which looked like a splashy painting.

The next TPIE will be Jan. 17-19, 2008. For more information, contact FNGLA at 800-375-3642 or visit [www.tipie.org](http://www.tipie.org).



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