



New Product Shown At Western Expo

Gerry Kiffe, general manager, and Anne Chilcott, director of operations, recently returned from the Western Expo in Las Vegas. **GardenMaster** was shown to many retail nurseries, a software package that shows landscape ideas (front yards, back yards, pavers, patios, drought tolerant landscapes, Mediterranean style gardens, etc) to customers who can accumulate a list of plants and hardscape materials. Retail nurseries can put **GardenMaster** into a kiosk or give/sell CDs to customers. Comments heard: *innovative, cutting-edge, wave of the future.*

PlantMaster Tip

Please save all your valuable PlantMaster projects to your hard drive. You can create a folder called *PlantMaster Projects* and put the folder into a place such as *My Documents* on your hard drive.

Here is how you save your PlantMaster projects (valid for 5.7 and 6.0 users):

1. Click on the big blue button **Projects**.
2. You are now at the Project info tab.
3. At the bottom of the screen, click on the button **Export Project**.
4. A window now opens up to your hard drive. Navigate to the appropriate place to put your PlantMaster project in and then click on **Save**.

This is important to do in case there is a problem with PlantMaster and your valuable projects are deleted or corrupted. When you are done creating a project, please remember to export them out to your hard drive.



Computer Hygiene Tip

With the recent fires in Southern California (home to GardenSoft), we experienced some brownouts and were forewarned of possible rolling black-outs with our electrical service. It was a sobering wake-up call to purchase a battery back up system or UPS (uninterruptible power source) for all our computers.

I looked at **www.apc.com** and reviewed their UPS choices. I selected the UPS ES model # BE 350U for Anne's computer, priced at \$40.00 which will give her 8 minutes to safely save her work and shut down in case of a power failure.

Best regards,
Mark Chilcott
Director of Engineering

GardenWorks Tip

Put all your favorite catalog items into one central place, GardenWorks. Scan your favorite hardscape items from catalogs such as decorative pots, pavers, trellises, gazebos, deck materials, fountains, statuary, you name it.... It can be scanned and put into GardenWorks. Your scanner will direct you or automatically put the picture somewhere in your hard drive.

What to do after you scan a picture:
Open GardenWorks.

Click on the button **New**, found on the left side of the menu bar.

Click on the first option, **photo (jpg file)**.

A window opens up to your hard drive.

Navigate to your scanned picture and click on **OK**. The data record will open up for your newly added photo. Click on the 1st tab **photo** and name the photo and add info if you wish.

Click on the other tabs to add it to other search options. Be sure to click on the last tab **custom**. Right click on any custom button and rename to the catalog name. Now click on the catalog name to add your scanned picture.