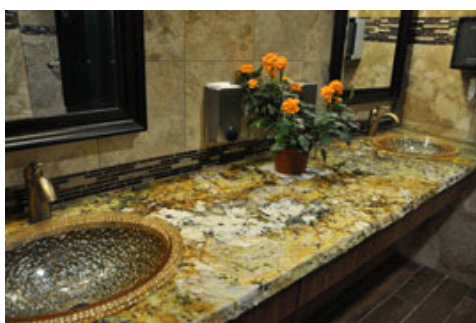


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Let's Hear It for the Bathroom!

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The 7th Annual GCA Best Garden Center Bathroom Awards were given out at last month's IGC Show in Chicago. We all know how important cleanliness is when it comes to "the facilities" a shopper has available to her, and these awards recognize those IGCs that create not only a clean space, but also a comfortable restroom with a creative flair.

This year's Gold Winner is Mesquite Valley Growers Nursery in Tucson, Arizona. Mesquite's facilities are newly refurbished to be conveniently located, as well as durable. The men's, women's and handicapped-accessible restrooms are made of marble, limestone, ceramic and glass to create a contemporary and chic décor.

Mesquite Valley Growers Nursery receives one free registration to GCA's Summer Tour taking place next year in Seattle.

The Silver Award goes to Wingard's Market in Lexington, South Carolina. Wingard's recent renovations have added two new bathrooms for shoppers' use. Each incorporates garden art, potted plants and other elements that are both decorative and for sale.

GCA gave out several Merit Awards, too. The Garden Mart in Mukwonago, Wisconsin, and Breezy Hill Nursery in Salem, Wisconsin, received recognition for their creativity in creating warm and welcoming restrooms. Got a renovation planned? Don't forget the bathrooms—and don't forget to submit your facilities for next year's awards. **GP**

