cleanup crew

A rare event

Events that don't happen often are special. Why else would millions of people flock to the nearest telescope when Halley's Comet passes by?

Floriade, the world horticultural exhibition in the Netherlands, may not exactly be an astrological phenomenon, but it's just as anticipated, at least by Green Industry professionals, as it only occurs every 10 years. Next year's event has been set for April 6 through October 20 in the district of Haarlemmermeer, and is expected to attract three million people from around the world.

Nurseries across the United States have joined together to create the AmeriGarden, an integrated display of plants, flowers, aquatics and ornamental fish showcasing the industry's newest and best products.

For information on Floriade 2002, log on to www.floriade.nl or www.susta.org. For an AmeriGarden participation packet contact Kristin McGrath at 808/961-6660 or e-mail info@amerigarden2002.com.



This is the American delegation that visited the Floriade 2002 site in the Netherlands, a 150-acre park seen here in the background. Delegation members are (left to right) Wendalin Kolkman, Jason Puckett (Tennessee Department of Agriculture), Heather Roper (Southern United States Trade Association), Jane Storrs (Maryland Department of Agriculture), Sandy McDougle, Jan van Doesburg, David Cottrell, Dave Sheline, Tom Femrite (Femrite Nursery Company), Karin Zomer and Mark Smith (USDA, FAS).

Boots on fire

Poor John Morano. When two employees didn't clock in one October morning two years ago, he knew he was in trouble. But, instead of packing it in, the owner of Morano Landscaping and Environmental Services in Sellersville, PA, hiked up his pants and got to work.

Morano never realized how much he could pack into his Dodge 1500 short bed: walk-behind leaf blowers, backpack and hand blowers, fuel cans, rakes, tarps and more. His 8x6 trailer was loaded with a 48-in, walk-behind, aerator, spreader, chemicals and seed. From 7:30 a.m. until late afternoon, Morano managed to tackle eight properties ranging in size from 1/4 acre to 2 acres, and picked up two leads for the following season. "I think my boots were on fire after that workout!" he says. "But, a couple of thousand dollars later, I didn't mind the aches in my arms and back."

Morano's now got a new Landscape Management shirt, in case he wore out the shirt he was wearing.

Another golf shirt's up for grabs for anyone who can tell us (in 200 words or less) a story about the toughest job they ever had. We'll pick the best story, and you might even see it in print if you win. Entries are due by June 15, 2001. Send your submissions via e-mail to jstahl@advanstar.com or snail mail to: Landscape Management, 7500 Old Oak Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44130.

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