

RHR Horticulture

Dear friends and horticultural colleagues:

I would like to take this opportunity to unveil a brand new name under RHR Horticulture. Formerly known as RHR Garden Plants, I'm now calling my small nursery venture *Landwave Gardens*!



“Landwave” is a literal translation of a Chinese name my professor/mentor gave me when I studied abroad China back in 2004. Displeased with the name the local university assigned me, Prof. Zhao Zuo Cheng from the Chinese Academy of Sciences came up with the name “Lu Tao” (陆涛). “Lu” means “land” to represent being firmly grounded and the earth in which I work in, while “Tao” means “big wave”, which, he says, is suppose to represent my success and the big accomplishments I will achieve. I chose this name for my humble nursery in honor of my



mentor and friend who witnessed my enthusiasm for plants and my commitment to my work.

With a brand new name comes a brand new image! I'm in the process of developing a logo for my nursery and looking at my garden to somehow reflect some sort of “wave”. At the



moment, I'm thinking of mass plantings, which could positively steer me away from buying just 1 of everything like I typically do as a collector!

As I get myself organized this year, I hope you'll consider paying me a visit in Shoreline to see my continuous work in progress and see the ever-growing *wave* of choice and unusual plants I'm cultivating, evaluating and propagating to offer avid gardeners everywhere.

This coming weekend's FLORABUNDANCE Plant Sale at Magnuson Park in Seattle will be my first event as *Landwave Gardens*. If you plan to attend, please say “hello” and offer your thoughts, comments, and suggestions about the new name.

To all my friends and colleagues throughout the year, I want to thank you all for your generosity and encouragement over the years. My ongoing work in horticulture and the development of *Landwave Gardens* is just a few of the results of your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

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