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## Stonehouse Nursery Announces Ownership Transition

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Stonehouse Nursery, wholesale grower of native and classic perennial liners based in Berrien Springs, Michigan, announced that effective immediately and as planned, ownership of the business has transitioned from retiring founders, Jay and Patty Steinhauser, into the capable hands of nursery manager and seasoned horticulturist, Amy Ryan. All existing orders will be fulfilled without disruption; new orders will continue to be taken through independent sales representatives, brokers and directly with the nursery.

“Having served as friends and business partners with Amy for a number of years, this transition is a natural evolution for our nursery,” said the Steinhausers. “Her deep-rooted passion for horticulture and commitment to our industry ensure that the high standards we have established over the last 35 years will continue to hold true.”

Amy’s roots in Stonehouse Nursery go back nearly 30 years when she first joined the summer potting crew. While earning her degree in Nursery and Greenhouse Production and Management from The Ohio State University, she returned as an intern. After gaining additional industry experience, she returned to Stonehouse Nursery in 2016 as the nursery manager. Consistency, sustainability and building relationships will continue to be Amy’s core values as she grows the business forward.

“I am delighted to have the opportunity to advance my passion for horticulture and my involvement in our industry through the ownership of Stonehouse Nursery. I am dedicated to continuing our diverse, interesting plant line and hope to continue to expand it as we grow into the future,” said Amy. “One thing I have learned through my horticulture career is the importance of staying open to what nature offers. I look forward to expanding our native plant line and working on some unique, challenging plants.” **GT**