

"Just Add Water"

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Hardy Waterlily, BEST in 2017

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For only the second time in the 15-year history of the New Waterlily Competition sponsored by the International Waterlily and Water Gardening Society, a hardy waterlily captured the coveted title of Best Overall New Waterlily of 2017. It beat out 26 other entries for the top award. *Nymphaea* 'Jakkaphong' was voted Best Overall New Waterlily of 2017 and Best New Hardy. Jakkaphong Sungngam of Thailand is the hybridizer.

Capturing second place in the hardy category was *N. 'Arrakis'* by Florian Henaux of France



Two entries from Florida Aquatic Nurseries earned the top two spots in the Best New Tropical Waterlily Category – *N. 'Amethyst Mist,'* first and *N. 'TO117'* second. The second place winter is yet unnamed.



In the Intersubgeneric category, *N.* 'Pink Silk' by Jakkaphong Sung-ngam was first



and *N.* 'Princesse Leia' by Florian Henaux second.



An ISG waterlily is a cross between a hardy variety and a tropical day-blooming one. The hardy is the pod parent and the tropical provides the pollen. The competition was held at Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, Pa. under the supervision of Tim Jennings, senior gardener. Judging was by a panel of experienced growers and industry experts from around the world.

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