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We Are In for a Fabulous Future

said it last year, and I'll say it again this year — the horticulture industry has an extremely bright future. The reason I say this: the Class of 2013 of GPN's 40 Under 40.

This year's Fab 40 represent the industry's next generation of leadership and innovation. The 40 people we have selected currently are and will continue to make a difference in our industry for many years to come.

Beginning on page 12, you can learn about this year's movers and shakers. These 40 women and men were nominated by their peers for their wide-ranging contributions and achievements both inside and outside of their greenhouses. They exemplify superior leadership, creativity, compassion and innovative thinking.

> They are all trailblazers that represent the many different aspects of the horticulture marketplace.

This is the second year for GPN's 40 Under 40. Although a few of our alumni have now reached their 40th birthday, all 80 of them are charting the course for where the horticulture industry is headed and figuring out how we are going to get there.

We will be calling for nominations for the Class of 2014 in October. If you know someone who you think belongs on next year's list, then I want to know about him or her. Drop me a line at thodson@sgcmail.com and tell me why you think that person belongs in the Class of 2014 of GPN's 40 Under 40.



The 2nd Annual

Going to Short Course?

The Class of 2013 will be recognized at an invitation-only special ceremony in July at OFA Short Course in Columbus, Ohio (July 13-16), but attendees also will have an opportunity to meet some of the members of this year's class.

On July 14 at 10:45 a.m., there will be a special Mix 'n Mingle session with many of this year's honorees. This session will be an informal setting where you will have a chance to pick their brains and find out more about what makes them tick.

To learn more or to register to attend OFA Short Course, please visit www.ofashortcourse.org

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