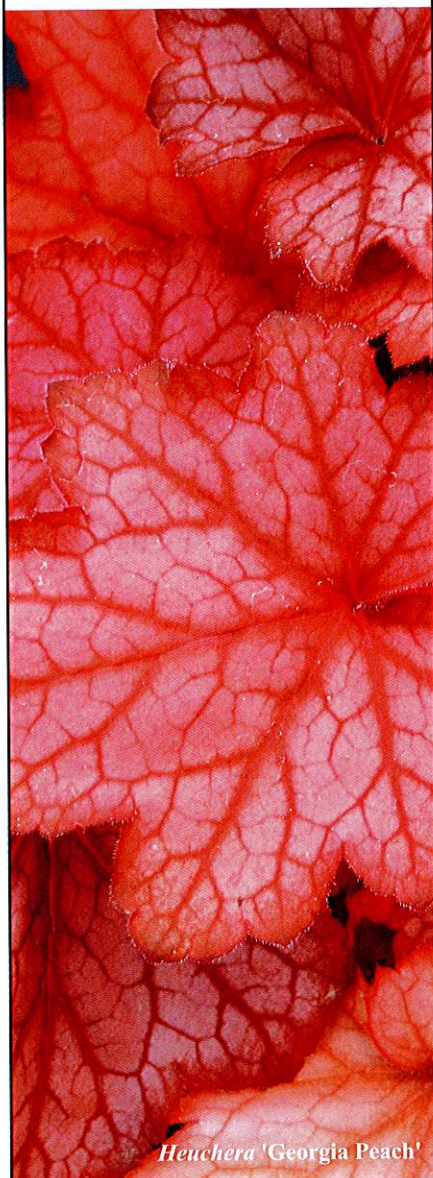


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Central Nine's Johnson County Fair Display

As a follow-up to our article, "Lending a Hand in Building Professionalism," (July/August 2012) about Central Nine (C9) Landscape Management Program's display at the Johnson County Fair this summer, we are happy to report (and show) the results of their hard work.

As you may recall, Seth Plum, manager of design/build at Nature's Choice Landscape, volunteered his expertise in hardscape installation and worked with the students to build the display along with their instructor, Joe Ramey. Many of the supplies were donated and Farm Bureau donated and raffled the display's grill.

Joe indicated the comments from visitors were very good. "The fair goers were impressed. Most said they expect the students to pull off a very good display. Farm Bureau already has given the go-ahead for next year and beyond. They would like to have another give-away that we can put in the garden." Joe continued, "The students did a great job (but I think they always do). Seth was wonderful working with the students. He explained and the students jumped in and followed directions very well."



The finished product!



Seth also had nothing but praise for the students. "I had a great time working with the students on the build. I feel that I have a very high standard for work ethic and I was very impressed with how hard the students worked. They jumped right into working on the project and grasped project layout and building principles with a breeze. They surpassed all my expectations!"

So what's next? Joe says once school begins on August 8 they will start on their first project of the year — a water feature on the C9 campus grounds. And beyond that they will begin to help students find employment, some this fall and others in the spring.



(left to right) C9 students Justin Ferrell, Thomas Long, Logan Milner, Paul Janniche, Westliegh Watson, Greg Andry, and Cody Giordano pose with their finished project.