



MEDIA RELEASE

Capital District GARDEN & FLOWER SHOW

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“SPRING IS IN THE AIR!”

TROY, NY – The 28th Annual Capital District Garden & Flower Show will be held March 27-29, 2015 at the 60,000 square foot McDonough Sports Complex on the campus of Hudson Valley Community College.

The Capital District Garden & Flower Show is upstate New York’s premier garden and flower show. Each year the show is renowned for its full-scale landscape exhibits and creatively designed gardens. Local landscape professionals will transform the hockey arena into a backyard environment complete with shrubs, trees, flowers, ponds, waterfalls, retaining walls, sidewalks and lawns. It takes months of planning and precise timing to force early blooms on thousands of flowers with breathtaking results.

Spectacular color and creativity occupy the entrance of the Capital District Garden & Flower Show. The floral design competition features amazing and amusing exhibits presented by area professional floral designers, garden club members, amateurs, and students. First, second and third place winners in twelve categories are selected by an expert panel of judges. Ribbons and a year’s worth of bragging rights are awarded for Best of Show, Creativity and People’s Choice. Show attendees can vote for their favorite floral design through 1pm Sunday.

The Capital District Garden & Flower Show has a full lecture and demonstration schedule featuring over 50 hours of presentations and demonstrations from local and regional experts including:

- Kerry Ann Mendez – Perennially Yours - Sunday at 11am and 1pm
- Tovah Martin - horticulturalist, author, photo stylist - Sunday at 12pm and 2pm
- Jodie Fitz – Price Chopper’s Cooking Club – Saturday 11am-2pm & Sunday from 12pm-3pm
- Peter Bowden – Hewitt’s Garden Centers – Friday at 1:30pm and 3:30pm; Saturday 10:30am and 12:30; Sunday 1:30pm and 2:30pm
- Ned Chapman – New York Flower Power & Sunnyside Gardens – Friday at 12:30pm
- Paul Split - Master Gardener, lecturer and horticultural consultant – Saturday at 11am and 2pm; Sunday at 10:30am and 3pm.
- Cathy Miller - former White House floral designer - Friday at 2pm
- The following educators and master gardeners from Cornell Cooperative Extension will present lecturers and workshops: David Chinery, Laurel Gailor, Timothy Huggett, Susan Pezzolla, Chuck Schmitt, Pam Taft, Martha Teumim, Angela Tompkins and Mary Carol White.

- Also speaking: Jason Bednarz from Motown Mushrooms, Fred Breglia from Landis Arboretum, Alan Decker from Decker's Landscape & Aquatics, Ken Greene from Hudson Valley Seed Library, Marie Iannotti-author, Stanley Lee from Northeastern New York Orchid Society, Rich Morris from Toadflax Nursery & Landscaping, Michele Peters from Ambiance Florals & Events, Denise Ritz the Pasta Mama, Joanne Strevy from Rosewood Gardens, Deborah Trickett from The Captured Garden and Matt Zacharewicz from Short & Stout Tea Company.

For a complete list of seminars, lectures and demonstrations visit www.gardenandflowershow.com.

Capital District Garden & Flower Show 2015 Highlights:

- Over 16,000 square feet of fully blooming gardens.
- Approximately 100 floral design entries in the Floral Design Competition.
- NEW!! Container Garden exhibits.
- A Marketplace with over 190 retail themed retail exhibits featuring fresh flowers, tools, books, patio furniture and many unique garden and craft items.
- Over 50 hours of demonstrations and lectures on garden related topics.
- A Garden Preview on Thursday, March 26th from 5:30pm – 8:30pm is “JP's Garden of Hope Spring Tea” to benefit the Niemann-Pick Type C Research. Supporters can view the finished gardens and see the award winning floral arrangements. The Marketplace is not open for this event. Advance sale tickets are available online for \$25.
- Wine tastings from ten New York State Wineries.
- A children's play land presented by Backyard Sheds and Gazebos.
- Soil testing by Cornell Cooperative Extension for a minimum donation of \$1.

Tickets to the Capital District Garden & Flower Show are \$12 at the door; children 12 and under are free. Discounted advance sale tickets are available online for \$10. Friday, March 27 is MVP Health Care Senior Day with ticket prices just \$9. Limit one discount per admission. Parking is free.

Partial proceeds from the Capital District Garden & Flower Show benefit Wildwood Programs. Wildwood serves individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities, complex learning disabilities and autism.

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