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38th Annual Connecticut Flower & Garden Show

At CONNECTICUT CONVENTION CENTER, 100 Columbus Blvd. in Hartford – Exit 27A off I-91

4-Day Show OPENS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019

9:55 am. Sharp – SHOW OPENS WITH A CUTTING OF A GARLAND OF FRESH FLOWERS

Leaders of the show will cut a garland (*instead of traditional ribbon*) under a garden pergola as hundreds of attendees watch - Doors open minutes later at 10 a.m.

DAY 1: Thursday, February 21 – 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

DAY 2: Friday, February 22 – 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

DAY 3: Saturday, February 23 – 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

DAY 4: Sunday, February 24 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

One of the Largest, Most Prestigious Flower Shows in New England – nearly 3 acres!
Theme is “*The Charm of Spring*” – with countless creative, expert and practical ideas for homeowners and apartment dwellers, no matter how green your thumb is!

Interviews available with Show Producer Kristie Gonsalves, President of North East Expos, Inc.

► NUMEROUS VISUAL HIGHLIGHTS include:

► Over two dozen gardens in bloom by professional landscape designers and nonprofit organizations, including naturalistic, low maintenance, native, organic, and pollinator gardens:

► Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut’s 2019 Standard Flower Show competition: over 12,000-square feet of a design, horticulture, botanical arts and photography competition with **more than 500 entries** from members of close to 100 garden clubs across the state – all with an “*April in Paris*” theme. Featured is a **16-foot replica of the Eiffel Tower**, created by retired carpenter Joseph Kobylanski of Branford.

► At show entrance, a large fanciful sculpture of illuminated oversized mushrooms, with various plants and florals, created by artist Shauna Shane of FentonRiver Studio in Storrs.

► Over 300 booths of displays, activities & shopping: fresh flowers, plants, garden ornaments, metalwork sculptures, artisans and handcrafted gifts, herbs, bulbs, seeds, fertilizers, soils, gardening books, patio furniture, and lawn and garden tools and equipment. **Bring a 1/2 cup of soil** to UConn Co-op booth for free soil testing.

► More than 80 hours of education seminars and demonstrations by expert presenters – (See page 2)
Entry is free to all sessions with event admission.

► Admission: \$18 Adults; on Thursday/Friday only \$16 Seniors Age 62 & Over; \$5 Kids 5-12; Free under 5.

►►► FOR ALL SHOW INFO including seminar schedule, exhibitors, and driving directions, visit www.CTFlowershow.com or Facebook or 860-844-8461

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SEMINAR SCHEDULE

THURSDAY	ROOM 11	ROOM 12	ROOM 13
11:00	Dawn Pettinelli – When Good Worms Go Bad	11:00	Mar Jennings – Bring Casual Luxury Home
12:30	Rob Townsend – Water Garden Basics	12:30	Trish Manfredi – Creative Floral Design from Forest and Field
2:00	Dawn Pettinelli – Garden Ornaments	2:00	Mar Jennings – Bring Casual Luxury Home
3:30	Bob Buettner – Floral Arranging	3:30	Amanda Morris – Backyard Chicken Gardening
4:30	Nancy DuBrule Clemente – Nancy’s Favorite Plants and Why: an Eclectic Collection – the Plants I Use Constantly in All My Designs and WHY	4:30	Pat White – Benefits of BioChar Soil
6:00	Mike McGrath – The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Getting Toads, Birds and Bugs to Eat Your Garden Thugs		
FRIDAY	ROOM 11	ROOM 12	ROOM 13
11:00	Mike McGrath – Grow Your Best Tomatoes EVER	11:00	Mar Jennings – Bring Casual Luxury Home
12:30	Roger Swain – Tender Vegetables for Tough Times	12:30	Pamm Cooper – Gardening to Support Native Pollinators and Butterflies
2:00	Bob Buettner - Floral Arranging	2:00	Mar Jennings – Bring Casual Luxury Home
3:30	Rob Townsend – Water Garden Basics	3:30	Larry Huzi – Spring Pops
4:30	Roger Swain – Tender Vegetables for Tough Times		
SATURDAY	ROOM 11	ROOM 12	ROOM 13
11:00	Roger Swain – Tender Vegetables for Tough Times	11:00	Mar Jennings – Bring Casual Luxury Home
12:30	Bob Buettner - Floral Arranging	12:30	Amanda Morris – Backyard Chicken Gardening
2:00	Carol Quish – Healthy Gardens	2:00	Mar Jennings – Bring Casual Luxury Home
3:30	Nancy DuBrule Clemente – Houseplants: From Urban Jungle to Winter Oasis, the Basics of Growing Happy, Healthy Houseplants Organically from Someone Who Has Been Studying this Since the LAST Houseplant Boom in the 70s	3:30	Pat White – Benefits of BioChar Soil
4:30	Rob Townsend – Water Garden Basics	4:30	Amanda Morris – Backyard Chicken Gardening
SUNDAY	ROOM 11	ROOM 12	ROOM 13
11:00	Bob Buettner – Floral Arranging	11:00	Mar Jennings – Bring Casual Luxury Home
12:30	Rob Townsend – Water Garden Basics	12:30	Amanda Morris – Backyard Chicken Gardening
2:00	Diane St. John – Monarch Mania!	2:00	Mar Jennings – Bring Casual Luxury Home

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