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**CONNECTICUT FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW COMING FEBRUARY 23-26
TO CONNECTICUT CONVENTION CENTER IN HARTFORD
*Discounted Admission Tickets On Sale Now at CTFlowerShow.com***

HARTFORD, CONN., January 5, 2023 – Can't wait until Spring? The sights and smells of that season will be on full display at the **41st "Connecticut Flower & Garden Show" from Thursday, February 23 through Sunday, February 26, 2023 at the Connecticut Convention Center, 100 Columbus Blvd. in Hartford, Conn. Dates/Hours: Thursday, Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, Feb. 24 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Discounted admission tickets are on sale now: \$17 for Adults and Seniors at www.CTFlowerShow.com.****

The prestigious annual event will be New England's only 2023 flower exhibition show, covering almost two acres, and offering ideas for house, apartment, and condo dwellers. **"Gateway to Spring" is the theme** of this year's show that features expansive live gardens, a nonstop schedule of seminars and demonstrations, the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut's annual Standard Flower Show, and hundreds of vendors displaying and selling all types of items.

As soon as attendees step into the Exhibition Hall, they will be welcomed by more than a dozen live gardens in full bloom by professional landscape designers and nonprofit organizations, including naturalistic, low maintenance, native, containers, vegetables, organic, herb, and pollinator gardens.

Over 80 hours of seminars and demonstrations will be presented by more than 20 horticulturalists, landscapers, and industry professionals, and are free with admission. An impressive roster of expert speakers includes Paul Split, Charlie Nardozi, Ellen Ecker Ogden, Kim Eierman, Kerry Ann Mendez, Nancy DuBrule-Clemente and Lorraine Ballato.

The **Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut's annual Standard Flower Show** will amass 12,500 square feet of beautiful design, horticulture, botanical arts, and photography competition with entries from members across the state – all themed **"Gateway to Spring"**.

Hundreds of booths will showcase displays, activities, shopping: artisans, handcrafted gifts, fresh flowers, plants, garden ornaments, metalwork sculptures, herbs, bulbs, seeds, fertilizers, soils, gardening books, patio furniture, lawn and garden tools, equipment and more. **Bring 1/2 cup of soil for free testing** at the UConn Co-op booth.

Returning this year is the popular Barnes & Noble Center, selling flower, plant, and garden books, including those written by the show's seminar speakers.

"During the Covid experience of isolation, hands-on gardening and outdoor living became increasingly important for reducing stress and elevating our moods," says Kristie Gonsalves, President of North East Expos, Inc., the show's longtime producer and a past president of the National Association of Consumer Show Producers. "We are thrilled that our colorful show offers opportunities for people to discover new ways to enjoy their homes and growing spaces – indoors and out!"

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Admission for February 23-26, 2023 Show:

Discounted Tickets: \$17 for Adults & Seniors are on sale now at www.CTFlowerShow.com and can be purchased online through the last day of the show.

At the Door: \$20 Adults & Seniors; \$5 Children 5-12; Free for Children Under Age 5.

Parking:

Daily parking in the Connecticut Convention Center Garage: \$9 all day; or \$3 for the first hour and \$2 each additional hour.

Thursday & Friday ONLY:

Free parking with Free shuttle at Propark South Surface Lot, 63-89 Capitol Ave. (and Hudson St.) in Hartford (several blocks South of the CT Convention Center).

Saturday & Sunday ONLY:

\$5 all-day parking in the Front Street North and South Garages (across street from CT Convention Center).

Show sponsors include: Connecticut Organics (a division of Connecticut Mulch Distributors, Inc.); Maple Meadow Farm; Renewal by Anderson; WFSB-TV Channel 3; WRCH Lite 100.5; The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc.; the Connecticut Convention Center; and North East Expos, Inc.

For general information or to become an exhibitor, visit www.CTFlowerShow.com or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/CTFlowerShow), or call 860-844-8461.

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