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**OVER 80 HOURS OF EXPERT-LED SEMINARS ON A VARIETY OF TOPICS AT  
CONNECTICUT FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW, COMING FEBRUARY 23-26  
TO CONNECTICUT CONVENTION CENTER IN HARTFORD**

***Discounted Admission Tickets On Sale Now at [CTFlowerShow.com](http://CTFlowerShow.com)***

**HARTFORD, CONN., January 30, 2023** – In less than four weeks, Spring will come early at the **41<sup>st</sup> “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](http://www.CTFlowerShow.com).**

**New England’s only 2023 flower exhibition show** covers almost two acres, and will offer 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.

**An impressive list of more than 25 horticulture and gardening experts will present a variety of topics, totaling over 80 hours during the four-day event!** Attendance at these programs is included in the general admission, and questions are welcomed by the speakers. **The following is the list of speakers and topics and also is posted at [www.CTFlowerShow.com](http://www.CTFlowerShow.com):**

- Lorraine Ballato: Easy Breezy Plants; and Shady Characters.
- Ruth Bennett: Irises New Introductions & Interspecies Crosses.
- Pamm Cooper: Good Bug, Bad Bug, or Benign Bug?
- Rich Cowles: Climate Change & Impact on Rose Culture.
- Christine Darnell: Radically Re-thinking Garden Design.
- Nancy DuBrule-Clemente: Native and Non-Native Plants for Sustainable Landscapes; and Curb Appeal for Pollinator Gardens.
- Kim Eierman: Pollinator Victory Gardens with Native Plants; Unlocking the Mysteries of Native Plant Selection.
- Dr. Nick Goltz: House Plant Diagnostics.
- Len Giddix: The Reflection in Your Garden.
- Larry Huzi: Spring Floral Designs with PAZAZZ!.
- Trish Manfredi: Easy Creative Floral Designs.
- Laurie Masciandaro: Connecticut's Historic Gardens.
- Owen McLaughlin: Introduction to Rhododendrons & Azaleas.
- Kerry Ann Mendez: Gardening Simplified; and Hydrangeas Demystified.
- Jana Milbocker: Gardens of the Gilded Age; and Artists Gardens in New England.
- Amanda Morris: Gardening With Chickens.
- Charlie Nardozi: No Dig Gardening.
- Ellen Ecker Ogden: 6 Steps to a Successful Kitchen Garden Design.
- Dawn Pettinelli: Successful Seed Starting.
- Peter Picone: Ways to Create & Enhance Wildlife Habitat in Your Surroundings, One Native Plant at a Time.
- Paul Split: Organic Container Gardening.

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- Diane St. John: Every Yard Matters - How to Create a Healthy Monarch Butterfly Habitat at Home.
- Rob Townsend: Water Garden Basics.
- George Trecina: A Tree For Every Yard; and Embracing Volunteer Seedlings & Aggressive Plants.
- Dennis Tsui: Low Light Houseplants.
- Steve Walowski: Organics 101 - An Organic Approach To Lawn Care.

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

"There are so many opportunities for attendees to learn about new and different topics by attending informative seminars and by speaking one-on-one with experts at their live landscapes and hundreds of booths," 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. "This is a great event for people who want to gear up for Spring, and discover new ways to enjoy their homes and gardens and other growing spaces."

### **Admission for February 23-26, 2023 Show:**

**Discounted Tickets: \$17 for Adults & Seniors are on sale now at [www.CTFlowerShow.com](http://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](http://www.CTFlowerShow.com) or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/CTFlowerShow), or call 860-844-8461.

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