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**OVER 80 HOURS OF EXPERT SPEAKERS PART OF
FEBRUARY 19-22 CONNECTICUT FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW
AT CONNECTICUT CONVENTION CENTER IN HARTFORD
*Discounted Admission Tickets On Sale Now at CTFlowerShow.com***

HARTFORD, CONN., January 22, 2026 – **A full schedule of expert speakers and topics is set** for the “44th Connecticut Flower & Garden Show”, **starting Thursday, February 19 through Sunday, February 22, 2026, at the Connecticut Convention Center, 100 Columbus Blvd. in Hartford, Conn.** **Days/Hours:** Thursday, Feb. 19 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, Feb. 20 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 21 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Discounted admission tickets can be purchased now at www.CTFlowerShow.com, \$17 for Adults and Seniors (same prices as last year).**

New England’s ONLY 2026 major flower exhibition and show will feature **150,000 square feet** of expansive live landscapes and floral gardens, nonstop seminars and demonstrations, the **Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut’s annual Standard Flower Show**, and hundreds of exhibitors displaying and selling all types of items and gifts. The prestigious show’s theme this year is “A Storybook Garden”. **This annual event offers ideas** for house, apartment, and condo-dwellers alike and is for gardening beginners to experts, and everything in between.

Over 80 hours of different seminars and demonstrations will be presented by more than 20 expert horticulturalists, landscapers, and industry professionals,” explains Kristie Gonsalves, President of North East Expos, Inc., the show’s producer who is a Board member of the Home & Garden Show Executives International, and a past president of the National Association of Consumer Show Producers. “This year’s experts **include renowned entomologist and conservationist Doug Tallamy, co-founder of Homegrown National Park and author of the book, “How Can I Help?”, and Nancy DuBrule-Clemente, organic gardener and founder of NatureWorks.**

Attendance at these programs is included in the general admission and questions are welcomed by the speakers, many of whom will sell their own books after their seminars.” All sessions are Free with admission; the full schedule is **online now at www.CTFlowerShow.com**

The following is the full list of 2026 speakers and topics:

- **Merrie Avallone:** *Having Fun with Dahlias*
- **Kathy Connolly:** *Site Preparation for Landscape Transformation*, and another on *Native Ground Covers With Oomph!*
- **Denise Ciasto:** *What the Seed is Saying Part 2*
- **Pamm Cooper:** *Wild Mushrooms Just for Fun*
- **Nancy DuBrule-Clemente:** *Up Your Annual Flowers Game*
- **Nancy DuBrule-Clemente & Nancy Ballek-McKinnon:** *Nancy & Nancy Throwdown!*
- **Nancy DuBrule-Clemente & Diane St. John:** *A Happy Habitat Action Program*
- **Teri Dunn Chace:** *Jousting with Japanese Knotweed*
- **Jeffrey Eleveld:** *How to Kill a Houseplant*
- **Len Giddix:** *Growing Garlic*, and another on *It’s All Greek to Me*
- **Dr. Nick Goltz:** *Flower Diseases 101*

- **Arthur Hamm:** *The Lawn Ranger - Your Lawn Needs Just as Much Love As Your Garden*
- **Lauren Kurtz:** *Invasive Plants In Your Garden*
- **Laurie Masciandaro:** *Connecticut's Historic Gardens*
- **Avishesh Neupane:** *Soil Test to Success: Simple Numbers, Better Gardens*
- **Jen Plasky:** *Winning Window Boxes & Perfect Planters*
- **Jim Sirch:** *Propagating Native Plants From Seed*
- **Diane St. John:** *Small Meadows, Flowering Lawns & How to Plant Them at Home*, and another on *Every Yard Matters ~ How to Create a Healthy Monarch Butterfly Habitat*
- **Doug Tallamay:** *How Can I Help? Saving Nature with Your Yard*
- **Rob Townsend:** *Water Gardening Basics*
- **George Trecina:** *How I Ditched My Front Lawn*, and another on *Special Hardscape Projects*
- **Lorraine Walsh & Mary Lou Ashur:** *Art In Bloom*
- **Terry Walters:** *Fermentation for Your Good Health*, and another on *Plant-based Nourishment*
- **Heather Zidack:** *Goal-Orientated Gardening*

• **As soon as attendees enter the Exhibition Hall: Over 20 colorful live garden and landscape exhibits in full bloom** by professional landscape designers and nonprofit organizations, including naturalistic, low-maintenance, native, containers, vegetables, organic, herb, and pollinator gardens.

• **The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut's annual Standard Flower Show** with a 12,500-square-foot design, horticulture, botanical arts, and photography competition with hundreds of entries from members across the state –themed, **"A Storybook Garden"**.

• **Close to 400 booths with displays, activities, shopping:** artisans, handcrafted gifts, fresh flowers, live plants, garden ornaments, metalwork sculptures, herbs, bulbs, seeds, fertilizers, soils, books, patio furniture, and lawn/garden tools and equipment, patio furniture, and more. **Bring 1/2 cup of soil for Free testing** to UConn Home & Garden Education Center booth.

► **Admission for February 19-22, 2026 Show** (*same prices as last year*):

Discounted Tickets Can be Purchased Now: \$17 for Adults & Seniors at www.CTFlowerShow.com and can be purchased online now through the final day of the show.

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

► **Event Parking:**

Every Day: Parking in the Connecticut Convention Center Garage: \$9 all day; or \$5 for the first hour and \$2 each additional hour.

Thursday & Friday ONLY: Additional free parking and shuttle buses at Propark's Bushnell South Garage at 120 Capitol Ave. in Hartford (*several blocks South of the CT Convention Center*).

Saturday & Sunday ONLY: Additional \$5 all-day parking in the Front Street North and South Garages (*across the street from CT Convention Center*).

Saturday & Sunday ONLY: Additional \$5 all-day parking and free shuttle buses at Morgan Street Garage at 155 Morgan St. in Hartford (suggested driving: exit 33 off of I-91 to 155 Morgan Street).

► **To View a Map of Nearby Downtown Hartford Parking Lots and Garages**, go to www.hartford.com/parking

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► **For information** about the “44th Connecticut Flower & Garden Show”, including discounted advance ticket purchase or to register as an exhibitor, visit www.CTFlowerShow.com or [Facebook](#), or call 860-844-8461.

NORTH EAST EXPOS, INC., the event’s producer, is a decades old, female-owned family company owned by President Kristie Gonsalves. She also presents the annual “**Connecticut Fishing & Outdoor Show**” at **Mohegan Sun** in Uncasville, Conn. on Friday, March 20 through Sunday, March 22, 2026. **To register as an exhibitor at that event**, contact Kristie Gonsalves at 860-844-8461 or email Kristie@northeastexpos.com, or visit www.CTFishingOutdoorShow.com.

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