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CENTRAL OHIO HOME AND GARDEN SHOW

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Experience the region's most exciting and interactive home and garden show, featuring more than 400 exhibits and attractions. **Five Seasons Landscape** is proud to participate in the 51st year of The Central Ohio Home & Garden Show, *presented by National City*. The show runs February 24 through March 4 at the Ohio Expo Center. Visit www.fiveseasonslandscape.com for more details.

For the fifth year, **Five Seasons Landscape** will be exhibiting in the Central Ohio Home & Garden Show. Since 1997, **Five Seasons Landscape** has specialized in commercial / residential landscape services including design & maintenance. This year's display is sure to amaze and will be full of surprises. The theme of the show is "Gardens of the World." Experience world travel without leaving Columbus! Our garden will feature the country of Greece. Stop by our booth to take a step into the world where the Olympics were born. Additional information can be found by visiting our website at www.fiveseasonslandscape.com.

The Home & Garden Show offers nine days packed with special events and attractions designed for all ages. The

show was awarded the highly prestigious "Show of the Year" designation in 2006 by the National Association of Consumer Shows (NACS).

Featuring interesting and informative cooking, gardening and home improvement presentations and seminars daily, the show also gives visitors a peek at the hottest trends in gardening. Aisles and aisles of products and services will allow show guests to purchase an endless variety of the latest in home and garden products and services.

Visitors will have the opportunity to see an amazing array of landscaping possibilities throughout the breathtaking National City Garden Showcase, presented by Ohio Mulch and produced by members of the Columbus Landscape Association.

The Central Ohio Home & Garden Show opens Saturday, February 24 and runs through Sunday, March 4 at the Ohio Expo Center. Show hours are Saturdays 10 a.m. – 9 p.m., Sundays 11 a.m. – 6 p.m., Weekdays (except Wednesday) 4 p.m. – 9 p.m. and Wednesday noon – 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, children age 12 and under are admitted free.

CONTAINING YOUR EXCITEMENT THIS SPRING

Looking to make a splash with your container plantings this year? Although a planter overflowing with petunias is always attractive, consider branching out this year and trying some new plants and creative combinations. The usual cast of annual flower characters includes geraniums, impatiens and petunias, but have you ever heard of diascia, angelonia, and alternanthera? A few years ago these could only be found at specialty nurseries; now they are showing up in garden centers across the country. Keep the following tips in mind when choosing plants:

1. Select plants with differing growth habits. For example, combine spiky grasses with shrubby verbena and cascading sweet potato vine.

2. Make sure plants are compatible. Planting sun-lovers that require excellent drainage with shade and moisture loving plants is a recipe for disappointment.

3. Use foliage to your advantage. Choose dark-leaved plants to complement light or bright flowers, or chartreuse-leaved plants to brighten a planting.

4. Consider fragrance, especially if planters will be located near a doorway or window.

Be bold this year, and try something new!

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



We just came through the most challenging winter storm in years last week and this week we start the Home & Garden Show; one of the definitive signs of spring! Spring and early summer is a good time to consider enhancing your outdoor living areas with springtime perennials and early summer annuals or perennials. Color is the best pick-me-up as you admire the gardens outside. Stage that color display so you have something blooming all year; spring time bulbs and summer annuals mixed with summer-fall perennials, supplemented with the fall mums, pansies or cabbage/kale displays. "Color" is fairly inexpensive, and if done right, your original investment can last for a long time. One of the reasons the Home & Garden show is so popular is the large and beautiful gardens. Everyone wants to see the newest trends and what those trends look like in the back yard. As fancy as the gardens look, they all start at the same place – good soil. As you start any landscape project, amending your soil is imperative; the soil we have in central Ohio is heavy clay, and terrific for growing corn and soybeans. Unless you're planning to landscape with vegetables, amending with organic material is a must; leaves from last fall, composted grass clippings, and essentially anything that was once alive and is no more, can help your soil right now. Amendments introduce nutrients plants can use, and actually work to break up the dense clay, allowing better air and water penetration to the top layers of the soil and roots of the plant to grow deeper. So while the colorful blooms of your plants get all the attention, it is the hard work up front transforming that clay into "fertile ground" that is the genesis of any successful garden. Come see us at the show!



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NEWSLETTER QUIZ

Who is known as the "father" of American landscape architecture?

A \$50 gift certificate to Cameron Mitchell Restaurants will be awarded to the first person who answers correctly.

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