



51st Annual Colorado Garden & Home Show
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COLORADO GARDEN & HOME SHOW TO CELEBRATE 51st ANNUAL SHOW

Entry garden filled with “Mammoths, Tigers and Flowers...Oh My!”

DENVER – (Feb. 13, 2010) – More than 70,000 green thumbs and home improvement enthusiasts are expected to celebrate the arrival of spring and attend the 51st Annual Colorado Garden & Home Show Feb. 13 – 21, at the Colorado Convention Center in downtown Denver.

Considered one of the premier shows of its kind, the Annual Colorado Garden & Home Show is the region’s largest, oldest and most prestigious consumer garden and home improvement show west of the Mississippi. It’s also the only show produced by a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that contributes show proceeds to grants and scholarships. Since the 1970s, Colorado Garden Show has awarded more than \$3.5 million for horticultural projects and scholarships throughout the state. In 2010, the organization awarded a record-breaking amount of more than \$600,000 in horticulture scholarships and grant projects to 42 Colorado organizations.

More than 600 companies from 25 states and Canada will introduce new technologies in energy-efficient heating and cooling products, window treatments, siding, flooring, lighting, indoor and outdoor fireplaces, patio furniture, gutters, sound systems, storage systems, greenhouses, decks, spas and more.

“We work hard to ensure we offer attendees creative ideas, inspirational gardens and feature the latest and most innovative products to improve your home and garden,” said Jim Fricke, executive director of Colorado Garden Show, Inc. “The show also caters to families through its education gardens including the entry garden. This year, our entry garden features animatronics creatures from the Ice Age. These mammals’ will come to life and be surrounded by thousands of flowers and plants.”

“Mammoths, Tigers and Flowers...Oh My!” Creatures of the Ice Age

Families visiting the show will step into the Ice Age when they are greeted by a giant sloth, glyptodont (mammal-like armadillo), saber tooth tiger and woolly mammoth that come to life staged in the “Mammoths, Tigers and Flowers...Oh My!” *Creatures of the Ice Age* Entry Garden presented by Bank of the West.

Inspiring Gardens

The hallmark of the show is the 14 inspiring landscaped gardens with rich colors, fragrances and textures. The gardens contain more than 15,000 blooming flowers comprised of 75 varieties of annuals, perennials and bulbs, and hundreds of flowering trees and shrubs. More than 100 tons of boulders and rocks, 2,000 truckloads of fresh recycled mulch, waterfalls, ponds and streams, paths and elevated walkways and bridges all add to the gardens’ living nature.

What Else:

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- Marvel at the creative floral arrangements and designs in Colorado’s largest juried **Flower Show**, “**Dancin’ With Flowers**,” presented by the Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs.
- Explore **The Hot Products Zone** for new gardening and home improvement products from a LED landscape and architectural lighting to contemporary backyard sheds to motorized window shades and more.



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- Looking for Green Ideas? Stop by the **Smart Energy Living Pavilion** to learn the five most important steps for achieving energy efficiency in your home.

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- Admire, but do not eat, the 100 extravagant cakes competing for prizes in the show's botanically-correct "sugar art show." The "**The Ice Age**" & "**Love throughout the Ages**" **Cake Decorating Contest** will be on display next to the show's main entrance.

Feb. 13 – 15

- Listen to **Michael Weishan** from "The Victory Garden" on PBS and "The Cultivated Gardener" on National Public Radio speak in the Demonstration Theater about gardening, specifically Getting Started, It's All in the Plants and Going Green in the Garden.

Feb. 17

- Stop by the **Flower Sale** halfway through the show when fading flowers will be removed from the garden and replaced. The Rotary Club will have these flowers on sale to the public for \$2 per pot.

Feb. 19

- Be greeted and get autographs from CAM the Ram, CSU Cheerleaders and the CSU musical group at **Colorado State University Day**.

Feb. 20 – 21

- Visit the **Ikebana display, the Japanese art of flower arrangement**, next to the show's main entrance. A demonstration will be given on Feb. 21 at 12 p.m. in the Demonstration Theater.

Feb. 21

- On Sunday, 20 metro area Rotary Clubs will converge on the Convention Center to carefully box 7,000 flowers and ready them for delivery to 60 local nursing homes.

Additional show details

In an effort to help area food banks, the Colorado Garden & Home Show will offer \$2 off admission to attendees who present a nonperishable food item at the ticket window at the Colorado Convention Center. All of the food gathered will be distributed to local area food banks. This discount is not good with any other offer.

Show Hours and Admission

- Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Sundays, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Monday through Friday, Noon – 8 p.m.
- General Admission \$12; Senior Ticket (at the door) \$10; Children 12 and under Free
- Discount adult tickets may be purchased at TicketsWest (www.ticketswest.com) locations.

To download photos please visit:

<http://www.gardeningcolorado.com/garden/show-photo-gallery/gallery>



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About Colorado Garden Show, Inc.

Colorado Garden Show, Inc. (CGS, Inc.) is a nonprofit corporation that provides funds for horticultural-related grants and scholarships and events for the benefit of the greater Denver area and the state of Colorado. To date, CGS, Inc. has awarded more than \$3 million for horticultural projects and scholarships throughout the state. CGS Inc. presents the Colorado Fall Home Show focusing on home renovation, remodeling, and sustainable living and the Annual Colorado Garden & Home Show, the Rocky Mountain region's largest, oldest and most prestigious consumer garden and home improvement show west of the Mississippi.

2010 Colorado Garden & Home Show Sponsors

Bank of the West presents the 2010 Colorado Garden & Home Show, sponsored by American Furniture Warehouse. The show is presented in association with American Family Insurance, Your neighborhood Toyota Stores and Media Partners 9NEWS, Comcast, *Colorado Homes & Lifestyles* and *The Denver Post*. Official Suppliers include Granite Depot, Grand Lodge on Peak 7 and TeamDaveLogan.com.

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