



53rd Annual Colorado Garden & Home Show
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COLORADO GARDEN & HOME SHOW TO CELEBRATE 53rd ANNUAL SHOW

Explore the 5,500-square-foot “Blooms, Balloons & Butterflies” entry garden with four-ft. butterflies and kids, bugs and creatures made of balloons

DENVER – (Feb. 11, 2012) – More than 70,000 green thumbs and home improvement enthusiasts are expected to celebrate the arrival of spring and attend the 53rd Annual Colorado Garden & Home Show Feb. 11 – 19 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 \$4.5 million for horticultural projects and scholarships to 200 organizations throughout the state. In 2012, the organization is awarding \$500,000 in horticulture scholarships and grant projects.

More than 650 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 are very excited to present attendees with creative ideas, inspirational gardens and the latest and most innovative products to improve homes and gardens,” said Jim Fricke, executive director of Colorado Garden Show, Inc. “We also work hard to make this a family event with our 14 educational gardens including a spectacular entry garden. This year, our entry garden features four-foot butterflies flying in the sky and kids, bugs and other creatures crafted from balloons. It’s bound to give you a serious dose of spring fever!”

See the “Blooms, Balloons & Butterflies” Entry Garden

Families visiting the show will have plenty to make them smile when they are greeted by a variety of four-foot butterflies flying through the air, and a play land of kids, bugs and creatures made entirely from balloons. These fun and playful characters will come to life in the 5,500-square-foot “*Blooms, Balloons & Butterflies*” Entry Garden presented by Bellco. Town & Country Landscaping of Lone Tree, Colo., is responsible for the design, construction and installation of this unique garden.

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 composed 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**, themed “Out of this World,” presented by the Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs.
- Explore **The Hot Products Zone** for new gardening and home improvement products including everything from sinks made from bamboo to blue grass that will make you the envy of the neighborhood.



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- The Colorado Garden & Home Show worked with Alpine Lumber and metro area home builders on the construction of five 8'x10' custom-built playhouses that are each valued at \$5,000. **The Playhouses for Charity** will be displayed in the feature gardens and other locations on the show floor during the show. Attendees can register to win two of the playhouses and vote for a charity to win the remaining three.

Feb. 11 – 12

- Admire, but do not eat, the 100 extravagant cakes competing for prizes in the show's "sugar art show." This year's cake decorating contest will follow the theme "**Butterfly Migration**," and all cakes will be on display next to the show's main entrance.

Feb. 15

- 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.

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- Visit the **Ikebana display, the Japanese art of flower arrangement**, next to the show's main entrance.

Feb. 19

- 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. This is the 16th year the Rotarians have coordinated this giveaway.

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.ticketwest.com) locations.

To download photos please visit:

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

About Colorado Garden Show, Inc.

Colorado Garden Show, Inc. (CGS, Inc.) is a nonprofit corporation that provides funds for horticultural-related grants, scholarships and events for the benefit of the greater Denver area and the state of Colorado. To date, CGS, Inc. has awarded more than \$4.5 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.



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Bellco presents the 2012 Colorado Garden & Home Show in conjunction with the National Home & Garden Show Series presented by Dish Network. The show is presented in association with Xfinity. Media partners include 9NEWS, *Colorado Homes & Lifestyles* and *The Denver Post*. Official suppliers include Grand Lodge on Peak 7, Metrolist and TeamDaveLogan.com.

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