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**BRIGGSDALE HIGH SENIOR SELECTED TO RECEIVE FULL-RIDE SCHOLARSHIP
FROM COLORADO GARDEN SHOW TO ATTEND COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**

*Additional Colorado Scholarships Awarded to CSU and
Community College of Denver Students*

DENVER (April 30, 2009) – Colorado Garden Show, Inc. (CGS, Inc.) announced today that Maxwell Fokken of Briggsdale, Colo. has been awarded a four-year, full-ride scholarship to Colorado State University (CSU). Fokken, 18, will study soil and crop sciences and work toward a degree in natural resources. In addition to paid tuition, book fees, room and board for four years, he will also receive a laptop and printer as part of the scholarship.

After receiving and reviewing numerous applications, the CGS board members traveled to meet with the top three applicants in their hometowns throughout Colorado. The board interviewed the applicants, their families, and teachers and then toured their high schools to determine financial needs, community service and future career endeavors before choosing the scholarship winner. The Colorado Garden Show full-ride scholarship is only one of two full-ride scholarships available to CSU agriculture students.

“Nearly every dollar from birthday and Christmas cards has gone into my college fund since I was nine, but I still didn’t have enough money to pay for college,” said Fokken immediately after being told he won during a special CGS meeting. “Receiving the full-ride scholarship from Colorado Garden Show is amazing. I will do everything in my power to use it to my fullest advantage, and to be a student worthy of such a great opportunity.”

When CGS board members met with Fokken to announce the scholarship, his proud parents could not help but express their gratitude and excitement. “We will never be able to convey our appreciation to the Colorado Garden Show,” said Scott Fokken, Fokken’s father. “Max is our oldest child and the first one to leave for college. He will be an excellent student, and we can’t wait to see what he can do.”

Fokken grew up in Briggsdale and graduates from Briggsdale High School this May. He has participated in and taken leadership roles in countless extracurricular activities and organizations including football, basketball, track and field, National Honor Society, Student Council and Future Farmers of America.

“Max not only impressed the Colorado Garden Show board members with his passion for conservation and drive to preserve and protect the environment, but also his leadership and community involvement,” said Jim Fricke, Colorado Garden Show, Inc. executive director. “It is a true honor for all of us at Colorado Garden Show to award this

full-ride scholarship to Max especially in today's economic recession. Now is an even better time to give back to our future."

Fokken explained to the CGS board that he knew how life on the plains could be full of strife and suffering. "I have worked in dusty fields for ranchers and farmers and seen their hardships. This has influenced me to study conservation so that I may help others better manage and preserve shared natural resources."

Colorado Garden Show awarded additional college scholarships to Colorado schools from proceeds generated from the annual Colorado Garden & Home Show for the 2009 – 2010 school year including:

- Kara Crist of Leadville, Colo. received a one-year scholarship to cover tuition, books and fees at CSU toward her bachelor's degree in landscape horticulture.
- Heather Hammack of Phoenix, Ariz. received a scholarship toward her degree in horticulture therapy at CSU.
- Jessica Jo Johnson of Greeley, Colo. was awarded a scholarship for tuition, books and fees for one year at CSU towards her degree in agriculture business and agricultural education.
- Silvia Joque of Denver was awarded the Architecture, Construction and Engineering (ACE) Mentoring Scholarship toward tuition each year for four years of college. She will attend Community College of Denver next fall.
- John Murgel of Ft. Collins, Colo. was awarded a graduate scholarship of tuition, books and fees for one year at CSU toward his master's degree in horticulture.
- Jamie Petersen of Denver received a one-year scholarship to cover tuition, books and fees in the horticulture and landscape technologies program at Community College of Denver.

About Colorado Garden Show, Inc.

Colorado Garden Show, 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 annual Colorado Garden & Home Show at the Colorado Convention Center, which is the Rocky Mountain region's largest, oldest and most prestigious consumer garden and home improvement show west of the Mississippi. For more information or to apply for a Colorado Garden Show scholarship in the future, visit www.GardeningColorado.com.

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