



## BERKSHIRE BOTANICAL GARDEN

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**Berkshire Botanical Garden**  
**40th Annual Flower Show "Back to the Future"**  
**What was once Old is New again; Taking Root and Greening our World**  
Celebrating 75th Anniversary Season

July 14, 2009 -- Stockbridge, Massachusetts – Gardeners: cut a stem and we'll do the rest. If there's a flower, fruit or vegetable in your yard that you are particularly proud of, bring it to the Berkshire Botanical Garden and you may be a winner at the Flower Show. The two-day event will be open to the public Saturday, August 1 from 1-5pm and Sunday, August 2, from 10am to 5pm. Entries will be received on August 1 from 8:00-10am. In addition there are 8 different classes for flower arranging with fascinating themes.

"This is a particularly special show for us," says Flower Show Chair, MaryEllen O'Brien. "We're celebrating the 40th year hosting the Flower Show and it's the 75th anniversary of the Garden."

In celebration of the anniversary season, the Flower Show will offer separate "classes" for different types of plant, such as marigold or zinnia, hosta or phlox, dahlia or daylily, bean or broccoli, tomato or berry. Gardeners are encouraged to enter and flower lovers are encouraged to attend to see the winners and enjoy the event. With eight "classes" in the Design Division and two in the Youth Division, there's a lot to see and admire. "This is a great weekend to take in the beauty of the Garden and learn," says O'Brien.

Representatives of the American Begonia Society, the Upstate New York Hosta Society, the Cactus & Succulent Society, the Herb Society of America, the Hudson Adirondack Daylily Society and the New England Wildflower Society will also be at the Show. And so will the ever-popular David Burdick, with his spectacular bromeliads and ferns.

This is one of the oldest competitions of flowers, fruit and flora in the region. Last season the Flower Show attracted over 600 attendees and exhibitors. The staff and volunteers are gearing up for the visitors and invite all who come to take time to tour the garden's new exhibitions. "*Gone with the Wind* features kinetic sculpture of Tim Prentice and *Contained Exuberance* created by Margaret Roach and Bob Hyland explores the many ways to garden in pots," says Berkshire Botanical Garden Executive Director, John Parker. "Guest Gardens by Martha Stewart, Page Dickey and Jack Staub are also a new addition this season. " For more information about programs and events, stop by the Garden at route 102 & 183, Stockbridge, MA. call 413-298-3926 or go to [www.berkshirebotanical.org](http://www.berkshirebotanical.org).