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2015 SAN FRANCISCO FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW OFFERS AN ABUNDANCE OF ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

Educational Hands-On Activities – Kids Can Build A Bee Hotel, Explore Insects, Make Pollinator Cookies And More

SAN FRANCISCO – (March 16, 2015) – The San Francisco Flower & Garden Show will take over the San Mateo County Event Center, Wednesday, March 18 through Sunday, March 22, celebrating 30 years. This year's show has gone wild for the little ones with a plethora of hands-on activities and fun learning opportunities. Additionally, children 16 and under are admitted for FREE.

For the first time ever, and in keeping with the show theme "Going Wild," the Oakland-based Pollinator Posse and Insect Sciences Museum of California have joined forces to create the Pollinator Pavilion. This fun and educational area gives kids the chance to get up-close and personal with live insects and an army of beneficial beasts! Children can look at a Monarch Butterfly wing under a microscope, touch terrariums full of live insects and learn from the Insect Museum of California experts about how to care for these little creatures. Kids can also build a bee hotel for native bees, make pollinator seed cookies, create an electronic BeeBot, learn how to make a garden that can feed people and butterflies, and more.

Kids Growing Strong, a non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring children through science-based, hands-on gardening activities will be on hand to help kids create "Good Guy in the Garden" masks as well as get dirty planting flowers to take home for their own butterfly garden. Since 2001, Kids Growing Strong, has empowered families and caregivers to inspire children to adopt healthy lifestyles through proper nutrition and exercise while motivating children to actively learn about themselves and the environment through science-based, hands-on garden activities.

More than five acres of the event center will be in full bloom, both inside and out with spectacular display gardens, 100-plus free seminars with top garden and floral experts, hundreds of plants for sale and more. New this year, Mountain Feed & Farm Supply, the ultimate homestead supply store will create an Urban Homestead at the show. Daily workshops will demonstrate making cheese, brewing probiotic beverages, fermenting cabbage, canning and more. The San Francisco Flower & Garden Show is the ideal place for all ages to immerse themselves in the world of gardening, talk to experts, learn new techniques, watch demonstrations by world-class floral designers and shop thousands of plants and garden-related products and services.

About the 2015 San Francisco Flower & Garden Show

The 2015 San Francisco Flower & Garden Show will be open to the public Wednesday, March 18 through Sunday, March 22, at the San Mateo County Event Center, located at 1346 Saratoga Drive, in San Mateo, Calif. Show hours are Wednesday Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$22 for a one-day adult, \$20 for a one-day senior admission and children 16 and under are admitted free. For more information visit www.sfgardenshow.com, www.facebook.com/sfflowershow, www.twitter.com/sfflowershow and www.instagram.com/sfflowershow. Official hashtag: [#SFGardenShow](https://twitter.com/SFGardenShow).

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