



2018 SAN FRANCISCO FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW
"RETURNS TO PARADISE" APRIL 4-8

Showcase Gardens, Edible Gardening, Orchids, Seminars, DIY Stations, Plant Market and More

SAN FRANCISCO (Feb. 15, 2018) – The 2018 [San Francisco Flower & Garden Show](#) returns to the Bay Area Wednesday, April 4 through Sunday, April 8 for the 33rd annual event. This year's theme "Return to Paradise" is very fitting as the Show returns to the historic Cow Palace for the first time in 10 years. For five special days, the Cow Palace will be in full bloom with spectacular showcase gardens, orchids, edible gardening displays, seminars, make-and-take DIY stations, thousands of flowers and plants for sale and more. From horticulture newbies to urban gardening enthusiast, this is the place for everyone to immerse themselves in the world of all-things flowers and gardening.

"We are thrilled with the line-up of gardens, seminars and hands-on fun for this year's San Francisco Flower & Garden Show," said San Francisco Flower & Garden Show Producer Sherry Larsen. "Our gardens will feature some amazing highlights including a 40' pagoda, koi ponds, and even a garden built around a fully furnished container home. I know everyone will be amazed by all of the possibilities for their own gardens and landscapes. From display gardens to nearly 60 seminars, this is the place to be inspired and learn about the latest techniques and trends from the industry's leading flower and garden experts."

Following are features that will fill the 2018 San Francisco Flower & Garden Show throughout the weekend:

- **2018 Showcase Gardens** – Explore the amazing full-size garden displays created by top landscape designers utilizing thousands of blooming flowers, California natives and exotic plants. A panel of landscape design and horticulture experts will judge the Showcase Gardens in several categories for the 2018 Garden Awards, while showgoers are invited to pick their favorites for the People's Choice Award.
- **Edible Garden Display** – New this year, the edible garden display will be a learning center for those that want to see the latest method, plants and materials for their backyard garden and urban homesteading.
- **Discovery Stage** – From beginner to expert gardeners, there is something for everyone at the Discovery Stage. More than 25 seminars will focus on all types of gardening topics including butterfly-friendly gardens, soil biology, garden design, use of palm trees and native plants, the latest new plants and edible varieties, vertical gardening and a full day devoted to discovering the principles of permaculture.

- **Hands-on Garden Workshops** – Informal workshops will take place within the Edible Garden display. Workshops will cover planning an edible garden, drip irrigation, and raising backyard chickens. They will explore the type of planting methods, planting bed and selection of plants and trees.
- **Floral Design Stage** – The country’s leading designers will take the stage for floral design demonstrations and seminars. More than a dozen experts will share techniques and tips as part of this non-stop seminar series that will focus on locally grown and sustainable methods of creating beautiful floral displays. Topics will include foraging for natural materials, creating gorgeous tablescapes, and from the farm to the vase designs. National known floral artist, author and TV personality, J Schwanke, will take center stage on Sunday for a day of fun with flowers. He will share his passion for flowers and will even lead a workshop where attendees can try their hand at creating a lovely bouquet of their own.
- **Plant Market** – Shop a variety of hundreds of plants – everything from bulbs to blooms and annuals to perennials. Vegetables and unusual plants will all be on sale.
- **Patio Living** – New this year – Enjoy an array of small designs that will expand your horizons on how to use your small back yard or patio for outdoor living.
- **TableScapes** New this year – Enjoy the creations of various artists, event planner and non-profit groups as they share their design of a unique “Garden Party” table.
- **The Marketplace** – Exhibitors will offer the hottest new tools, gardening gear, art for the garden and more.

About the 2018 San Francisco Flower & Garden Show

The 2018 San Francisco Flower & Garden Show will be open to the public Wednesday, April 4 through Sunday, April 8, at the Cow Palace, located at 2600 Geneva Ave., in Daly City, 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. Admission is \$22 for a one-day adult admission, \$20 for a one-day senior admission and children 16 and under are admitted free. For more information, visit www.sfgardenshow.com or follow @sfflowershow on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). Official hashtag is #sfflowershow.

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