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Navy Pier 2009

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2009 Belgard Chicago Flower & Garden Show cultivates city’s top attractions as centerpiece of March 7-15, 2009, fantasy displays at Navy Pier

WHO Many of Chicago’s most popular cultural attractions
Chicago Botanic Garden
Chicago Park District Community Parks
Chicago Park District Conservatories
Lincoln Park Zoo
Museum of Contemporary Art
Museum of Science and Industry
National Museum of Mexican Art
John G. Shedd Aquarium
and the city’s leading landscape and garden design firms

WHAT The centerpiece of the 15th annual Belgard Chicago Flower & Garden Show—themed “Our



World in Bloom”—will be a midway of fantasy gardens representing several of the city’s top cultural attractions during the **March 7-15, 2009, show at Navy Pier** on the city’s lakefront. Nearly two dozen lush gardens will be spotlighted at the show, a perennial early spring favorite of amateur gardeners, home and condo owners, apartment dwellers and out-of-town visitors.

Show partners **Mayor Richard M. Daley’s Office of Special Events, Navy Pier and Special Events Management** are focusing on displays designed to inspire, motivate and educate visitors.

Some four dozen **guest experts will present programs** for home gardeners. Among them are:

Joe Lamp’l, author, syndicated columnist and host of PBS’s “GardenSMART” speaks about “The Coolest Garden Gear & Gadgets for the New Year.”

Melinda Myers, author/educator and host of PBS’s “Great Lakes Gardener,” talks about “Affordable Eco-Friendly Landscape Makeovers.”

Lee Schneller, whose specializes in Japanese-inspired, naturalistic, continuously blooming gardens, shares tips from her new book “The Ever-Blooming Flower Garden: A Blueprint for Continuous Color.”

In addition to the immensely popular **hands-on Potting Parties** sessions for container gardeners and **Garden Gourmet cooking demos** by two dozen-plus chefs, the show this year includes newly added features such as a **Children’s Activity Garden, green industry initiatives** and a preview fund-raising **Gala** on Friday evening, March 6.

WHEN	Saturday, March 7, through Sunday, March 15, 2009.
HOURS	10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays.
WHERE	Navy Pier in Chicago—600 E. Grand Ave.
ADMISSION	Adults, \$14 weekends; \$12 weekdays. Children under 12, \$5 every day.
GROUPS	Groups of 15 or more tickets are \$2 less and include a free ticket for every 15 purchased.
PARKING	All-day on-site reduced parking is \$15.
PUBLIC TRANSPORT	For details about CTA bus service, call 312-836-7000 or visit transitchicago.com .
ETC.	For Metra travel information, go to metrarail.com for train schedules.
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IMAGES Color photos of garden displays, interactive programs, individual plants and flowers are available in JPG format from Sheila King Public Relations at chicagoflower@skpr.net or by visiting chicagoflower.com and clicking on Press Room.