

Alfred State Flower, Garden Show April 1-2

ALFRED, N.Y.—Dates for Alfred State College's flower and garden show, which traditionally marks winter's end in western New York, are Saturday and Sunday, April 1-2.

Students in the three horticulture curriculums are completing work on exhibits for the floral extravaganza that annually attracts thousands of visitors to the Anderson Horticulture Center.

Hours for the free public event are 5-10 p.m. April 1, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 2, according to Joan K. Wissert, assistant professor in the Agriculture and Horticulture Department and show adviser.

"A Walk in the Park" is the theme for the 1995 show, which is under the direction of seven student coordinators.

Amy Pinker of West Seneca is the coordinator for the floriculture production curriculum. Corey Taylor of Elmira Heights and Michael Enright of Rochester are coordinators for the landscape development curriculum.

Coordinators for the floriculture merchandising curriculum are Michelle Folts, Lawtons; Heather Rea, Custer City, Pa.; Stacey Fenton, Ogdensburg; and Christa O'Brien, Greenwood.

Visitors will be greeted by students in a natural park setting created by freshman landscapers.

A stone walkway will lead guests through an assortment of plants including heathers, junipers, and spruces.

Featured plants in this display will be Gold Threaded Cypress and Japanese Lace Maple.

Staying on the path, the next park setting—designed by senior landscapers—will feature a contemporary assortment of trees and shrubs accented by perennials.

Then, it's a stroll through a period garden, "taking visitors back to the gentle days of the Victorian period," coordinators note.

At the next stop, show attendees will be "guests" at a park "wedding" and "reception." Floriculture merchandising students are creating this display, which will be compete with "bridal party."

The wedding cake will be provided by students in Alfred State's Culinary Arts Department, with wedding attire made available by local merchants.

Students in the floriculture production curriculum are transforming 18,000 square feet of greenhouse space into scenes reminiscent of parks around the world.

"Waterfalls, pools, picnic spots, and park benches will give each visitor that chance to revisit a park from their past," student planners said.

The show also will offer three types of gardens: Oriental, cottage, and woodland.

Special educational displays will feature dried flowers, computerized greenhouse controls systems, integrated pest management, and special plants for special uses (medicinals, aromatics, and herbs).

Produce Markets To Open

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Many auctions will feature special bedding plant and flower sales to start the auction season.

Lancaster Farming provides the opening dates and times for auctions throughout the region, listed by alphabetical order:

- Buffalo Valley Produce, Mif-

flinburg, begins their auction May 9, each Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m.

- Cumberland Valley Produce, three miles north of Shippensburg, beginning at 10 a.m. on April 11. Nursery stock will be on the auction block.

- Kutztown Produce Auction, Kutztown, begins Tuesday, April 4, at 11 a.m. with nursery stock and bedding plants, and will continue thereafter Tuesdays and Thurs-

days. April 6, 11, and 13 will feature Easter flowers, also at 11 a.m. and will return to nursery stock April 25.

- Leola Produce Auction, Leola, will begin April 4 at 10 a.m. with nursery stock and early bedding plants. Auction days will be succeeding Tuesdays and Thursdays.

- Shippensburg Produce Auction, Shippensburg, is open Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m.

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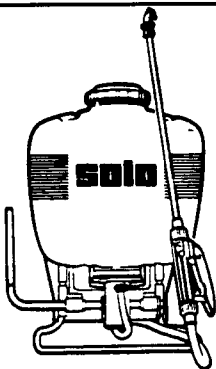
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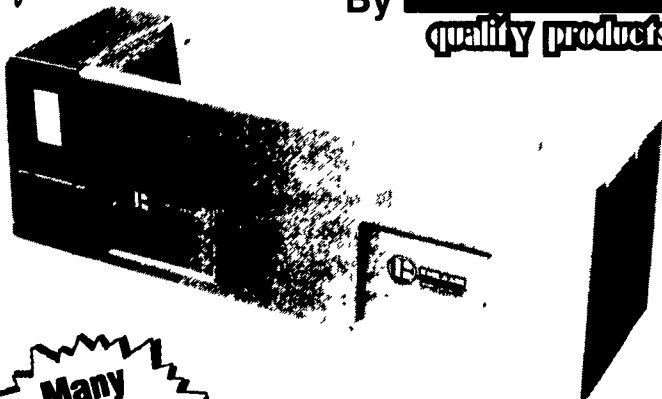
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