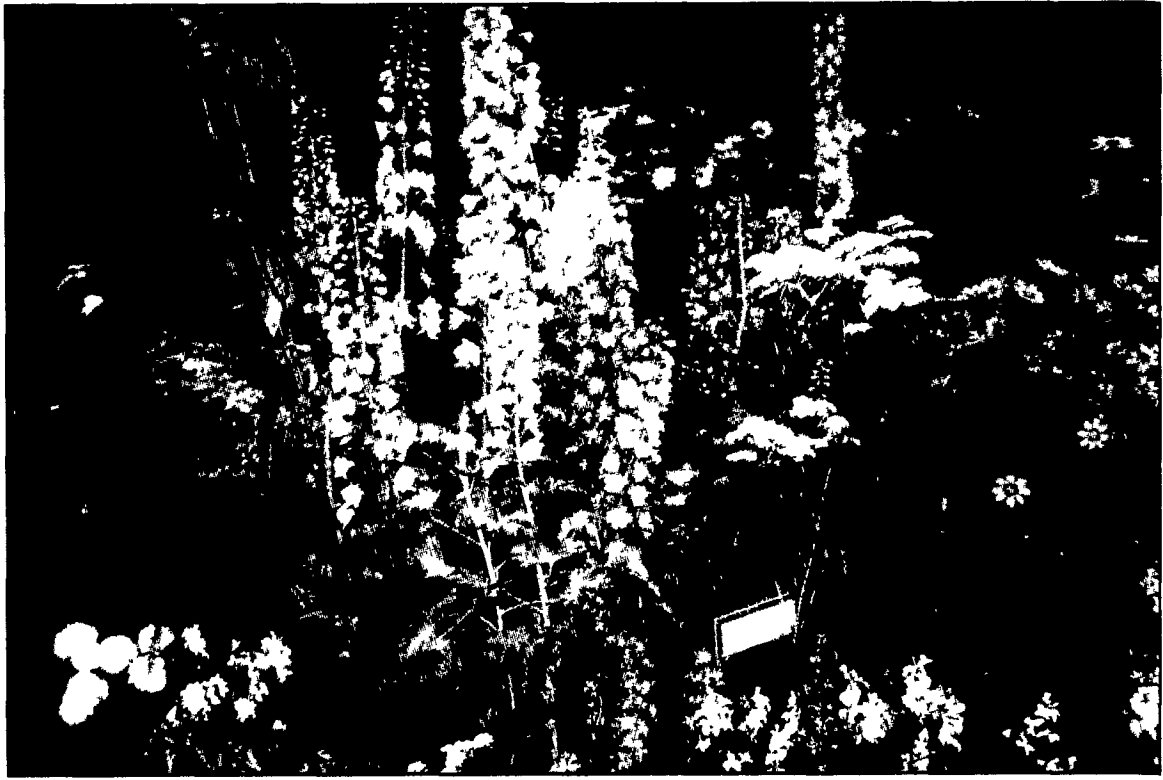




To show off landscaping possibilities, houses and other buildings were erected inside the Convention Center and surrounded with profuse plantings of flowers, shrubs, and trees.



Profuse plantings of every imaginable flower introduces crowds to new and old favorites. In time for the show, plants needed to be forced to bloom without the aid of a normal growing season.

## Gardening Possibilities

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PHILADELPHIA — Photographs do little justice to the wonder and magic of the spectacular Philadelphia Flower Show. An annual event that is the largest indoor show of its kind internationally.

To grasp the magnificent landscaping displays on 10 indoor acres, you must see it. Savor the aroma of hyacinths and blooming perennials while strolling through the profuse colorful plantings, which show the possibilities gardeners can achieve.

Last year, more than 285,000 visitors strolled the 10 acres. Some

come for ideas to incorporate into their own plantings, some are professional gardeners competing for prizes, but most come to "ooh and awe."

Held in the Philadelphia Convention Visitors Bureau, the massive plantings are erected for display from March 7 to 14.

It's difficult to believe that the mature shrubbery, towering trees, and houses have only been erected for indoor viewing the week before opening. A video showing how cranes, tow motors, and the latest technology are used to erect the display plays continuously in the members' lounge.

Garden art using sculpture, architecture, waterfalls, and streams enhance the visual appeal.

In addition to landscaping designs, the most talented designers in the country compete with

floral designs, table settings, container displays, and even jewelry, miniature settings, and needlecrafts.

Free demonstrations and lectures are held every day on topics related to gardening, flowering arranging, plant care, and culinary cooking.

Landscape designers are on hand to answer questions.

The marketplace is filled with 125 vendors selling plants, flowers, and every imaginable product related to gardening.

The Philadelphia Flower Show continues to be open today, from 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and tomorrow, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Located at the Pennsylvania Convention Center at 12th and Arch Streets, admission is \$18 for adults and \$8 for children 2-12 years.



Stacked wooden crates filled with house plants add atmosphere to patio entertaining.



In competition for needlecraft depicting a historical site incorporating a garden, Miriam Rohrer, Lancaster, took second place with this hooked rug replica of the Hans Herr House.



Ideas for problem areas include planting clematis to climb a telephone pole, growing an ornamental tree and flowers in an old tub, and surrounding an old metal lawn chair with flowering beauty.



The woman formed of wire and moss is one example of art and the American garden prevalent throughout the displays.