

Invitation To An Early Spring

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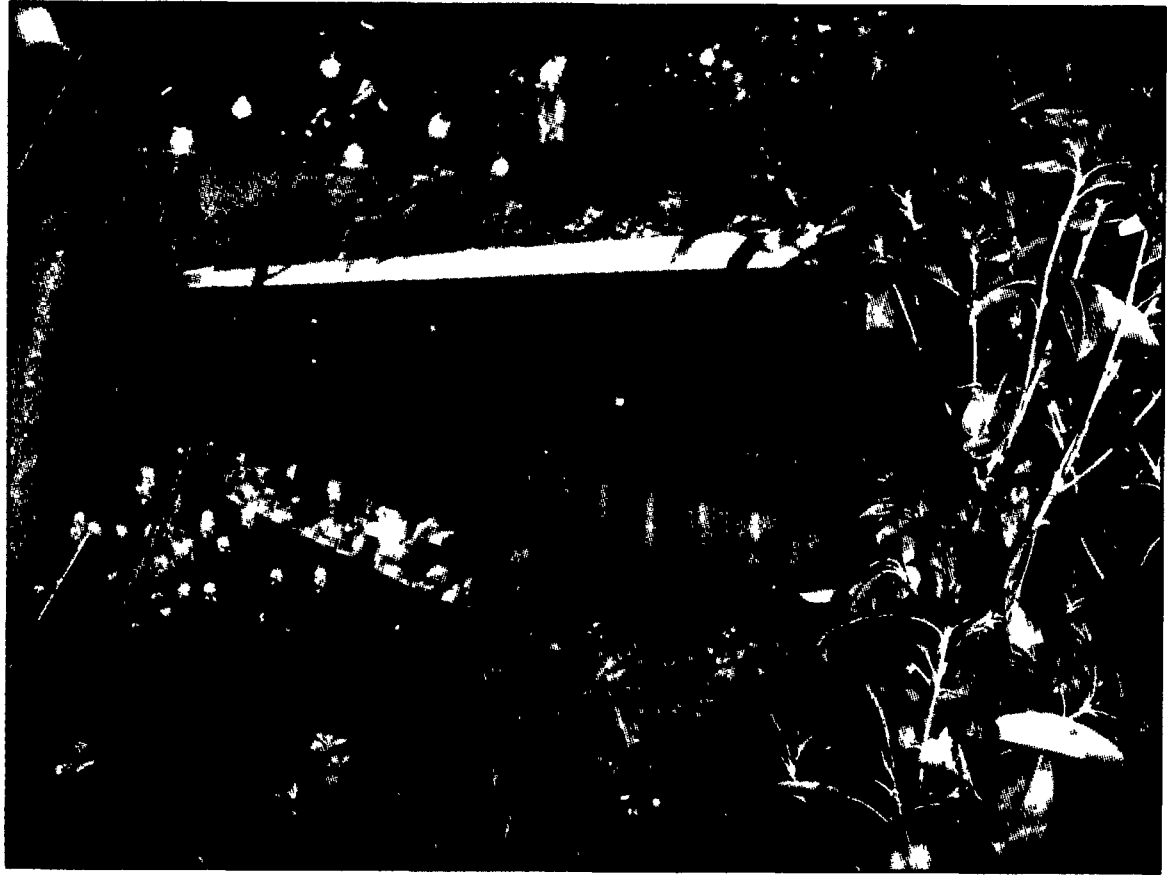
PHILADELPHIA — Gardeners who spend the winter months fantasizing about landscapes with flowers can have some of their dreams fulfilled at the annual Philadelphia Flower show this week.

This giant indoor precursor of spring at the Philadelphia Convention Center features acres of floral and landscape displays to delight artists, naturalists, or anyone at all with a sense of curiosity.

"Exceptional flower design is a hallmark of the Philadelphia Flower Show," according to Jane Pepper, president of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, the organization that produces the show

Besides strolling among the wide variety of exhibits, visitors can also take in garden lectures, landscape workshops, culinary presentations, and visit a marketplace area with many plants, seeds, and bulbs for sale.

The nine-day extravaganza continues through 6 p.m. tomorrow. Tickets are \$22 at the door, \$10 for children 12 and under. For more information, call (215) 988-8899.

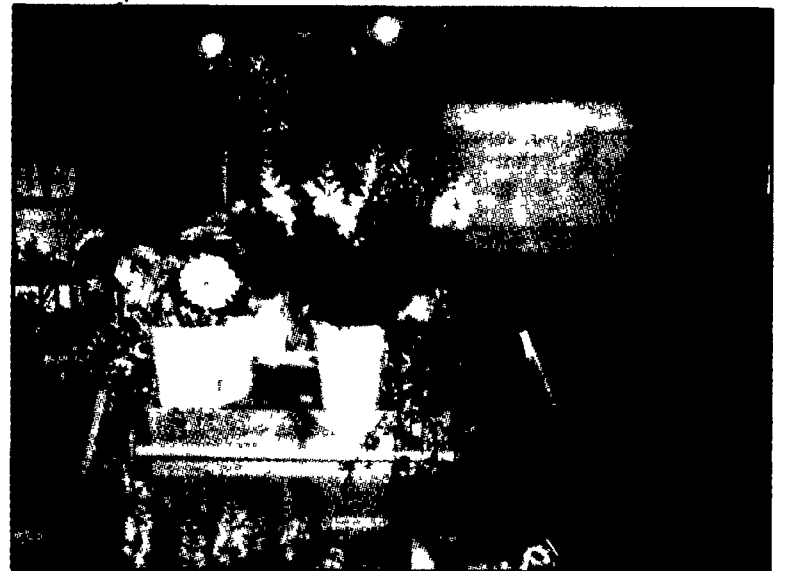


This exhibit demonstrates an infiltration trench for water running off a roof. Stones in the trench allow for slow movement of the water into the surrounding soil.

Philadelphia Flower Show Welcomes Spring



The Men's Garden Club of Philadelphia took first place in a landscape contest called "My Little Piece of The Planet" for this portrayal of a woodworker's woods.



Flowers favored by the artist Vincent Van Gogh were highlighted in this exhibit. A Van Gogh painting is represented on the screen in the background.



An Old English Rose enthusiast takes a closeup look.



"The Roots of Pleasure" designed by the F.A. Bartlett Tree Expert Company, Stamford, Connecticut. The landscape includes a waterway with overhanging tree roots. Photo by Dave Lefever