

Weis Markets To Sell Tickets For New Pa. Garden Expo

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Corporate sponsor, Weis Markets, began selling tickets for the first-time Pennsylvania Garden Expo. Tickets can be purchased at the customer service counter of all Pennsylvania and Maryland Weis Markets for the show that runs March 14-16.

The show will be in the new 175,000-square-foot Exhibition Hall at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg. Tickets are \$10, but children under age 12 will be admitted free of charge. The Pennsylvania Garden Expo runs 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on March 14 and 15 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on March 16.

The three-day show for home gardeners includes 20 feature gardens, dozens of gardening seminars, various educational exhibits and ven-

dors selling everything from seeds to greenhouses.

Ranging in size from 500 to 3,000 square feet, some of the display gardens sure to capture your delight include a Drought Tolerant Native Plant Garden by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, a Children's Garden from Hershey Gardens, a Nature Garden Retreat, an Oriental Bonsai Garden, a Watering for Wildlife Garden, a Natural Habitat Garden, a Railroad Garden, and a Secluded Backyard Garden.

The headline speaker for the Expo will be Roger Swain, former host of Public Broadcasting's popular "The Victory Garden" TV show for 15 years and co-host of a new show, "People, Places, and Plants," debuting in March. Swain will speak on opening

day at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. A variety of other seminars are scheduled for each hour of the show on all three days.

In addition to purchasing tickets at Weis Markets, advance tickets can also be ordered by sending a check or money order made out to the Pennsylvania Green Industry Foundation to Pennsylvania Garden Expo, 509 N. Second St., Harrisburg, PA 17101.

There is still vendor booth space available, but don't delay. Vendors interested in renting a booth can get more information by calling (717) 796-1181 or emailing pagardenexpo@comcast.net.

More information on the show itself is available online at www.pagardenexpo.com.

Lakso To Chair Horticultural Sciences Department At Geneva

GENEVA, N.Y. — Alan Lakso has been appointed chairman of the department of horticultural sciences at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, in Geneva, New York, effective Jan. 1. He replaced outgoing chairman, Hugh Price.

Lakso, whose research focuses on apple and grape physiology, studies how apples and grapes grow, and how the weather combines with grower practices to influence fruit yield and quality.

"It is an honor to be asked by our faculty and administration to assume this important role," said Lakso. "After being a Cornell faculty member for almost 30 years, I felt that it was an opportunity to contribute to the department in a new capacity."

Lakso said his goals are to help the department through difficult reductions in state funding, and shift to more diverse funding bases while maintaining the support of New York horticultural industries and consumers.

Lakso received his B.S. in Biological Sciences in 1970 from the University of California-Davis, and his Ph.D. in Plant Physiology in 1973, also from UC-Davis. He lives in Geneva, NY.

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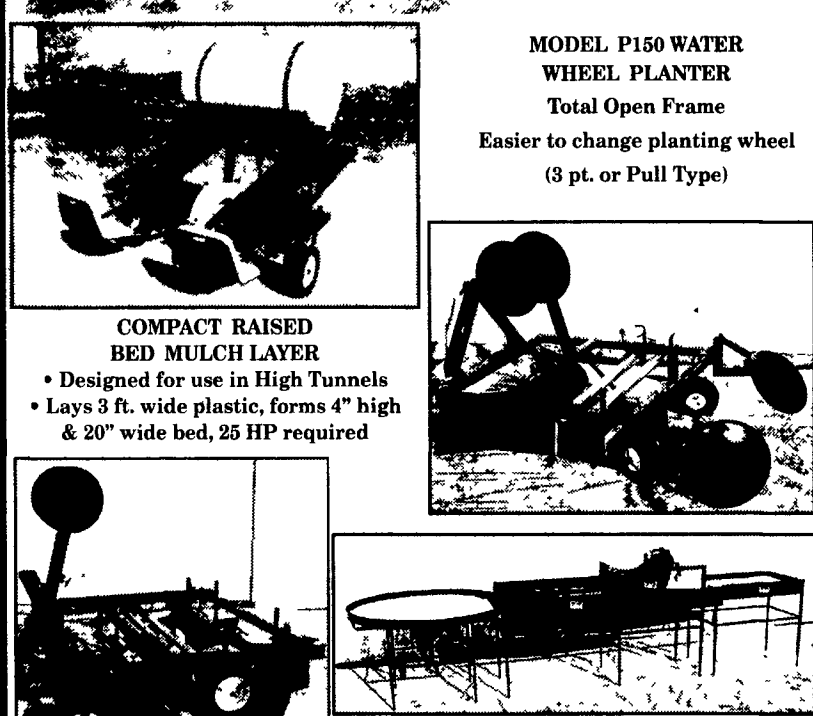
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