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## FOOLING MOTHER NATURE FOR AN EARLY SPRING; 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WASH. HOME & GARDEN SHOW RETURNS TO CONVENTION CENTER MARCH 12-14

WASHINGTON, DC--While we've spent the past few weeks experiencing winter at its worst, local landscapers and growers have been doing their best to brighten our spirits and bring us spring by any means possible. In greenhouses around the region, they have worked their magic by simulating changes in the season to trick Mother Nature and "force" thousands of flowers and plants into early bloom. The spectacular result will be one of the area's highlight attractions that every year delights people of all ages, each with a different horticultural hot button--the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Washington Home & Garden Show, coming March 12-14 to the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.

Whatever that weekend's weather may be outside, inside **over five and one-half acres** of dazzling displays will make up **one of the largest home & garden shows on the East Coast**. A total of 14 full-sized & townhouse landscaped gardens, six themed vignettes, over a million blooms of all shapes & sizes and hundreds of exhibits will be bursting with brilliant color. And the thousands of azaleas, rhododendrons, tulips, daffodils and flowering trees forced into bloom will greet show-goers with open buds.

If your particular passion positions you on the *inside* of your house, this show will either satisfy your need to *fix* things—or allow you to *realize your dream* by having someone else make that interior project take shape. The **Washington Home & Garden Show** gives everyone the chance to secure free ideas and advice from experts--builders, architects, designers and craftsmen. You can learn about the hottest trends in flooring, kitchens, baths, windows, doors, appliances, eco-friendly and energy efficient products and so much more. Whether you are looking to do it yourself or find the right professional to do it for you, this is the one show guaranteed to put you in homeowner heaven.

The show runs from Friday, March 12 thru Sunday, March 14. Hours are 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Adult tickets are \$12, kids 6-12 are \$5 and kids 5-and-under are *free when accompanied by a paying parent*. Discount coupons (\$3 off Friday's show only) are available at www. @washingtonhomeandgardenshow.com.

The Walter E. Washington Convention Center (801 Mt. Vernon Place, NW) is **easily accessible by METRO--the Mt. Vernon Square/7th Street station (Yellow/Green lines) is located right in the building.** Parking is free at METRO-operated lots on weekends.

For additional information, visit **www.washingtonhomeandgardenshow.com** or call 703-823-7960.