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2nd Annual Flower Show returns to Thompson's Point with over 100 vendors

Early-bird tickets for Maine's largest flower show now on sale

PORTLAND, Maine (December 1, 2017) – Maine's largest flower show returns to Portland's Thompson's Point for its second consecutive year. The 2018 Maine Flower Show, owned and produced by MELNA, will be held from March 22st through March 25th, 2018, with early-bird ticket sales now open.

"The 2017 inaugural Maine Flower Show attracted nearly 16,000 attendees, and over 20,000 guests are expected for the 2018 show," said Mark Faunce, Chair for the Maine Flower Show Steering Committee. "Due to the anticipated attendance, we wanted to make this year more convenient with online early-bird sales,"

The show will feature 14 display gardens based around the theme "Rooted in Maine", and will include more than 100 booths of plants, hardscape, arbor and garden supplies, as well as four consecutive days of speakers and seminars led by experts in growing and outdoor living.

By purchasing online now through December 31st, attendees will save 20% on general admission pricing with the early-bird special, and will be able to bypass long event lines. This year's event will also feature ample parking and shuttle services, with parking fees included in the price of admission.

The cost of general admission is \$20, with \$15 specialty pricing for seniors, and free admission for children 12 and under. The 2018 show will also honor military veterans on Friday, March 23rd, by offering a special \$10 admission charge per person, for both veterans and their spouses.

For more information or to purchase tickets for the event, please visit <http://maineflowershow.com/>

About The Maine Flower Show

Owned and produced by members of Maine's horticulture industry, The Maine Flower Show is one of the biggest gardening and horticultural shows in the region. The Maine Flower Show boasts an exciting new location at Thompson's Point, with vastly more square footage of plants, hardscape, arbor and garden supplies than any recent local garden show. The Maine Flower Show is encouraging and facilitating participation in the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge, and provides presentations and seminars throughout the show on all aspects of horticulture. For more information please visit www.maineflowershow.com.

About Maine Landscape & Nursery Association

Established in 1970, the Maine Landscape and Nursery Association (MELNA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the encouragement and promotion of its members throughout the industry, including financial support of secondary horticultural education and product research, website connectivity, media representation, and a professional certification program. For more information, please visit www.melna.org and www.plantsomethingmaine.org.



(The 2017 Maine Flower Show Theme-Award and Native-Award winning garden, produced by Terrapin Landscapes, Pierson Nurseries and Terrence J. DeWan & Associates.)



(Attendees gather around the winning 2017 Woody Ornamental Award and Maine Grown Plants Award garden produced by O'Donal's Nursery, Pleasant Hill Property Services, LLC and Robin's Nest.)



(2017 Maine Flower Show Plants for the Kitchen Award-winning garden, produced by Distinctive Gardening, Boiling Spring Landscape and Gogan Landscape & Nursery.)