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*Navy Pier 2009*

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**2009 Belgard Chicago Flower & Garden Show cultivates city’s top attractions as centerpiece of March 7-15, 2009, fantasy displays at Navy Pier**

**WHO** Many of Chicago’s most popular cultural attractions  
**Chicago Botanic Garden**  
**Chicago Park District Community Parks**  
**Chicago Park District Conservatories**  
**Lincoln Park Zoo**  
**Museum of Contemporary Art**  
**Museum of Science and Industry**  
**National Museum of Mexican Art**  
**John G. Shedd Aquarium**  
**and the city’s leading landscape and garden design firms**

**WHAT** The centerpiece of the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Belgard Chicago Flower & Garden Show—themed “Our



**World in Bloom”**—will be a midway of fantasy gardens representing several of the city’s top cultural attractions during the **March 7-15, 2009, show at Navy Pier** on the city’s lakefront. Nearly two dozen lush gardens will be spotlighted at the show, a perennial early spring favorite of amateur gardeners, home and condo owners, apartment dwellers and out-of-town visitors.

Show partners **Mayor Richard M. Daley’s Office of Special Events, Navy Pier and Special Events Management** are focusing on displays designed to inspire, motivate and educate visitors.

Some four dozen **guest experts will present programs** for home gardeners. Among them are:

**Joe Lamp’l**, author, syndicated columnist and host of PBS’s “GardenSMART” speaks about “The Coolest Garden Gear & Gadgets for the New Year.”

**Melinda Myers**, author/educator and host of PBS’s “Great Lakes Gardener,” talks about “Affordable Eco-Friendly Landscape Makeovers.”

**Lee Schneller**, whose specializes in Japanese-inspired, naturalistic, continuously blooming gardens, shares tips from her new book “The Ever-Blooming Flower Garden: A Blueprint for Continuous Color.”

In addition to the immensely popular **hands-on Potting Parties** sessions for container gardeners and **Garden Gourmet cooking demos** by two dozen-plus chefs, the show this year includes newly added features such as a **Children’s Activity Garden, green industry initiatives** and a preview fund-raising **Gala** on Friday evening, March 6.

<b>WHEN</b>	Saturday, March 7, through Sunday, March 15, 2009.
<b>HOURS</b>	10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays.
<b>WHERE</b>	Navy Pier in Chicago—600 E. Grand Ave.
<b>ADMISSION</b>	Adults, \$14 weekends; \$12 weekdays. Children under 12, \$5 every day.
<b>GROUPS</b>	Groups of 15 or more tickets are \$2 less and include a free ticket for every 15 purchased.
<b>PARKING</b>	All-day on-site reduced parking is \$14.
<b>PUBLIC TRANSPORT</b>	For details about CTA bus service, call 312-836-7000 or visit <a href="http://transitchicago.com">transitchicago.com</a> .
<b>ETC.</b>	For Metra travel information, go to <a href="http://metrarail.com">metrarail.com</a> for train schedules.
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**IMAGES** Color photos of garden displays, interactive programs, individual plants and flowers are available in JPG format from Sheila King Public Relations at [chicagoflower@skpr.net](mailto:chicagoflower@skpr.net) or by visiting [chicagoflower.com](http://chicagoflower.com) and clicking on Press Room.