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**MAC EVENTS AND MAYMONT FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW ARE COMING SOON**

**Richmond, Va.** —The MAC Events Home Show featuring the Maymont Flower & Garden Show® are together once again for four days of indoor/outdoor gardening and remodeling solutions, interior design and furnishings, and plenty of inspiration at the largest show in the greater Richmond area from **Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**. It's two shows for one admission price, and with the event spanning three showrooms of space at the Greater Richmond Convention Center, it truly offers something for the entire family. A portion of the proceeds benefit the Maymont Foundation.

For the second consecutive year, the show features an interior design area called *Designs for Living*. This year's array of stylish vignettes is much larger than last year's offering and will highlight a variety of rooms to explore. Visitors may walk into the vignette area like they're walking into someone's home. Each space will showcase a different room including: a kitchen, breakfast nook, study, family room, bathroom and an environmentally friendly nursery.

Other Home Show highlights include the *Green Zone* sponsored by James River Green Build Council that will feature the latest in solar energy, geothermal, water filtration systems, Green building products, energy efficient windows, rainwater harvesting and more. Experts on home renovations, design and gardening will be on hand to answer questions each day and knowledgeable guest speakers will offer seminars ranging from fun how-to ideas to more technical garden and home topics.

On the garden side, this year's theme is *Glorious Gardens Great and Small* with displays ranging from container garden ideas to grand landscapes. A tour through the gardens revives winter spirits with the fresh scents and sights of springtime. It's a retreat as well as an opportunity to gather new ideas for outdoor living, ornamental, vegetable and herb gardening.

The excitement continues with a chance for show attendees to win a fabulous trip for two to the *Chelsea Garden Show* in London, England. This prestigious tour allows visitors to travel to well-established gardens and historic sites throughout the London area. Visitors may enter to win at a special kiosk on the show floor.

*The Garden Marketplace* offers a vast array of gifts, supplies, decorative items and the latest in gardening tools from more than 300 merchants from all over the country.

**MAC Events Home Show & Maymont Flower & Garden Show**, Greater Richmond Convention Center, 403 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Richmond. Hours: Thurs., 1 pm-9 pm, Fri., 11 am to 9 pm, Sat. 11 am to 9 pm, Sun. 11 am to 5 pm

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$ 8 for seniors (Thurs. & Fri. only), \$6 for youths (12-17), and free for children 11 and under. A *Five After Five* half-price ticket is available courtesy of NBC-12 after 5 pm on Thurs., Fri. and Sat. FREE PARKING and shuttle service is offered to the Greater Richmond Convention Center from the Diamond. For ticket outlets or advance ticket purchase, call 800-332-3976 or visit [www.macevents.com](http://www.macevents.com).

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