



Dayton Home & Garden Show will open with a splash of color and sound.

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Over the past few weeks we brought you highlights from the world's largest home show – the National Association of Builders International Builders Show in Orlando.

This week you too can experience a home show much closer to home and it kicks off with an exclusive, exciting new preview event.

You can be one of the first to join the 12th annual Dayton Home & Garden Show, in partnership with Five Rivers MetroParks and the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra, as they host their inaugural ***“An Evening in the Gardens.”*** This highly anticipated business casual preview night takes place Thursday, March 6, 2008 from 6–10 pm at the Dayton Convention Center.

You will enjoy the sounds of the Philharmonic as you tour the seven magnificently designed feature gardens and the “Treasures of King Tut” Exhibit. View and vote on your favorite floral design, as well as take home early spring, fresh cut flowers. Meet with experts on sustainable horticulture and other aspects of green living. Sample some hometown flavor with hors d'oeuvres provided by various Dayton area restaurants.

Enjoy live entertainment beginning at 7 pm by the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra. Five Dayton Philharmonic instrumentalists, representing all sections of the Orchestra, will be on hand to play pieces for guests, as well as speak with them about their amazing talent. Bid on great items for family and friends, as well as help out Five Rivers MetroParks, at the silent auction. Admission to the event is \$25 per person, with proceeds benefiting Five Rivers MetroParks. Tickets can be purchased the night of the event. Additionally, an order form for tickets to the event can be downloaded from www.daytonhomeandgardenshow.com or www.metroparks.org.

As most of us know, Five Rivers MetroParks is an amenity that makes the Dayton region an attractive place to live. They are dedicated to protecting Greater Dayton's natural heritage and providing outdoor recreation and education experiences that inspire a lasting personal connection with nature. So join in enjoy the sights and sounds and support this great organization.

If you can't attend the preview event, the show runs Friday, March 7 through Sunday, March 9, 2008 and is sure to hit the right note. Seven magnificently landscaped gardens, over 250 question-ready exhibitors, eight brilliantly designed rooms, and various special features will fill the newly renovated Dayton Convention Center. Guests of the Dayton Home & Garden Show will be offered the newest and most innovative ideas for home and garden maintenance and enhancement. Visitors will have the ability to learn about, compare, and purchase products they need to get their home and garden springtime ready. Show hours are Friday and Saturday, 10 am to 9 pm; Sunday 10 am to 6pm. Tickets are \$7 at the door; \$6 with a \$1 off coupon available online at www.daytonhomeandgardenshow.com. Admission for children 12 and under is free. And the Dayton Home & Garden Show is once again in partnership with the Home Builders Association of Dayton.