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Durham, N.H. - Usher in spring with a visit to the University of New Hampshire greenhouses during the annual Greenhouse Open House Friday, March 28 and Saturday, March 29. This year's Open House will provide lots of displays and information to help chase away winter blues and welcome spring. The greenhouses will be open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. both days.

UNH staff and students will present colorful displays and educational lectures of interest to home gardeners and landscapers. Visitors can pick up a wealth of information on topics including controlling insects without chemicals, fun and unusual vegetables for the home garden, where in the world our garden plants are native to, encouraging native pollinators, ecologically friendly landscaping and carnivorous plants.

Additional displays include information on the NH Master Gardener program, UNH plant breeding, Snackseed pumpkins, sustainable greenhouse production, organic fertilizers and much more. Cooperative Extension publications will also be available for sale.

Other Open House activities include:

- Plant sales - From our greenhouses to your home and garden. Could there be a better way to welcome spring?
- Greenhouse tours - See what exciting research UNH staff and students are doing. Learn how a greenhouse works.
- Coloring contest for children - Because we know the value of nurturing young sprouts.
- Ask the experts - Have questions about gardening or landscaping? This is the group of experts to ask!

This year's Greenhouse Open House will coincide with the 2008 Seacoast Flower, Home, & Garden Show at the Whittemore Center March 28 - March 30. Shuttle service will be available between the greenhouses and the Whittemore Center on Friday and Saturday only (9-4).

The UNH Greenhouse Open House is free and open to the general public. The UNH greenhouses are located off Main Street on the west end of Durham. Lectures will take place in Putnam Hall across the parking lot from the greenhouses. For more information about the UNH Greenhouse Open House, call 862-3200 or go to <http://extension.unh.edu/Agric/Docs/GHOHweb.pdf>.

The Greenhouse Open House is sponsored by the Thompson School of Applied Science, Cooperative Extension, the Plant Biology Department and the College of Life Science and Agriculture.

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