



Annual UNH Greenhouse Open House Is March 31 And April 1

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DURHAM, N.H. -- Never mind the fickle New England weather: Spring will arrive in Durham March 31 and April 1, when the University of New Hampshire Greenhouse hosts its annual Open House (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.). The free open house promises to chase away the winter blues with creative displays and educational lectures for home gardeners and landscapers. The free event is sponsored by UNH's Thompson School of Applied Science, Plant Biology Department, Cooperative Extension, and College of Life Science and Agriculture.

UNH faculty, staff and students will share a wealth of information on topics such as using native plants in the landscape, new and unusual vegetables for the home garden, carnivorous plants, and how new vegetable and flower varieties are developed at UNH. A live demonstration will demonstrate how to prune your trees and shrubs, and experts will be available to field gardening questions.

Garden displays will include a walk through a beach garden and Willie Wonka's Chocolate Factory; additional displays feature UNH plant breeding, composting (U DOO), Snackseed pumpkins, and information on the NH Master Gardener program.

Other popular open house activities include

- **Plant sales.** From our greenhouses to your home and garden: Could there be a better way to welcome spring?
- **The Plant Diagnostic Lab.** Bring your 'sick' plant to the 'plant doctor' and learn what to do to make it healthy again.
- **Greenhouse tours.** Learn how a greenhouse works, and see what research UNH faculty and students are doing.
- **Scavenger Hunt and Coloring Contest.** Because we know the value of nurturing young sprouts.

This year's open house will coincide with the 2005 Seacoast Flower, Home, & Garden Show at the Whittemore Center (March 31 - April 2). Shuttle service will be available between the Greenhouse and the Whittemore Center on Friday and Saturday (9-4). The UNH Greenhouses are located off Main Street on the west end of Durham. Lectures will take place in Classroom B in the Greenhouse. For more information, call 862-3200 or go to <http://ceinfo.unh.edu/News/GHOH2006.htm>.

