

# Greenhouse Open House Scheduled for March 24-25, 2000

## Coincides with Seacoast Flower, Home and Garden Show

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DURHAM, N.H. -- March is a great time of year to visit the University of New Hampshire Greenhouse Open House. This year's theme "Gardening for Health and Pleasure," will provide plenty of interesting displays and lots of information to help chase away those winter blues.

The two-day event, sponsored by UNH's College of Life Science and Agriculture, Cooperative Extension and Thompson School of Applied Science, takes place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 24 and 25. It is free and open to the public.

The greenhouse open house will include educational lectures, colorful displays and demonstrations on a wide range of topics to satisfy most everyone interested in home gardening and landscaping. Visitors can pick up a wealth of tips on a variety of topics such as hybrid lilies, garden path design, sustainable landscaping and growing giant pumpkins, among others.

Additional events and activities include:

- Have your soil pH tested (\$1) -- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days
- Bring your "sick" plants to the Plant Diagnostic Lab for diagnosis
- Plant sales
- A scavenger hunt for children

This year's Open House coincides with the 2000 Seacoast Flower, Home & Garden Show at the Whittemore Center March 24-26 (Friday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to

5 p.m.). Coordinated by Dickson & McGonigle of North Conway, the Seacoast Flower, Home & Garden Show features exhibitors of home- and landscape-related products and services. There is an admission charge (children under 12 are free).

The UNH Greenhouses are located off Main Street on the west end of Durham. Lectures take place in Putnam Hall, across from the greenhouses. For more information call 603-862-3200.

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