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Three Incredible Garden Days *2009 Gulf Coast Garden and Patio Show*

FEBRUARY 9, 2009 - BRANDON, MISSISSIPPI - Three incredible days might be the best words to describe the 2009 Gulf Coast Garden and Patio Show. This year's event is set for February 27-March 1 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi. Admission is \$8.00 with children 10 and under getting in free.

New this year will be outdoor living spaces created by some of south Mississippi's finest Landscape Architects, Landscape Designers and Nurserymen. Here you will get ideas on how you can design your own corner of paradise. These gardens will be at the back of the exhibit hall and serve as the focal point for the 3 day event.

Speaking of 3 days, for the first time the Gulf Coast Garden and Patio Show will offer a 3-day pass. This money saving tool is only available on line at www.msnla.org, but allows you to enjoy the show for all three days at a reduced rate.

There are more cost saving ideas for this year's big show. Watch for advertisements featuring \$5 off coupon good for \$50.00 purchases at any exhibitor's booth. This means come to the show buy \$50 worth of product and you practically get in for free. Visit our web page at www.msnla.org and print off a coupon.

The show has been designed with the whole family in mind. Ball Seed, and BWI have teamed together and will be giving each child an opportunity to learn how to plant a small flower with instructions for caring for it at home. In the children's area they will also be able to learn about butterflies and do other educational activities.

While you are at the show be sure and register for the Garden Lover's Dream Giveaway. Six hours each day prizes will be given away at the show. And not to worry, even if you do not win something while you are there, you will still have a chance to win a trip. You could get the VIP

Treatment for the Fall Flower and Garden Fest at MSU's Truck Crops Experiment Station near Crystal Springs. This two day festival is one of the prized horticultural events in the Southeastern United States. You will not only be going to the festival, but you'll receive the royal treatment from the city of Brookhaven for the event.

Brookhaven, the garden spot of Mississippi, and their Chamber of Commerce will offer the winner two complimentary nights lodging, 2 dinner meals for two, and optional tours: a carriage tour of the historic district, and a private garden tour in addition to the Fall Flower and Garden Fest. At the festival you will receive VIP parking and meal for two during the visit.

Of course the real stars of the show are plants. If you are into the tropical look you may feel like singing "Tally Man, Tally Me Bananas" as there will be banana trees, papaya trees and palm trees galore. You'll find this year's Mississippi Medallion winners, ferns, bedding plants and every garden accessory you could dream about.

Adult attendees to the show will be able to sit in on the best session of seminars found at any garden and patio show. All seminars are free with admission. Admission is \$8 for adults with children 10 and under free when accompanied by an adult. Show is open Friday 10-6, Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 10-4. Remember MNLA has picked up the tab for parking, so no three dollars to pay when you drive through the gate.

The "Mississippi Garden and Patio Shows" and the "Mid-South Greenhouse Growers, Retail Garden Center/Landscape Conference", the "Mississippi Medallion Awards Program" and the "Certified Nursery Professional Program" are all owned by the Mississippi Nursery and Landscape Association. Unlike for-profit shows and programs, proceeds go back into the industry to support the work and programs of the organization. For more information call MNLA at 601-919-8111 or visit www.msnla.org.