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**Dayton Home & Garden Show
welcomes spring March 23-25**

DAYTON, Ohio – Bring renewed life to your home at the **16th annual Dayton Home & Garden Show** as gardeners, landscapers, decorators and do-it-yourselfers find realistic solutions to get homes and gardens in tip top shape for the season ahead.

The event takes place Friday, March 23 through Sunday, March 25 at the Dayton Convention Center, 22 E. Fifth St.

The theme of the 2012 Dayton Home & Garden Show is “Let Us Entertain You!” reflecting plans to engage, excite and educate the entire family with over 250 local and national exhibitors and dozens of experts set to share innovative ideas for home and garden maintenance and enhancement.

“Our show’s ambiance is sure to divert you from the winter blues, and make you feel like spring has sprung!” said Donell Heberer Walton, executive director of HSI Show Productions, Inc. “We’ll supply attendees with all the latest products, professional advice and motivation necessary to tackle projects both in and out of the home.”

An anticipated 13,000 showgoers will have the opportunity to compare products and services, and find professionals for landscaping, building, remodeling, do-it-yourself and home decorating projects in preparation for spring.

Exhibit displays will fill the Convention Center with all the major home product categories from the basics of kitchens, baths, windows and doors to siding, closets, vacuums, appliances, furnishings, landscaping and decorative accessories.

Special features include:

- **2nd annual Garden Academy.** Some of the Midwest’s finest gardeners will host 60 (free with admission) one-hour educational seminars throughout the show covering invasive insects, patio construction and water gardens, among many others. Following each seminar, guests can tune into a Q&A session in the atrium to learn more from experts. A “how-to” stage will also educate visitors on topics including container gardening, pruning basics, lawn maintenance and more.

Horticulturists in need of certification can attend the seminar series to earn continuing education credits on behalf of the Ohio Nursery & Landscape Association (ONLA) and Indiana Nursery & Landscape Association (INLA).

- **New Cooking Stage.** Area chefs will share techniques on how to become a master in the kitchen as they demonstrate how to create delicious recipes while treating guests to free samples.
- **American Institute of Floral Designers (AIFD) Floral Design Competition.** Gaze upon 10 floral tablescapes to get ideas on how you can incorporate certain colors, designs and fresh blooms into your humble abode. Designers from throughout the Midwest will showcase their most elaborate designs as they compete for the title of “top designer,” voted on by guests of the show.
- **Dayton Society of Interior Designers (DSID) Interior Design Competition.** Interior designers will transform eight small vacant spaces into trendy, chic masterpieces while they vie for the People’s Choice award, as well. Attendees can learn how to enhance the space in their own homes by using appropriate decor, artwork and lighting.
- **Showcase Gardens.** Five professionally landscaped gardens will feature blooming annuals and perennials, reflecting ponds, brick walkways, waterfalls, fountains, decks and patios created by area landscapers.
- **Flower sale, all day every day!** Buy your special someone fresh cut flowers, compliments of the North Central AIFD Chapter.
- **Plant blowout sale.** Guests will have the opportunity to purchase a variety of featured plants and floral arrangements from the show at discounted prices.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$8 at the door; advance sale tickets are \$5 for groups of 10 or more. Admission for children 12 and under is free. All active duty military personnel are eligible for free admission with proper military identification.

Showgoers can download a \$2 discount coupon or a buy-one-get-one-free coupon (valid Friday only) on the show’s website, www.daytonhomeandgardenshow.com. A one-year subscription to *Better Homes & Gardens* magazine comes as a gift exclusively to those who purchase full price tickets online.

For more information on the **Dayton Home & Garden Show**, call HSI Show Productions at 800.215.1700.

HSI Show Productions is one of the Midwest’s premier show producers. Its portfolio includes the 54th annual Indiana Flower and Patio Show in Indianapolis (March 10-18, 2012); 16th annual Dayton Home & Garden Show (March 23-25, 2012); and the 63rd annual Christmas Gift & Hobby Show in Indianapolis (Nov. 7-11, 2012).