

GardenScape 2007: Drama in the garden

The annual garden show provides a feast for the green senses.

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Looking for the sight of spring and a touch of drama? Visit GardenScape 2007 in Henrietta this week.

"The theme this year is 'Drama in the Garden,'" said Bob Kretzer, show manager.

When GardenScape 2007 opens its doors this Thursday, visitors will be able to view 17 gardens created by some of the 100 landscapers, garden centers, nurseries and other horticultural businesses involved. They'll walk through the Alpine-themed garden of "The Sound of Music," relax in one named "A Mid-afternoon Read,"

Fast facts

What: GardenScape 2007

Where: Monroe County Fair & Expo Center, 2695 E. Henrietta Road, Henrietta.

When: From 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. March 15 to 17, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 18.

Tickets: \$12 at the door for adults; children 15 and under free with parents; seniors \$10 on Senior Day, Thursday, March 15. Check for prices of tickets to dances and other special events.

Information: For more information, call Bob Kretzer, show manager, at (585) 265-9018, or visit www.rochesterflower-show.com.

and watch the seasons unfold in "Signs of Life."

While gardens and growing things are at the center of the show, Kretzer said there will be other delights. Visitors can watch butterflies flit around the Strong National Museum of Play's butterfly garden and watch experts from the Corning Museum of Glass create crystalline flowers and ani-

mals. There will also a masquerade ball and other events for adults, including a series of brief performances by Geva Theatre. Kids can make crafts and even act in a play.

"Kids can come in and take part in a free drama," said Pamela Spiteri, of Drama Kids International. With the assistance of members of the organization's Rochester-area chap-

ter, kids will be able to act in a play with a landscaping theme.

"Some of the children will be junior landscapers, some homeowners," Spiteri said. "The homeowners will interact with the junior landscapers to have the area around a house landscaped." The kids will be able to work with live turf, flowers and other plants during the plays, Spiteri said.

Kretzer said visitors will also be able to attend many demonstrations and lectures on gardening, landscaping and other horticultural themes.

GardenScape 2007 is a creation of The GardenScape Professionals Association. The local nonprofit organization consists of local firms and companies in green industries.

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