

Welcome To Spring

21ST ANNUAL FLORENCE HOME & GARDEN SHOW

Stop by Florence Events Center March 4-6 for latest home improvement, landscape ideas

There will be a few new twists and treats when the 21st annual Florence Home and Garden Show opens at the Florence Events Center on March 3. Those twists include tiny homes, tractors and fairy gardens.

"This could be the best show we've ever had," said promoter Jon Thompson.

That's because outside a display by Tiny SMART Homes of Albany will show off the finer points of living small. Alongside the tiny homes will be the nearly 100 percent recycled greenhouse from window purveyor Mark and Company, and a wide selection of lawn and garden tractors from Mid Valley Tractor.

Tiny homes can range in size from just under 100 square feet to a palatial 350 square feet, and the models produced by SMART also include sustainable and eco-friendly features without having to give up comfort.

Marcelle Fisher, with Forbes Magazine, said "compact-home living can still be just grand," adding they can be "simple, more affordable and ecologically friendly."

Mark Seery of Mark and Company will have a display of affordable and energy



reducing windows inside, but outside will be what he likes to call "garden art".

Seery and his crew began assembling wood and glass greenhouses from old windows they were taking out of homes and businesses. The greenhouses are functional, but also extremely attractive.

Alongside the tiny home and the greenhouse, there is a wide selection of Kubota

tractors from Mid Valley Tractor.

Once people move indoors at this year's show, they will see many familiar exhibits, including a centerpiece display created by Laurel Bay Gardens.

"Laurel Bay has been with us for every show," said Thompson. "This year they are back again and, in keeping with the theme of doing something a little different, they'll be talking about how to create tiny gardens and

fairy gardens."

Fairy gardens can be any size and feature small features that are intended to attract fairies. A tiny "Tinkerbell" size bench, or even a miniature arbor, will make fairies feel comfortable in any size garden.



For those short on space, Laurel Bay can help create a tiny garden to fit any home. Laurel Bay staff will be presenting seminars on both tiny and fairy gardens during the weekend. Any one can learn how to create their own.

There will be lots of things on display to help people improve their homes and gardens, but there will also be some tasty things as well. Noti's Winter Green Farm will have a display of their organic goodies, Bandon's Face Rock Creamery will have samples and Kitchen Kraft will be offering classes on low-fat, but very tasty cooking.

The Florence Home and Garden Show is presented by the Siuslaw News and Coast Broadcasting, KCST and KCFM. It is sponsored by Bi-Mart and Three Rivers Casino Resort.

It will run three days in March, Friday, March 3, to Sunday, March 5, at the Florence Events Center.

Tickets are \$2, or free admission on Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m.

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