



Discover the Magic of the Flower Show!

Explore the Mass Hort Exhibit Nature's Classroom

Many of the plants in our garden help to feed or shelter animals, birds and insects. Can you find a home for an animal in the exhibit? Can you find something an animal might eat?

Look for a beehive, a nest, or a maybe a place a small mammal could live.

Is there a way you could make a home for an animal where you live? What could you use to make that home? Are there materials you might already have? Do you see plants you could grow for an animal?

Scented plants are favorites of people and pollinators—animals like bees, that bring pollen from one plant to another to make sure we have fruits and vegetables to eat all year long!

Do you see any plants that you have tasted before? Can you smell any plants that remind you of favorite foods? Can you find any plants a pollinator might like?

Look at the plants growing in our garden. Does your family grow any of the plants you see? Are there any you would like to grow at home?

List plant(s) you would like to grow!

Plants that grow in the sun:

Plants that grow in the shade:

Can you find fun garden art that you could create from trees, plants or found objects around your home?

Visit the Amateur Hort & Photography Competitions to complete the two activities below.

Find the plants in the Amateur Horticultural competition. These are plants that have been nurtured by someone like you!

Look for the Youth Division of the competition, can you find a plant or photograph from someone your age? What would you enter?

Take a picture of a plant or garden at the Flower Show and share it with others. With the help of an adult, share your photo with the hashtag #MassHortAtTheFlowerShow

Find inspiration in the Floral Design Competitions.

Can you find a floral arrangement that uses objects like animals, instruments, buildings or books?

What do you see in that design?

Find your favorite floral design. Why do you like it? Share your answer with someone. Ask them what their favorite design is.

Find a floral design that uses flowers or plants you know. Can you name those flowers?

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When you complete your Discovery Guide, go to the Mass Hort Exhibit to receive your prize, a pack of Boston Pickling Cucumber and Mammoth Dill Seeds!

Inside this Pickler Pack, you will find seeds for both Boston Pickling Cucumbers (the larger seeds) and Mammoth Dill.

You will want to grow your plants outside (so the cucumber flowers can be pollinated!). Sow the seeds outside after the last frost (go online with an adult to look for the “Last Frost Date” in your town or city). You may also want to start the seeds inside 2-3 weeks before the last frost, you can start the seeds in a tray, spacing them 1-3 inches apart. If you do this, start your cucumbers and dill in different trays—and be sure to label each tray! When you no longer worry about frost, transplant your best young plants outside, spaced according to the directions on your seed envelope.

Be sure to give your freshly sown seeds plenty of water, and continue to keep the soil moist throughout the growing season.

QUICK DILL PICKLE RECIPE (Keeps in the refrigerator for 4-6 weeks)

This process is simple and can take less than 20 minutes with the help of an adult! You will not need the supplies required of traditional canning, but the pickles will only keep for a few weeks (you will want to gobble them up anyway).

For 1 Quart of Pickles, you will need:

1 Quart Jar and Lid	1 Tbs. Salt
Stove Top	1 Garlic Clove, cut in two
Medium Saucepan	8 Sprigs Fresh Dill (leaf, flower, or seed)
2.5 Cups Water	1 Medium Sized Cucumber, cut into chips or wedges fit to your jar (you can peel the cucumber)
2-4 Tbs. White Vinegar	

1. Boil water, vinegar, and salt in a saucepan. Make sure the salt dissolves, and then let liquid cool.
2. While the water comes to a boil and cools, prepare your jar. Toss garlic and 6 sprigs of dill into the bottom of your jar. Then layer in cucumber chips, or stuff in cucumber wedges, pack the jar tight, and the last of your dill to the top of your jar.
3. With help, pour the liquid into the jar and seal with lid. Place jar in the fridge.

The flavor of your pickles will get stronger each day, but don't wait too long!



Nature's Classroom Family Discovery Guide

Explore how we are all nurtured by nature at the Flower Show!

Complete this guide as you explore Mass Hort's exhibit, and the Amateur Horticulture, Photography, and Floral Design Competitions. When you are finished, go to the Mass Hort Nature's Classroom Exhibit Garden to receive your prize!



MASS HORT MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
At the Flower Show

Come, Learn, and Grow at The Gardens at Elm Bank!

May 1 - Columbus Day Weekend, 10-4, Mass Hort hosts:

- Children's Programs, Tuesday - Friday, 10:30 a.m.
- Public Garden Tours, Tuesday - Friday, 11 a.m.
- Sundays with Seed to Table, Sunday, 10 a.m.

Bring your family to explore 36 acres of gardens, including Weezie's Garden for Children. Weezie's is an award-winning children's garden that engages the senses and encourages children to explore the natural world. We also have Garden Discovery Guides to help the whole family learn new things.

Programs are free with membership or admission




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