



Flower and Garden Shows: Tips for Taking Photos

If you want to take photos at a flower or garden show, come prepared. Here are a few tips.

Most flower and garden shows allow and encourage still photography, but will not allow you to set up tripods or other aisle-blocking equipment.

Before you go: Check each show's program for detailed information regarding photography rules and regulations.

Take a canvas shoulder bag to tote home any purchases and carry a pad of paper and a few pens. You'll be noting fascinating facts and tempting plant names as you browse.

Write down the booth numbers of spotted treasures so you can find your way back later should you decide to make a purchase.

"There are so many ideas to take home from these big exhibits," says Lemheney, "and all of them can be scaled down to fit your own garden, no matter what its size."

Northwest Flower & Garden Show founder Duane Kelly says, "Don't come expecting to find a garden to exactly replicate at your home. Rather look for subcomponents of gardens that could be applicable to your site. And keep a look out for new plants you haven't seen before or new planting and color combinations to try."