



Saturday, September 18

10th Annual County Fair

Attention All Gardeners & Growers:
It's time to show off your harvest of
food, beauty, fun & hard work!



Garfield Park Conservatory
300 N Central Park Ave
Chicago, IL 60624

WHAT IS THE HARVEST SHOWCASE?

Harvest Showcase

- ➔ The Harvest Showcase is a chance for growers of all kinds to come together and show off the fruits of their labor during County Fair, an annual one-day event hosted by Garfield Park Conservatory on Chicago's West Side.
- ➔ The Harvest Showcase is FREE! Home & family gardeners, community gardeners, school gardeners and restoration project participants and stewards are all invited to display at no cost.
- ➔ This is not a competition. People of all ages and abilities are welcome to submit an entry without the scrutiny of judging. One prize (to be determined) will be given to the entry voted "People's Choice" by County Fair visitors.

WHAT SHOULD MY SHOWCASE ENTRY LOOK LIKE?

That's completely up to you! You might want to show off a beautiful tomato from your garden or you may decide to display a collection of photos of your growing season. Here are a few ideas that we came up with. Feel free to use one of these or come up with a plan of your own.

- fruit, vegetable, herb, or flower specimen
- extra large or unusual looking vegetable
- harvest basket or other creative combination
- a collection of seeds from your garden or natural area
- flower arrangement - fresh or dried
- preserved fruits, vegetables or herbs
- something inspired by One Seed Chicago's bean seed
- a product from your garden (honey, pesto, wine)
- a painting of your garden or natural space
- a photograph or collection of photographs
- a sculpture made with natural materials from your space
- a story or poem inspired by your garden or natural area
- textile crafts or sewing projects inspired by your gardening

ARE THERE ANY RULES?

- ➔ You will be assigned a tabletop space no larger than 24 x 30". Your display must fit in this space. (Smaller displays will be given a smaller space.)
- ➔ Your showcase entry must be ready when it arrives on the day of the event. We will not have any extra vases, jars, baskets, easels, frames, or tools, so please bring whatever you need to set up your display.
- ➔ The public will be interacting with your displays - touching, smelling, observing - so make them durable. Tasting will not be permitted.
- ➔ All entries must be dropped off at the Conservatory on the morning of the event (September 18) between 8:30am and 10:30am. Please be prepared to provide information about yourself, your garden, and your display at that time. We will place that information in a 5x7" plastic frame, which will sit next to your entry throughout the day.
- ➔ Entries can be picked up at the Conservatory between 4:00pm and 5:00pm on the day of the event. Any displays left past that time will be considered a donation.

HOW DO I ENTER THE HARVEST SHOWCASE?

Pre-registration is required. We have a limited amount of space to display entries. If you do not pre-register, we cannot guarantee you a space in the event. Registration deadline is Monday, September 13.

For more information or to register, please contact:

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Please provide this information when registering:

- Your first and last name
- Name of garden or space (if applicable)
- Phone number
- E-mail address
- Display space needed (large = 24x30" or small = 24x15")
- Brief description of your entry