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KIDS 15-AND-UNDER ENTER FREE WITH AN ADULT TO THE NEW JERSEY HOME & GARDEN SHOW, N.J. CONVENTION CENTER, EDISON, FEBRUARY 23-25

Special kids' activities join learning opportunities like gardening & repurposing

Edison, N.J., January 5, 2024—Kids can play and learn at the 35th Annual [New Jersey Home & Garden Show](#) at the New Jersey Convention Center in Edison, February 23-25. There will be balloon animals and old-fashioned games like bean bag and ring toss, tic-tac-toe, and a mini fishing pond. They can embellish and color an unfinished wood cutout that they can take home.

There is no charge for children 15 and under accompanied by an adult.

After seeing six glorious gardens in bloom, children can meet feature speaker Don Engebretson, the Renegade Gardener. The landscape designer and award-winning garden writer, who will identify the 10 worst gardening blunders and how to avoid them, will suggest how to interest children in gardening.

He said: “Put a child in charge of planting and watering a Marigold, Cosmos, Morning Glory or Nasturtium seed in a pot or plastic cup—or six seeds in six cell flats. Water every day or two so soil remains moist, not drenched and these colorful annuals will start to produce leaves, flower buds, and then flowers, in a week or two.

“Use inexpensive seed-starter pots, small flats, or plastic beer cups and the growing medium available at nurseries. For the cup, poke three to four holes in the bottom with a pencil or nail for drainage. Plant three seeds in one cup, spaced evenly apart in a triangle. Place on the sill of a sunny window where they get at least six hours of sunlight. Grow lights work too. Kids can also sow these seeds directly in a patch of good soil in full sun in the garden in late May so the soil has warmed enough that the seeds will germinate quickly.

“If germinated in windows, once the daytime temperature has reached mid-60s to 70s, have the kids take their plants outside in the morning before school and place them in a sunny spot for the day.”

At the show, parents will also hear speakers Russel Siegel, the wallpaper hanger artist and Doreen Stovenour, a repurposing guru and gather ideas and see products from more than 100 remodelers, contractors, interior designers, landscapers and kitchen & bath designers – mostly from locally-owned businesses.

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Website: Visit <https://www.newjerseyhomeshow.com>

Where: New Jersey Convention Center, 97 Sunfield Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837

Hours: Fri. Feb. 23, 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.; Sat. Feb. 24, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Sun., Feb. 25, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 for everyone 16 and older. **Children 15 and under free.**

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