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Deadline for World Flower Show Competition Entry Approaches
Don't miss the Oct. 15, 2010 due date to enter a floral design competition

Boston, Mass. -- Professionals and amateur enthusiasts who are members of their country's WAF A floral art society are invited to enter one of the 30 classes of floral design competition hosted by the 2011 World Flower Show. Aspiring designers must be sure to visit www.wafausa.org to submit an application by the Oct. 15, 2010 deadline.

Inspired by the show's theme, *This Glorious Earth*, classes of competition include Insects (botanical jewelry), Music (floral mass), Candy (miniature design), and Birds (masks). One competition class, #24 Magic, is open to all interested parties regardless of WAF A floral art society membership.

This competition is just one of the many events that visitors will enjoy at the tri-annual World Flower Show during its first-ever appearance on U.S. soil in Boston, Mass., June 15-19, 2011. Delegates from the 30 countries that comprise the World Association of Flower Arrangers (WAF A) will converge in Boston at the Seaport World Trade Center to celebrate the art of floral design, enter design competitions and promote conservation. The general public is also very welcome to attend.

The World Association of Flower Arrangers (WAF A) is a not-for-profit, non-partisan organization of floral art societies representing 30 member countries. WAF A was founded in 1981 and moves from country to country every three years. During its tenure, the host country organizes an International Seminar, stages a World Flower Show, convenes a General Assembly, publishes a floral art book and plans various other educational events.

Previous WAF A host countries include Belgium, Canada, France, Japan, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, and the United Kingdom. In early 2008, the United States was elected to serve as the host country for WAF A 2008-2011.

In order to host WAF A's first-ever tenure in the United States, the members of The Garden Club of America and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. agreed in 2006 to collaborate as the nonprofit entity WAF A USA.

The mission of WAF A USA, which has a combined membership of more than 225,000, is threefold: education, the promotion of floral art, and conservation. This remarkable organization promotes the exchange of information concerning floral art and allied interests, reinforces the bonds between the various member countries, and promotes the care and conservation of natural resources and the environment.

For more information, visit <http://www.wafausa.org>.