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### **Special Ticket Offers Now Available for the 2012 Pennsylvania Garden Expo**

Harrisburg, PA (December 20, 2011) – In just two months, garden lovers of all ages will be thinking Spring at the Pennsylvania Garden Expo, presented by Stauffers of Kissel Hill. The three-day event highlights the latest outdoor designs and trends, February 24-26, 2012, at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

The 2012 show promises to be bigger and even more beautiful than the last with more than 50,000 square feet of magnificent, professionally-landscaped gardens, hundreds of shopping options, hands-on demonstrations, student gardens, outdoor design experts and celebrity guests.

“The show continues to grow and evolve every year. This year, we're expanding into a third expo hall at the Farm Show Complex. The new hall will feature an outdoor living showcase sponsored by The Outdoor Living Specialists, with a full-size swimming pool and complete backyard landscape. It's a nice complement to the show's most popular exhibits -- the Featured Gardens,” says Expo Director Cathy Ashby.

Professional landscaper **Ahmed Hassan** of DIY Network's *Yard Crashers*, *Blog Cabin* and *Turf War* brings his creative talents to the CVM-Subaru Garden Talk Stage with ideas for developing a beautiful and comfortable place to relax and entertain.

Attendees will also learn how to capture the natural beauty of any garden with tips from famed photographer **Matthew Benson**, author of the upcoming book, *The Photographic Garden*. Benson serves as a contributing editor to *Organic Gardening* magazine. His work has also been featured in *Better Homes and Gardens*, *House & Garden* and *Country Gardens*.

“A lot of garden shows and flower shows are out of touch with reality. The exhibits are gorgeous, but too complicated and expensive for real people to re-create at home. At the Pennsylvania Garden Expo, attendees find ideas, inspiration and supplies for projects they can tackle on their own or with the help of a local professional,” says Ashby.

Show hours are Friday, February 24, and Saturday, February 25, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, February 26, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The expo has launched exclusive online ticket packages, including the new **VIP Holiday Offer**. This special discount makes a perfect present for garden enthusiasts. Customers will receive two VIP tickets to the expo, one free parking pass, preferred seating at presentations and two goodie bags at the event for \$40. That offer expires December 31, 2011.

Other ticket prices range from \$13 per person for General Admission at the door and \$20 per person for weekend passes. VIP Packages are also available. Advance General Admission tickets can be purchased for \$10 at [www.pagardenexpo.org](http://www.pagardenexpo.org) or at any Stauffers of Kissel Hill location. Children under the age of 12 are admitted to the expo free of charge.

Sponsors of the 2012 Pennsylvania Garden Expo include: Presenting Sponsor, Stauffers of Kissel Hill Garden Centers; Garden Talk Stage Sponsor, CVM-Subaru; Outdoor Living Showcase Sponsor, The Outdoor Living Specialists; "Ask the Experts" Station and Hardscape Sponsor, Belgard Hardscapes/Penssy Supply; PA Preferred Specialty Crop Sponsor, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture; Media Sponsor, abc27 WHTM; Family Night Sponsor, The Goddard School; and Community Gardens Sponsor, Green Urban Initiative.

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