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Media Fact Sheet

What: *17th annual Visalia Home & Patio Springfest*

When: **February 12, 13, & 14, 2010**

Friday: Noon to 7 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Visalia Convention Center

Ticket Prices: Adults.....\$7

Senior Discount (60+).....\$3 (Friday, only)

Children under 12.....Free

Parking.....Free

Show Highlights:

Visit the South Valley's largest Home & Patio Show with over 350 exhibits
Stroll through the Landscaping Tent and two courtyards with outdoor displays
Home furnishings, décor, and handy household gadgets
Romantic Dining Demos by the Professional Chefs at the Institute of Technology
Landscaping & Gardening Seminars by Master Gardeners, Orchard Supply
Hardware, and The Home Depot
Computer and Digital Camera workshops presented by Attitude Online
Unique Valentine's jewelry, gourmet chocolate, and Visalia Mall prize giveaways
Show Travel Center featuring The Cruise Experts
Kid's Clinic with prizes by Build-A-Bear Workshop and Giraffe Swim-Fin
Habitat For Humanity raffle for custom-built dollhouse
Lots of discounts, new products, and merchant show specials

Cooking Demonstration Schedule

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Saturday, February 13

- 12:30 p.m. Glazed Oysters with Beurre Blanc and Zucchini Pearls**
Chef Michael Handy, CEC
- 2:30 p.m. Paella**
Chef Martin Samudio
- 4:30 p.m. Truffles and Dipped Berries**
Chef Thomas Mendoza

Sunday, February 14

- 11:30 a.m. Classic Steak Diane for Two**
Chef David L. Pol
- 1:30 p.m. Chocolate Lava Cake with Berries and Chantilly Cream**
Chef David L. Pol
- 3:30 p.m. “Love Birds” Pan-Seared Duo of Quail
with Red Beet Risotto and Wild Mushrooms**
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Gardening & Remodeling Seminars

Friday, February 12

- 1:00 p.m. “Orchids: Planting and Caring for Them”**
*by Olivia Sanchez, Orchard Supply Hardware and
Brian Howard, Plant Source*
- 2:00 p.m. “Container Gardening with Succulents”**
by Cecile Garrison, UC Master Gardener
- 3:00 p.m. “Tips and Products to Simplify Landscaping”**
by The Home Depot
- 4:00 p.m. “Kitchen Cabinets”**
by Kitchen Designer Brad Hoftyzer, The Home Depot
- 5:00 p.m. “Potting and Maintaining Plants”**
by The Home Depot
- 6:00 p.m. “Landscaping and Outdoor Water Conservation”**
by The Home Depot



Gardening & Remodeling Seminars (cont'd)

Saturday, February 13

- 11:00 a.m.** **“Grow Your Own Vegetables: It’s Worth It! The Square Foot Gardening Method at Its Best”**
by Bev Servadio and Cathy Ronk, UC Master Gardeners
- Noon** **“Time to Plant Veggies”**
by Olivia Sanchez and Lauren Gill, Orchard Supply Hardware
- 1:00 p.m.** **“Landscaping and Outdoor Water Conservation”**
by The Home Depot
- 2:00 p.m.** **“Kitchen Cabinets”**
by Kitchen Designer Brad Hoftyzer, The Home Depot
- 3:00 p.m.** **“Container Planting”**
by Olivia Sanchez and Jennifer Magana, Orchard Supply Hardware
- 4:00 p.m.** **“Installing Laminate Flooring”**
by David Keller, The Home Depot
- 5:00 p.m.** **“Installing Low-Voltage Outdoor Lighting”**
by Master Electrician Tom Buckles
- 6:00 p.m.** **“Tips and Products to Simplify Landscaping”**
by The Home Depot

Sunday, February 14

- 11:00 a.m.** **“Weeds, Weeds, Weeds: How to Get Rid of Those Darn Weeds!”**
by Michelle Le Strange, UC Master Gardener
- Noon** **“Planting and Care of Indoor House Plants”**
by Olivia Sanchez, Orchard Supply Hardware
- 1:00 p.m.** **“Installing Low-Voltage Outdoor Lighting”**
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Kids' Stuff



SwimFin is new in the USA and available only through **Giraffe Wholesale**, a local Visalia company. SwimFin, an exciting floatation device, helps children learn to swim. Designed to look like a shark's fin, it is strapped to the child's back where it helps maintain stability and proper form in the water.

Used by professional instructors and swim schools belonging to the United States Swim School Association, the SwimFin comes in an array of bright colors. There is an optional backpack for transporting the SwimFin, which lets your young swimmer be a shark on dry land as well.

"To launch our product, we are hosting a raffle to select three winners at the end of the home show," reported co-owner Sharman Loughlin. First prize will be awarded two fins, second prize will be one fin and a backpack, and third prize will be one fin. All of the proceeds from the raffle will be donated to the *Children's Hospital Central California*. Winners need not be present to win and will be selected on Sunday as the event comes to a close.



Home Depot's Kids Clinics are an important part of SpringFest. You can join the experts at The Home Depot who will teach children, of all ages, to successfully plant a flower and/or seed. The plants will go home with the children so they can transplant them into the garden at home. Clinic times: Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



Also stop by and talk with members of the *Visalia Mall's Build-A-Bear Workshop*, who will give away one bear every day. Beareamy will be making appearances on Saturday and Sunday, from noon until 2 p.m. The BABW booth is located in the *East Lobby Area* adjacent to where the kids' clinics will be held.

Be sure to stop by and support **Habitat for Humanity of Tulare County**, which will raffle a special custom-made dollhouse at this year's Visalia SpringFest. The goal is to raise money and awareness for HFHTC's new home repair and refurbishing programs in Tulare County. These programs have given Habitat the opportunity to serve more people by buying and remodeling foreclosed homes with Habitat families and repairing existing housing stock with homeowners who cannot afford or physically manage repairs on their homes.

The Beverly Cassidy dollhouse will be on display all weekend and the winning ticket will be chosen on Sunday, February 14, at the close of the show. The tickets are five for \$6 or \$1 each and are available at the Habitat booth, located in the *West Lobby Area*. The winner does not need to be present to win and the dollhouse will be delivered to the winner's residence within Tulare County.



And let **Rainbow Play Systems** help you turn your backyard into a total play area. Their booth is located on the *Eucalyptus Courtyard*.

