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Chicago Flower & Garden Show Photo Competition Now Open

Photographers Encouraged to Submit Images by Feb. 1, 2017 deadline

CHICAGO (Dec. 9, 2016) – Focusing on the essence of plants, flowers and gardening, the organizers of the [Chicago Flower & Garden Show](#) are accepting submissions for the event's annual Photo Competition, open now through Feb. 1, 2017.

Photographers of all experience levels are encouraged to submit their original photographs of flowers and plants, in categories ranging from still life to abstract. The competition is divided into youth (ages 7 to 15) and adult (ages 16 and up).

Images are evaluated by a panel of judges on criteria including creativity, composition, technical merit, distinction and interpretation of the 2017 show theme, "Chicago's Blooming." Photos will be showcased in a special green gallery at the show, running March 18-26 at [Navy Pier](#). Full competition details and registration forms are available at www.chicagoflower.com/photo-competition.

With a legacy in Chicago that can be traced to 1847, the [Chicago Flower & Garden Show](#) welcomes more than 45,000 visitors to Navy Pier annually. For additional information, including a schedule of events, tickets, parking information and directions, visit www.chicagoflower.com. For up-to-the-minute news, find the show on social media, including at www.facebook.com/chicagoflower and on Twitter and Instagram @ChicagoFlower.

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Caption follows for photo below:




The [Chicago Flower & Garden Show](#), presented by [Mariano's](#), is accepting entries through Feb. 1, 2017 for its annual Photo Competition. For registration forms, and more information about the show running March 18-26 at Navy Pier, please visit www.chicagoflower.com/photo-competition. (Photo courtesy Chicago Flower & Garden Show)

Flower Show Productions, Inc. produces the annual Chicago Flower & Garden Show at Navy Pier and other grand-scale public events that celebrate sustainable living and eco-friendly lifestyles. The company also manages Chicago Gateway Green, a nonprofit dedicated to greening and beautifying Chicago. Flower Show Productions provides philanthropic assistance to community organizations, along with year-round messaging, education and information to anyone about the benefits of earth-friendly choices to our yards, neighborhoods and the planet. Save March 18-26, 2017 for the next Chicago Flower & Garden Show. Evening in Bloom is March 17. For information, please visit www.chicagoflower.com. Find the show on Facebook at www.facebook.com/chicagoflower and on Twitter @ChicagoFlower.

About Mariano's:

Mariano's, the Midwest's most exciting food destination, is one of four grocery banners of Roundy's Supermarkets, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of The Kroger Co. (NYSE: KR). Mariano's, founded in 2010, is an integral part of the communities it serves. With 35 locations across the Chicagoland area, Mariano's places a premium on the customer experience, offering a highly differentiated food shopping experience combined with exceptional customer service. Mariano's incorporates Chicagoland's distinctive neighborhood culture into its signature grocery merchandising allowing customers to enjoy a truly unique foodie experience.

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