

IGC Show 2009

The 2009 IGC show is next month — are you registered and ready to go?

From Aug. 20 to 22 at Chicago's Navy Pier, thousands of independent garden center owners and employees will come together for educational seminars, keynote presentations from industry experts, networking opportunities and products from vendors that cater specifically to this specific market. (And if that's not enough, how about a free Charlie Daniels concert?!)

In addition to each day's events at the trade show, there are some great opportunities to broaden your horizons while in the Chicago area. Here's a look at some of them:

Garden Center Tour

Conducted by Garden Centers of America

and the Garden Center Group, this tour focuses on trendsetting garden centers in and around Chicago: Gethsemane Garden Center, Knupper Nursery and Platt Hill Nursery. This opportunity also includes a tour and lunch at Ball Horticultural Company's headquarters and display gardens in West Chicago, Ill. Also included on the tour is a stop at IKEA's Schaumburg, Ill., location, one of the company's largest.

Lunch and bus transportation are included in the price of the tour.

Green Roof Tour

Conducted by Illinois Green Industry Association, the IGC Show's second tour opportunity is a special showing of leading green roof buildings, many not normally open to the public.

Chicago is famous for its national leadership in

the movement to build more eco-friendly green roofs, and planned stops on the tour include City Hall, the Chicago Cultural Center, the Museum of Science and Industry and the Chicago Center for Green Technology.

The office of Chicago Mayor Richard Daley will also welcome the group. A box lunch and bus transportation are included.

For more last-minute information on the show or planning your trip to Chicago, visit www.igcshow.com. A selection of IGC Show vendors' products is below. See you at Navy Pier!

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Rock enclosure

This 19-inch-tall fiberglass rock is crafted using a real rock to make the fiberglass as lifelike as possible. It is hollow and can be used to cover any problem areas in the home or garden. The fiberglass is strong enough to hold more than 200 pounds and is available in granite or sandstone colors. Aaron's Enterprises, Inc. www.aaronsenterprises.com (989) 723-6463. Booth 801. **Write in 1413**



Flowering shrubs fertilizer

Roses and Flowering Shrubs Fertilizer aims to create strong canes and rich blossoms for all flowering shrubs. It is a partly coated NPK fertilizer, with magnesium and sulphur, 15-9-14(+2+7) and micronutrients. Basacote slow-release



formula provides nourishment from first planting to maturity. Algoflash. www.algoflash.com (800) 714-4384. Booth 2716. **Write in 1414**

Organic garden kit

For customers who want to get involved with organic gardening, this kit includes all the tools to get them started. Seeds, soil tablets, fertilizer, wooden plant markers, garden almanac and DOT Pots. These items are either OMRI listed or USDA organic. Bethel Organics. www.dotpots.com (800) 226-3057. Booth 2236. **Write in 1415**



Drainage material

This drainage material is suitable for indoor or outdoor pots, planters and containers. It is made from flexible 100 percent recycled plastic. An easy add-on sale, in

any season, it promotes healthier plants and lighter containers. It is available in packaged rolls, in three different poly-bagged twin-pack sizes. Better Than Rocks. www.betterthanrocks.com (888) 994-7855. Booth 1816. **Write in 1416**



Algaecide

GreenClean Granular works on contact to eliminate and control algae in water gardens, ornamental ponds, fountains and waterfalls. Releasing vital oxygen into the water body as it biodegrades, it immediately begins fighting algae blooms. GreenClean is OMRI listed and EPA registered and is available in 1-, 2-, 8-, 20- and 50-pound containers. Bio-

