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Super-sized Serpent to Greet Kids At GardenScape's Children's Garden

In keeping with the "Gardens of Eden" theme of GardenScape 2009, this year's Children's Garden will highlight a 40-foot-long -- but very friendly -- serpent to interact with youthful visitors.

GardenScape 2009, the annual Rochester Flower and Landscape Show, runs from Thursday, March 12, to Sunday, March 15, at the Dome Arena in Henrietta.

"The Children's Garden is always a popular spot at GardenScape," said show manager Sarah Burchell. "But this year is going to be something special. The original team that created several of the most imaginative Children's Garden features in the early years of the show is back together again, and they have the financial support of sponsor Home Comfort Heating. The results will be exciting, to say the least."

The creative team includes Ken Hill of Rolling Hills Landscape, Angela Ingraham of Bristol's Garden Center, Rick Brown of Newcomb Oil, Bill Teamerson of Wayside Garden Center, and Beth Neels of Proscape.

The Children's Garden will be located at the back of Minett Hall and will be open all hours that GardenScape is open. Parents are encouraged to accompany their kids and bring their cameras. A variety of crafts and games will be offered, and every child will take home a potted blueberry plant.

Show hours for GardenScape 2009 are 9 am to 9 pm Thursday-Saturday, and 9 am to 5 pm on Sunday. Tickets may be purchased at any Wegmans "That's the Ticket" location, online at www.rochesterflowershow.com, or at participating Rochester Area Florists.