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## Green Spring Gardens Features Begonia Show This Weekend

On Saturday, August 23 and Sunday, August 24, 2014, beautiful Green Spring Gardens, a Fairfax County Park Authority facility, will come alive with begonias. This is an opportunity for the garden enthusiast to feast their eyes on these wonderful perennial flowering plants. The genus name Begonia, coined by Charles Plumier, a French patron of botany, honors Michel Bégon, a former governor of the French colony of Haiti. There are 1,600 varieties to enjoy.

The show and sale runs from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and from noon to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday and is sponsored by the Potomac Branch of the American Begonia Society. This is an opportunity to expand your plant palette! Be tempted with splashes of color for homes and greenhouses that last long after the frost has put outdoor gardens to bed. The sale offers a wide variety of begonias, including subtropical species.

There is no admission charge for the show and this event provides a wonderful chance to explore the gardens. There's something here for everyone: a wooded stream valley with ponds, a naturalistic native plant garden, over 20 thematic demonstration gardens, a greenhouse filled with tropicals, and a well-stocked horticultural reference library. And don't miss the great gift shop. For more information visit online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/) or call 703-642-5173.

Green Spring Gardens is located at 4603 Green Spring Road in Alexandria, Va.

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