

Connecticut Flower Show 2025



Once again we traveled north to take in one of the best; not the biggest, flower show in Connecticut. It is a small, intimate space, you can get up close and see the exhibits and talk to the designers.



This year what stood out to me was a wide variety of evergreens in all sorts of colors to brighten the dullest of winter days. From Burke's variegated Japanese red pine to the sunny Golden Duchess Eastern Hemlock and a Golden Spreading yew, were all eye catching specimens.

Another special specimen was a 200 year old Japanese White pine. Amazingly it's only had 2 owners.



The most interesting display was by the Connecticut Future Farmers of America, an organization dedicated to teaching agricultural practices to youth. Their display was the most

creative display of headpieces all created from leaves and flowers. They also created a sword with Sansevieria leaves, which was really beautiful. There exhibit also featured a lot for very creative ideas for tablescapes and décor that could easily be done at replicated at home. It was one of the most creative and memorable displays.



One display was maybe a little too clever and appeared very unassuming to walk past it, but on closer inspection there were a lot of hidden treasures; a little gnome hiding under an arborvitae, an owl perched on a tree, a turtle crossing bridge. It pays to look closely and take your time at these flower shows.

We also attended a seminar about Therapeutic Horticulture. It was given by a woman that offers horticultural hands on classes to folks with or recovering from mental illness and dementia, or people with disabilities or recovering from major illnesses or surgeries. Studies have shown that just showing people pictures of green garden spaces brightens their mood.

Saved the best for last, the best for me was the fairy garden display presented by Ladd Garden Center in South Windham, CT. It is a fun, creative display of dwarf conifers and fun fairy garden décor. They re-created a cypress swamp, a maple syrup farm, a frog bridge that is an actual replica of a real bridge in CT! One of the cutest items was a bunny slide and the best part is their store had just one left for me to purchase!

