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**‘A Novel Idea’ to help Indy Reads**

**INDIANAPOLIS** -- The idea of curling up at home with a good book is more than appealing during winter’s cold, grey days. There’s a better idea, however – “A Novel Idea,” in fact!

The **52nd annual Indiana Flower & Patio Show** ushers springtime into the Hoosier state March 13-21 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds West Pavilion. This year’s show is themed “A Novel Idea.” Each of the 29 Showcase Garden landscape artists has selected a favorite book from which to draw inspiration – from all-time classics to newer releases. One garden even is themed to an original book written and published by its designer!

Showgoers will marvel to Showcase Gardens themed to the following titles: *Robin Hood, The Chronicles of Narnia, Alice in Wonderland, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Little House on the Prairie, McElligots Pool, Harry Potter, The Wedding, The Magnolia Principle, The Secret Garden, The Garden Spell, Where the Sidewalk Ends, Somewhere In Time, the Holy Bible (Garden of Eden), The Incredible Journey, Under the Tuscan Sun, The Call of the Wild, A River Runs Through It, The Hobbit, Country Club Café, Travels with Charley-In Search of America,* and *The Wizard of Oz.*

HSI Show Productions, the locally owned-and-operated producer of the Indiana Flower & Patio Show, has partnered with Indy Reads, a program that provides free tutoring to functionally illiterate adults in Central Indiana ([www.indyreads.org](http://www.indyreads.org)). Through all nine days of the show, collection bins will be placed in the West Pavilion’s entry lobbies to accept book donations for the Indy Reads program. Guests are invited to bring K-6 student workbooks or teachers’ manuals, copies of the classics, children’s books, or any appropriate titles that can be used by the program and drop them into the collection bins.

The 52nd annual Indiana Flower & Patio Show runs March 13-21 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds West Pavilion, 1202 East 38th Street, Indianapolis. Hours are 10 am to 9 pm on Saturdays and weekdays; 10 am to 5 pm on Sundays. Admission is \$12; children 12 and under are free. Discount coupons and additional show information are available online at

[www.indianaflowerandpatioshow.com](http://www.indianaflowerandpatioshow.com). American Family Insurance is an official sponsor of the 52<sup>nd</sup> annual Indiana Flower & Patio Show.