

Flower Show Welcomes Initial Throng Today

The finishing touches were being put on the seventh annual National Capital Flower and Garden Show for the official opening this afternoon in the District National Guard Armory, 2001 East Capitol street.

Mrs. Earl Warren, wife of the Chief Justice of the United States, arranged to preside at the 2 p.m. opening today. The program called for show chairman Clifford H. Jenkins to present her with a large armful of American Beauty roses.

Then, Mrs. Warren prepared to tour the show and see the multi-colored exhibits and gardens. They were arranged by the National Capital Garden Club League, of which Mrs. Clifton H. Luce of Alexandria, Va., is president and honorary show chairman, and the Allied Florists Association of Greater Washington, headed by Paul E. Bauer. The league's show chairman is Mrs. James R. Dawson of Scientists' Cliffs, Port Republic, Md. The show will be open henceforth 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., through Wednesday.

Clubs Get Awards

An oval silver tray for the best new garden in the show was awarded by The Star to the Evergreen Garden Club. John H. Kauffmann, assistant business manager, represented the company.

Mrs. Wiley Buchanan, jr., wife of the new chief of protocol of the State Department, made the presentation. Mrs. Clifton H. Luce, president of the National Capital Garden Club League, accepted the award on behalf of the Evergreen Club.

For the best five-year-old garden in the show, The Star also awarded an oval silver tray. This award, also made by Mrs. Buchanan, went to the Hoe'n'Hope Garden Club. Mrs. Charles V. Shannon, president of the club, received the award.

Other Prizes to Be Given

Awards of two other oval trays, for the best garden arrangement in the show and for the best bird bath garden were to be made later.

In addition, The Star will give an award for the best commercial exhibit in the show. This will take the form of a big silver bowl.

On the eve of the opening of the big production, here's how top leaders view it:

Mr. Jenkins, who is president of C. L. Jenkins & Sons, Inc., of Suitland, Md., flower growers:

"I think this year is going to surpass any year we have ever had. We have an unusual number of colorful cut flowers and other attractions."

Landscape architect Boris V. ta

Timchenko, Russian - born, French educated, now an American, who is entering his seventh year with the show:

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"Around 1,000 people have been engaged in the production, some starting as far back as September or October. This week, the job has been going forward 24 hours a day. Some have even worked day and night around the clock.

"Exhibits have come from as far away as Florida, Massachusetts and California. Some orchids are from Hawaii and some plants are from South America, but these countries do not officially participate in the show.

"We expect over 100,000 visitors."

Show manager E. F. (Al) Harloff, who is also a pioneer in the production:

"The entrance, featuring yellow acacia trees in bloom, all Australian varieties, furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Stone of Marlon, Mass., is most beautiful.

"I think our overall show is going to be the best we have ever done, for the simple reason our exhibitors have had a great deal of experience and have reached a higher peak of perfection in setting up the exhibits. They now have greater know-how."

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