

Garden oasis a feature of home show

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Winter has outworn its welcome but March 8 and 9 at the Barrie Molson Centre brings the delightful first signs of the much-anticipated return of her gentler side.

The Spring Home Style Show breathes a rejuvenated air of hope that the hazy days of summer will soon be upon us once more.

As the snow melts, grass turns vivid green and the birds and animals return, so too does our desire to breathe in the sanctuary of the garden oasis. Designer/Horticulturalist Melanie Rekola is excited to be participating once again in this year's event. Aptly named, her company Sacred Space Landscape & Design, will bring to the show the serenity of this year's feature garden.

"It will be lush, green and somewhere that they won't want to leave," she suggests.

In an enticing display Melanie plans to bring the indoors outside. A phenomenal 2008 model gazebo will be set into a breathtaking paradise and complimented by cozy lounge and dining areas designed for the outdoors.

Surrounded by a robust selection of foliage and colour and set among this serene garden, the peaceful trickling sound of water as it flows gently through a bubbling rock pond, enhances the serene atmosphere.

Likewise Melanie will be on hand within her own lush garden booth. There to afford participants the opportunity to gain a broader insight into the world of gardening and

effective landscape design, she will also introduce visitors to her computer CAD program. This program allows her to design and deliver an actual bird's-eye-view of how a client's specific plan will ultimately take shape.

"Having a landscape plan helps you to save a lot of future money and headaches. There

is a lot to consider when placing a pool, deck or patio, as well as large trees, shrubs and perennials," she suggests. Photographs of previous landscape designs will also be available for those who are contemplating their own sacred space this summer.

To learn more about Sacred Space Landscape & Design, call 722-7863.



Melanie Rekola eagerly anticipates the end of winter and the arrival of this weekend's Home Show at the Barrie Molson Centre.

