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If you are a backyard gardener who is faced with challenges of fertilising your plants for better yields, the garden show is the place to be



Students of the CIDI Institute of gardening and landscaping preparing a garden a student picking flowers

Annual flower festival on

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The second annual flower festival kicks off today under the theme: *Health and beauty through plants.*

The two-day event,which is expected to attract over 100 backyard gardeners, florists and plant enthusiasts, is taking place at the Community Integrated Development Initiative (CIDI) training centre in Muyenga, Kampala.

Indoor and outdoor ornamental plants, vegetables, culinary herbs, spices and fruits will be exhibited. Entrance is free.

Maria Kaweesa, a manager at CIDI, says showgoers should expect a wide range of money-minting plants, both local and exotic.

Solomon Luyimbazi, a professional gardener and trainer at CIDI, adds that there are over 80 plant species on display.

Besides, showgoers will learn modern methods of urban gardening that can be undertaken in limited spaces.



A student picking flowers

"We want every homeowner to engage in gardening for its unequaled benefits," Luyimbazi says, adding that gardening fanatics will learn to install gardens on walls, in containers and sacks, on verandahs and in corners.

There are also planters on display such as those made from bamboo, plastics, clay and metal.

The show is organised by the Uganda Tropical Plants Association and CIDI, a non-governmental organisation funded by a German organisation, MISERIO.

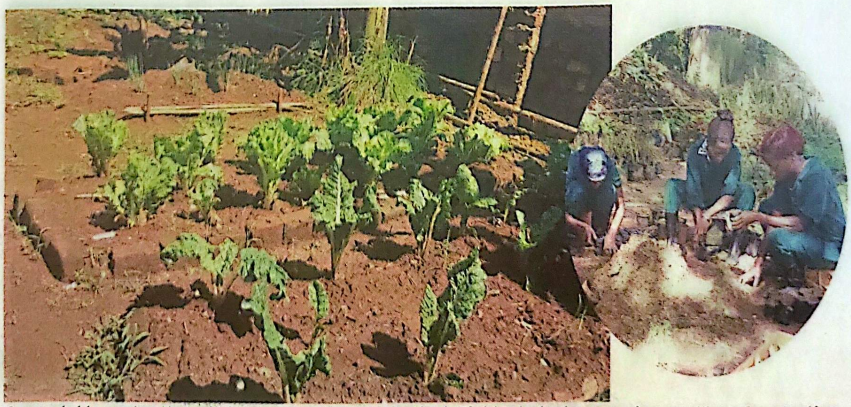
Plants

Luyimbaazi says herbs like wheat grass (anti-cancer and skin toner), turmeric, rosemary, oregano, water cress, dandelion and calendula will be showcased.

Manure

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Luyimbaazi says CIDI has prepared organic manure for the gardeners.



A vegetable garden that will be showcased at the festival. Right, students preparing seedlings for planting

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