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HBA sprouts fall show

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The Homebuilders Association of Greenville plans to start offering a replica of its annual spring Southern Home & Garden show in the fall.

The group's first fall Home & Garden show is set for Oct. 30 – Nov. 1 at the Carolina First Center.

Michael Dey, the association's executive vice president, said the association had been getting a lot of requests from its exhibitors to offer a second show.

Not only are they happy with the spring show, he said, "I think they get good results for their business."

"So we decided this year to take the leap and start a new fall show," Dey said.

The association has been putting on a spring Home & Garden show for 47 years. It typically draws anywhere from 14,000 to 19,000 consumers, and has close to 300 exhibitors, Dey said.

The association is expecting 150 to 200 exhibitors for its fall show.

"This being the first year, we expect it to be slightly smaller but we're getting great response," Dey said. "We already have quite a few exhibitors signed up, so it's coming together very nicely."

The show will have its differences from the spring show.

Because it will be held close to Christmas, it will likely feature some holiday-type exhibits. And since it will fall on Halloween, there will be an extra something special for children who attend the show.

Dey said Clemson football fans are also being considered: A booth will broadcast the Clemson homecoming game so fans who come out won't miss it, he said.