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HGTV's Lynn Kegan joins roster of Tablescape designers

Slinky, Rock 'em Sock 'em Robots, Etch a Sketch all signal a bygone era. For most of us, these great old toys are something to wax reminiscent over when we spot them at a garage sale.

But for HGTV personality Lynn Kegan, one classic—Hasbro's Lite-Brite—is the inspiration for an amazing piece of furniture that will be unveiled in the Tablescape area of the Chicago Flower and Garden Show from Saturday, March 7 through Sunday, March 15, at Navy Pier along Chicago's lakefront. In all, 10 imaginative dining pavilions will be on display.

Known for his innovative structural and lighting design, Kegan has created an intricate Tablescape installation using more than 25,000 authentic Lite-Brite pegs. His "Glowing Gardens" also incorporates natural elements, resulting in a unique celebration of light and flowers. Flowers for the display are being provided by Anthos in Chicago.

In keeping with the show's green theme, Kegan fashioned his artful construction using an old wood table, recycled aluminum, and energy-efficient fluorescent bulbs. A board over the top with 18 holes per square inch is the canvas for the brilliant constellation of Lite-Brite pegs, all lit from below. The legs are wrapped in white leather imprinted with vines, adding a distinctly high-end touch to this highly imaginative piece. Set on a grassy knoll under a chandelier made entirely of flowers, "Glowing Gardens" combines inventiveness, a designer's eye and a childlike wonder.

A Texas native, Lynn Kegan learned how to wield a hammer early on working in his family's construction firm. Later he studied lighting and furniture design before founding Entrance Design Works, an Atlanta-based interior design and remodeling company specializing in dramatic home renovations with an emphasis on structural and lighting design. In 2007, Kegan joined the HGTV family and the cast of the hit series "Designed to Sell" as the resident carpenter. A designer by trade, he is able to use his creativity, skill and home improvement knowledge to help homeowners maximize the values of their homes, through practical, yet inspiring and dramatic renovations.

The other Tablescape designs that will be displayed are being created by:

Anthony Gowder Designs, Chicago—Anthony Gowder
City Scents Flowers & Gifts, Chicago
Flower Cart in Chesterton, Ind.
Good Earth Greenhouse, River Forest, Ill.—Susan Bal, AIFD
M&M The Special Events Company, Carol Stream, Ill.—Donna Lochner & Rick Luckow
Phillips Flowers, Westmont, Ill.—Belinda Landeros, Chris Duracka and Laura Walsh
Simply Elegant Florist & Event Co., Plano, Ill.—John Windisch, AIFD
Stylish Stems Inc., Oak Brook, Ill.—Gail Gregory, AIFD
Whole Foods South Loop— Stacey Bal

The 2009 Chicago Flower & Garden Show is sponsored by Belgard Hardscapes, a nationwide network of paving stone and garden wall products manufacturers. Show hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday-Saturday, and until 6 p.m. on Sundays. Adult admission is \$14 weekends, \$12 weekdays. Tickets for children 12 and under are \$5 every day. You can order tickets online now by visiting chicagoflower.com, where no service fee is charged, or buy them at the door.

Discounted all-day Navy Pier parking is \$14. For details about CTA bus service, call 836-7000 (any local area code) or visit the CTA Web site at transitchicago.com. For Metra travel information, go to metrarail.com for train schedules and phone numbers of the various rail lines serving downtown Chicago.