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**Somerset Nursery Owner – wins big at Philadelphia Flower Show.**

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Maria Jacobs, of Somerset Nursery in Zionsville, captured the Sarah C.Z. Groome Sweepstakes award on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at the Philadelphia Flower Show.

The Sarah C. Z. Groome Award goes to the individual accumulating the greatest number of points in the select Artistic Classes. The winner must have a minimum of three Artistic entries and must have entered two or more Artistic categories.

Maria placed first in both the Jewelry Class and the Hanging Arrangement Class. In addition, she placed second in the Pressed Plant Class.

Maria's First Place entry in the Jewelry Class entitled "The French Quarter" featured a gold leafed fleur de lis mask made completely of dried plant material that had been altered to represent the finest gold and pearls.

The Hanging Arrangement Class, entered together with David Damiani, was a Challenge Class, where the designers bring only clippers to the show floor. They are provided with all materials used, and allowed 2 hours to create the design that was suspended in air.

Maria's pressed plant entry also featured a Mardi Gras mask made completely of pressed and dried plant material in their natural state.

Maria Jacobs, a resident of Birchrunville, Chester County is a part owner in Somerset Nursery in Glenmoore and Zionsville and an avid Flower Show entrant. 2008 marked her 6<sup>th</sup> year in the prestigious Philadelphia Flower Show, where she has won over 13 awards. Maria is a member of the Norristown Garden Club, Norristown, PA.

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