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Green living show coming to arena

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CONCORD — Organizers expect about 100 exhibitors will dispense advice and information on environmentally friendly lifestyles during the first Carolina Living Green Expo in Concord this weekend.

Admission is free for the exhibit hall and a market and craft area at the Cabarrus Arena & Events Center.

Attendees can also pay for seminars and workshops on subjects such as composting, beekeeping, biodiesel issues and organic growing.

Owner and president W.C. Lanier bought the rights to the Mid-Atlantic Farm Show, an annual event intended for large-scale farmers, three years ago.

He said he moved to the new format to cater to the general public's growing interest in environmental issues.

He got the idea when several farm shows in the Midwest made similar changes.

"The larger farms are dwindling," Lanier said. "This is geared more toward your smaller, weekend guys — urban farms, I guess you could call it — which is a growing segment."

Arena general manager Frank Lapsley said the event's timing is especially appropriate since the financial and political climate has people eager to explore new technologies.

"Given our economy and given our environment, this is the perfect show to look at and find the future," Lapsley said.