

# BLOOMIN' FLOWERS

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The annual flower parade gets underway this month.

Leaving Noordwijk at 9.30am on Saturday, April 25th, it will travel a 40km route to arrive in Haarlem at around 9pm. Large floats, luxury cars and a handful of marching bands all decked out with flowers galore will play their part in this annual event which began in 1947. This year's theme is famous books.

There will also be an illuminated parade in Noordwijkerhout on the evening of Friday, April 25th. It will then go to Haarlem the next evening where it will remain on view along the Gedempte Oude Gracht until Sunday, April 26th at 5pm. On Sunday, you will also find



a flower market where you can enjoy the local entertainment and street musicians. For the parade schedule, see: <http://www.bloemencorso.info/index.asp?lan=en>

work in progress can be viewed on Wednesday, April 22nd from 2pm to 10pm, Thursday, April 23rd from 10am to 11pm and also on Friday, April 24th from 10am to 5pm.

Klinkenberghalls  
(DeLeeuw Flower-bulb Group)  
Rijksstraatweg 52  
2171 AM Sassenheim  
Admission fee: €4

## BEHIND THE SCENES

The decoration of the floats with millions of flowers, by hundreds of volunteers, will begin on Wednesday, April 22nd. The

Can't make the flower parade this year?

Then mark your diary for 2010. The Flower Parade 2010 is currently scheduled for Saturday, April 24th next year.