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CONCORD MUSEUM

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**The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Concord Museum Garden Tour on Friday and Saturday, June 4 & 5, 2010**  
*Celebrating 21 Years of a New England Tradition*

The famed Concord spokesman for individualism and self-reliance, Ralph Waldo Emerson, once wrote: "When I go into a good garden, I think, if it were mine, I should never go out of it." This year the Concord Museum is celebrating 21 years of "going into good gardens" on the annual Concord Garden Tour. The Museum's Guild of Volunteers has organized this pre-eminent garden tour, an unequalled opportunity both to share in the delights of beautiful and historic private gardens in the Concord area and to support the Museum's Education Programs which annually serve 10,000 students from 85 Massachusetts communities and 22 states. The Guild is led by co-presidents Lauren Huyett and Judy Blaikie Lane and the event this year is chaired by Wendy Page and Hilary Robinson. The all-important garden selection committee is chaired for the fifth year by Sally Lanagan. The 2010 Garden Tour is sponsored by RBC Wealth Management and Seasons Four, Lexington.

The Museum's Garden Tour has become a New England tradition for garden lovers from near and far. The Garden Tour will take place on two days, Friday and Saturday, June 4 and 5, rain or shine. Each of the nine private gardens reflects the individual interests and passions of the owners and their families and will inspire both new gardeners designing their first perennial bed and accomplished landscapers with acres of "garden rooms." This year, some of the features of the gardens include:

- a terraced garden with stunning river views
- a festive Fourth of July wedding garden on one of Concord's oldest estates
- a lush shade garden with native plants
- a sculpture garden
- a rhododendron wonderland

The tour of Concord-area gardens is self-guided and self-paced, beginning each day at 9:00 a.m. and continuing until 4:00 p.m. Garden-goers should arrive at the Museum to pick up their maps prior to starting out. Tickets are good for either or both days, but each garden may only be visited once.

Advance Tickets (through May 28): \$26 Members, \$32 Nonmembers; After May 28<sup>th</sup> or at the door: \$32 Museum Members, \$38 Nonmembers. No refunds; no photography. The Museum Shop is filled with garden-related gifts; visitors are also invited to admire the Museum's beautifully-restored gardens.

The Concord Museum is located in historic Concord, Massachusetts on Cambridge Turnpike at the intersection of Lexington Road. For more information about membership, volunteering or to make reservations for the *Garden Tour*, contact the Concord Museum, (978) 369-9763, or visit on the web:

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