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**MELINDA MYERS TO SPEAK AT CHICAGOLAND FLOWER SHOW**

**Milwaukee, Wis. – February 8, 2007**– Nationally known gardening expert, TV host and author Melinda Myers will speak at the 2007 Chicagoland Flower Show March 18 at 11:30 a.m. in Rosemont, IL. Myers will present “*Shade Gardening Beyond Hostas.*” The presentation will explore lots of colorful and interesting options for a landscape’s shady and sometimes challenging areas. Myers will participate in a book signing immediately following her presentation. *Birds & Blooms* and *Backyard Living* magazines are the sponsors of Myers’ presentation.

Myers, best known for her practical, gardener-friendly approach to gardening, has more than 25 years of horticultural experience in both hands-on and instructional settings. She has a master’s degree in horticulture, is a certified arborist, and was a horticulture instructor with tenure. Myers shares her expertise through a variety of media outlets. She is the author of numerous gardening books, including *Can’t Miss Small Space Gardening* and the *Birds & Blooms’ Ultimate Gardening Guide*. She hosts “Great Lakes Gardener,” seen on PBS stations throughout the United States and “Melinda’s Garden Moments”, which air on network television stations throughout the country. She also appears regularly as a guest expert on various national and local television and radio shows. She writes the twice monthly “Gardeners’ Questions” newspaper column and is a contributing editor and columnist for *Birds & Blooms* and *Backyard Living* magazines. In addition, she hosted “The Plant Doctor” radio program for over 20 years.

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