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**HORTICULTURE EXPERT MELINDA MYERS TO SPEAK AT
2007 NORTHWEST FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW**

Milwaukee, Wis. – February 6, 2007– Nationally known gardening expert, TV host and author Melinda Myers will speak at the 2007 Northwest Flower & Garden Show - North America's third largest, world-class flower and garden show - February 17-18, 2007 in Seattle, Washington. Myers will present "*Small Gardens with Big Impact*," "*Garden Accessories for Outdoor Rooms*," and "*Grow Your Own Worms*". In addition, Myers will participate in several book signings following each of her presentations. *Birds & Blooms* and *Backyard Living* magazines are the sponsors of Myers' presentations.

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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Descriptions and times of Myers' 2007 Northwest Flower & Garden Show presentations are:

Small Space Gardens with Big Impact

Maximizing Garden Space

Saturday, February 17 at 11:30 pm in the Rainier Room

Join author and TV personality Melinda Myers as she helps you get the most out of your small space garden. Whether a balcony, city lot or secret space within a larger landscape, it all starts with a design. Tips and techniques for selecting plants as well as designing and maintaining gardens with year-round interest in every layer – from the ground to the roofline. This seminar is jam packed with great tips and inspirational ideas!

Garden Accessories for Outdoor Rooms

Adding Décor from Top to Bottom

Saturday, February 17 at 5:30 pm on the D.I.Y. Stage

Fill your 'living' room with more than beautiful flowers. Learn how to add just the right outdoor furnishings and entertainment features for a space the entire family will love. From practical floor coverings and screens to self-watering containers, plus grills, fireplaces and more. This is a fun show-and-tell, and a discussion on how to maximize the enjoyment and beauty of every outdoor space.

Grow Your Own Worms!

Learn About Compost & Worms

Saturday, February 17 at 2 p.m. on the Sprouts Stage

Sunday, February 18 at 2 p.m. on the Sprouts Stage

Hey kids! Is your garden filled with insects, worms and slimy stuff? You can add to the mix and help your garden grow – worms and compost that is. Join Melinda as she shows you how to make a mini-composter and teaches families how to build a bigger model for recycling the family's food scraps. Come learn how to make worms happy!

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