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GARDENING EXPERT KICKS OFF SPRING TOUR
MELINDA MYERS TO PRESENT AT TOP U.S. FLOWER SHOWS

Jan. 29, 2009 – Nationally known gardening expert, TV host and author Melinda Myers will begin her 2009 Spring Flower Show Tour this week, sharing fun ideas and practical advice with fellow gardeners. Myers will be a featured speaker at numerous major flower shows across the United States. The tour begins in January and wraps up by the end of May and includes the following shows:

- The Tacoma Home & Garden Show, Tacoma, WA – Jan. 30-31, 2009
- Metropolitan Lawn & Garden Show, Kansas City, MO – Feb. 6-8, 2009
- The New Jersey Flower & Garden Show – Feb. 14-15, 2009
- Lawn, Flower & Patio Show, Omaha, NE – Feb. 19, 2009
- The Northwest Flower & Garden Show, Seattle, WA – Feb. 20-22, 2009
- The Philadelphia Flower Show – March 5, 2009
- Chicago Flower Show – March 8, 2009
- West Michigan Women's Expo, Grand Rapids, MI – March 13-14, 2009
- The San Francisco Flower & Garden Show, San Francisco, CA – March 18-19, 2009
- The Siouland Flower Show, South Sioux City, NE – March 21, 2009
- Cincinnati Flower Show – April 21, 2009
- EPCOT International Flower & Garden Show, Lake Buena Vista, FL – May 15-17, 2009

“The tour is a wonderful way for me to meet and reach large groups of gardeners from all over the country,” said Myers. “My hope is that I can inspire young and old, beginner and seasoned gardeners and spread the word that gardening can be both fun and great for the environment.”

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Myers will be presenting on a wide range of topics, including “Flavorful Landscapes,” “Growing Green - Environmentally Friendly Landscapes,” “Creating a Colorful Garden,” “Eco-Friendly Garden Makeovers” and for children “Grow Your Own Worms,” which is a hands on activity that teaches kids about worm composting and recycling kitchen scraps.

For more information on Myers’ presentations at these shows and other spring appearances, visit Melinda Myers’ web site – www.melindamyers.com - and click on appearances.

Myers is available for live interviews. To schedule an interview, please call 414.727.1818.

Birds & Blooms magazine is the sponsor of many of Myers’ flower show 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*. 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 has written articles for *Better Homes and Gardens* and *Fine Gardening*. Myers also hosted “The Plant Doctor” radio program for over 20 years.

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