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GARDENING EXPERT MELINDA MYERS KICKS OFF SPRING TOUR

PRESENTING AT TOP U.S. FLOWER SHOWS, PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY WAYS FOR GARDENERS TO BEAUTIFY THEIR LANDSCAPES, SAVE MONEY & GROW THEIR OWN FOOD

Feb. 1, 2010 – Nationally known gardening expert, TV host and author Melinda Myers begins her 2010 spring flower show tour this week, sharing gardening information and advice to inspire and encourage gardeners throughout the country. Myers will share tips on how to create big impact in the garden without spending a lot of money, growing your own food and insuring a bountiful harvest while being kind to the environment. Myers will be a featured speaker at numerous major flower shows across the United States. The tour begins on Feb. 6 and includes the following shows:

- The Northwest Flower & Garden Show, Seattle – Feb. 6-7, 2010
- New Jersey Flower & Garden Show – Feb. 20 & 21, 2010
- Winnebago County Master Gardener Conference – Feb. 27, 2010
- 2010 Philadelphia International Flower Show – March 3, 2010
- Muskingum Valley Garden Society Spring Symposium, Ohio – March 6, 2010
- Chicago Flower Show – March 7, 2010
- Midwest Gardening Symposium – March 13, 2010
- Boise Flower & Garden Show - March 26-28, 2010
- Heritage Federal Credit Union Home Show, Evansville, IN – April 10 & 11, 2010
- Cincinnati Flower Show – April 20, 2010

“The tour enables me to meet and reach large groups of gardeners from all over the country,” said Myers. “My hope is that I can inspire every level of gardener and help them be successful in the garden, save money and have fun!”

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Myers will be presenting a wide range of topics throughout the tour, including Affordable Eco-Friendly Landscape Makeovers, Grow Your Favorite Recipe - Tips on Producing Beautiful and Delicious Produce, Year Round Garden-tainment, Simple Makeovers for Every Small Space in your Landscape, Planning & Plants for a Small Space Garden, Creative Containers, Small Space Gardens - Creating a Private Space and more.

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 414.771.1888.

Birds & Blooms magazine is a sponsor of these spring tour presentations.

Myers, best known for her practical, gardener-friendly approach to gardening, has more than 30 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 "**Melinda's Garden Moments**," which air on 50 network television stations throughout the country and "**Great Lakes Gardener**," seen on **PBS** stations throughout the United States. 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*** magazine. 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. Myers' web site is www.melindamyers.com

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