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MELINDA MYERS TO KICK OFF “DISCOVER HIDDEN TREASURES” GARDEN SERIES AT BOERNER BOTANICAL GARDENS IN 2012

Series Begins Sat., January 14 and supports Children’s Education programs

Milwaukee, WI – Back by popular demand, gardening expert, TV/radio host, author and columnist Melinda Myers will partner for a third year with the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens to present a brand new series of garden walks in 2012. The “Discover Hidden Treasures” series will consist of six in-depth garden walks – four geared toward adults and two to families – and will take place January - October.

“I look forward to taking people on an exploration through the gardens to discover both new and old areas & plantings where we’ll unveil hidden treasures and provide creative ideas and concepts the attendees can apply right to their own landscapes,” said Myers. “The two family walks will offer an equal amount of exploration plus fun activities to stimulate the kids!”

Myers will share her knowledge and expertise and answer questions along the way.

Proceeds from the garden walks support Children’s Plant Science and Environmental Education at Boerner Botanical Gardens.

Garden Walks (Adult)

\$20 per class for members of the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens; \$25 for non members.

Sign-up for all four walks by January 14 and enjoy one walk FREE

Jan. 14, 2012

10 a.m.

Giants of the Garden

Mature plants and wonderful vistas make Boerner a gem among botanical gardens. Join Melinda to visit some of the giant trees and original plantings that have been part of Boerner for most of its 80 plus years history.

May 16, 2012

6:30 p.m.

Discovering Solutions for Your Garden

Boerner’s varied plantings provide solutions to the many challenges faced by gardeners. Join Melinda to visit shady spaces, rock gardens, hot sunny spots, and rain gardens. You’ll be able to use these plants and planting strategies in your own backyard!

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July 25, 2012

6:30 p.m.

Gardens of the Future

Visit one of only 43 All American Selection Trial Gardens in the United States. Plus, we'll tour the other test plots at Boerner's trial gardens. We'll even explore some new plants being tested for Wisconsin and for introduction into the gardening world!

Oct. 20, 2012

10 a.m.

Fall Discovery

The end of another growing season uncovers lots of color, textures, and surprises to help us through the long winter. Join Melinda to explore these treasures throughout Boerner's beautiful gardens!

Family Fun Walks!

\$30 per family (up to 4 individuals).

Jan. 14, 2012

1 p.m.

Family Fun Walk: Giants of the Garden

Join Melinda for this kid-friendly walk where you'll touch, feel and measure some of the big plants and trees of the garden!

Oct. 20, 2012

1 p.m.

Family Fun Walk: Discover the Magic of Fall

Join Melinda for a scavenger hunt as you discover fall's treasures!

To register, call 414-525-5659. Sign-up for all four walks by January 14 and enjoy one walk FREE. Class size is limited - so please register early.

The garden walks are sponsored by **Kanavas Landscape Management**, **Stein Gardens & Gifts**, **We Energies** and **Aurora Health Care**.

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For more information, visit www.MelindaMyers.com or www.BoernerBotanicalGardens.org

Nationally known gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including **Can't Miss Small Space Gardening** and **Month-by-Month Gardening in Wisconsin**. She hosts the nationally syndicated **Melinda's Garden Moment** segments which air on **89 TV and radio stations** throughout the U.S. and Canada. She is a columnist and contributing editor for **Birds & Blooms** magazine and writes the twice monthly "**Gardeners' Questions**" newspaper column. Melinda hosted "**The Plant Doctor**" radio program for over 20 years as well as **Great Lakes Gardener** on **PBS**. She has written articles for **Better Homes and Gardens** and **Fine Gardening**. Melinda has a master's degree in horticulture, is a certified arborist and was a horticulture instructor with tenure. Her web site is www.melindamyers.com

The mission of the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens is to provide a setting for learning that nurtures understanding, enjoyment & stewardship of our natural world, while nourishing & preserving our environment for future generations.

