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GREAT LAKES GARDENER WINS TELLY AWARD

Milwaukee, WI — Great Lakes Gardener, a production of Milwaukee Public Television (MPTV), has won a 2006 Bronze Telly statuette for outstanding achievement. The garden show is hosted by horticulturist and gardening expert Melinda Myers and focuses on producing the best results in the unpredictable climates surrounding the Great Lakes.

The Telly Awards, now in its 27th year, chooses the best of more than 12,000 local, regional and cable television production entries.

Produced in high definition, Great Lakes Gardener spends all of its time on location. The series visits such famous sites as the Sonnenberg mansion and gardens in New York and the River Gardens in Indianapolis as well as parks and homes. Great Lakes Gardener provides information that fits growing seasons in the Great Lakes region, including parts of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York as well as Ontario and Quebec in Canada.

Now in its fifth season, the 22-part series airs May through October on Fridays at 6 p.m. & Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. on MPTV- Channel 10 and Saturdays at 6 p.m. on MPTV- Channel 36. Great Lakes Gardener also airs on public television throughout the Great Lakes and beyond, reaching 20 percent of the United States. It currently is broadcast in high definition in San Diego, California; North Carolina, Wisconsin, Illinois, and other areas.

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 is a horticulture instructor at Milwaukee Area Technical College. Outside the classroom, Melinda shares her expertise through a variety of media outlets. She has written numerous books, including *Can't Miss Small Space Gardening*, which was released nationwide in January 2006, and

the *Birds and Blooms Ultimate Garden Guide*. She hosts “Great Lakes Gardener,” seen on PBS stations throughout the United States, and appears regularly as a guest expert on various national and local television and radio shows. Myers also writes the twice monthly “Gardeners’ Questions” column for *The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* and is a contributing editor and columnist for *Birds and Blooms* and *Backyard Living* magazines. For her work, community service and media presence, Melinda has received recognition and numerous awards, including the 2003 Garden Globe Award for radio talent and the Quill and Trowel Award for her television work, both from the Garden Writers Association. She has also received the Garden Communicator’s Award from the American Nursery and Landscape Association, as well as the 2005 Honorary Life Membership Award from the Wisconsin Arborist Association. For more information, visit www.melindamyers.com.

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