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**MELINDA MYERS HONORED AS
2004 PARTNER IN PHILANTHROPY**

Milwaukee, Wis.—January 3, 2005—Melinda Myers, a Milwaukee-based horticulture expert and author, has been recognized by the Greater Milwaukee Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals as a 2004 Partner in Philanthropy.

Myers was nominated by the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens, a group for which she has advocated faithfully.

“The Friends wanted to honor Melinda because she has always been a steady contributor and supporter of our organization,” said Trish Haudricourt, executive director, Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens. “She has provided not only her knowledge of gardening, but has demonstrated exceptional community leadership on our behalf.”

“The gardens are a place that I visit regularly, for leisure and for educational purposes,” said Myers. “They’ve always been an important part to my life as both a gardener and horticulture professional.”

The Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens are dedicated to preserving and promoting Boerner Botanical Gardens and Arboretum as an outstanding regional resource and vital regional asset. By providing quality educational programs, the Friends stimulate interest in, appreciation for, and understanding of, horticulture and gardening.

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, Myers shares her expertise through a variety of media outlets. She hosts "Great Lakes Gardener" which is seen on PBS stations throughout the Midwest, has hosted the Plant Doctor radio show since 1987, is the author of numerous books, including the recently released *Ultimate Gardening Guide*, and contributes regularly to both *Birds & Blooms* magazine and *The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*.

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