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**“Contained Exuberance: A Fresh Look at Gardening in Pots “**  
**Gardening Experts Team Up To Create New Exhibition**  
**At Berkshire Botanical Garden**  
June 6 -- October 12, 2009

Stockbridge, Massachusetts--May 11, 2009 -- As part of the exciting 75th Anniversary Season, Berkshire Botanical Garden will open “Contained Exuberance: A Fresh Look at Gardening in Pots” on June 6, 2009. This special, garden-wide installation offers ten distinct and innovative container-garden settings, created by popular gardening experts Margaret Roach, creator of *A Way to Garden.com* and Bob Hyland, co-owner of Loomis Creek Nursery.

Designing this unique display for maximum impact and months of enjoyment, Margaret and Bob and Margaret spent time rethinking the meaning of “annuals” to exhibit a wide-ranging palette of their often-unexpected favorites. “I love gardening in containers. The choice of pots and plants is staggering. It’s not just about annuals anymore – you can let your imagination and creativity run wild, and we’ll give you plenty of fresh ideas,” says Bob Hyland.

Playing off the Garden’s “Back to the Future” anniversary theme, visitors can expect surprising finds among a wide array of perennials, shrubs, “houseplants” and even vegetables that cohabit happily in snug designs arranged precisely for sun and shade. Special features include towering ornamental grasses which catch the wind and delight the ear as they rustle; the tiniest pond plants float like rippling green velvet in a watery contained world, begging to be touched. “The chance to set these potted gardens against the backdrop of Berkshire Botanical Garden, and share them with the community, is so exciting,” adds Margaret Roach.

Gardening professional **Margaret Roach** was the original garden editor of Martha Stewart Living magazine, and later editorial director of Martha Stewart’s company. Her 2.3-acre garden in Columbia County, has welcomed Garden tours for 11 years and was the subject of “A Way to Garden” (named best garden book of 1998 by the Garden Writers Association of America). Her blog *A Way to Garden.com*, brings to life her informed blend of “horticultural how-to and woo-woo,” and debuted to national media acclaim in 2008.

**Bob Hyland** owns and operates acclaimed Loomis Creek Nursery, Inc. ([www.loomiscreek.com](http://www.loomiscreek.com)) in Claverack, NY. Bob is former vice-president of horticulture and operations at Brooklyn Botanic Garden. His peripatetic public garden career at San Francisco Botanical Garden and Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania has acquainted him with plants and garden styles from around the world. He is author of the 2006 Brooklyn Botanic Garden All-Region Guide, *Designing Borders for Sun and Shade*.

For membership information and further details about the Kinetic Art Exhibition featuring Tim Prentice Sculpture installed in the Garden, as well as ongoing educational opportunities, classes and events please contact: [www.berkshirebotanical.org](http://www.berkshirebotanical.org).