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**Help History Grow--Sponsor a Vegetable Garden Box
Support The Berkshire Botanical Garden's
75th Anniversary Season**

March 23, 2009 -- Stockbridge, Massachusetts -- One of the exciting projects taking place during our 75th anniversary year at the Berkshire Botanical Garden is the redesign of the Vegetable Garden. Guest vegetable expert Jack Staub is creating 60 new raised beds, and the Garden is inviting the community to support the effort by adopting one or more boxes for the anniversary year. For only \$100, you can have your name - or that of a relative or friend, company, club, school or association, displayed as a testament to your generosity.

With each donation, the name of the sponsor will be hand-lettered in white on rustic wooden green painted signs and displayed in individual vegetable beds measuring 35'x3.5'. The sponsor's name will also appear on a smaller wooden sign affixed to the stake below the name of the vegetable. There will be one type of crop grown in each planter. The planters are laid out in symmetrical quadrants of 15 each. The newly refurbished vegetable garden will be on the east side of the Garden near the Visitor's Center and next to the Children's Garden. Some of the featured vegetables include: Imperial Star Artichoke, Rattlesnake Pole Bean, Small Miracle Broccoli, Striped Toga Eggplant, Outrageous Lettuce, Trifetti Pepper, Malabar Spinach, Sweet Million Tomato. To reserve a box please call 413-298-3926 or email: info@berkshirebotanical.org.

Jack Staub's redesign of the educational Vegetable and Fruit Gardens offers visitors the benefit of his expertise and passion for edible gardening. Jack is an advocate of Slow Food initiatives and author of the celebrated "75" series of edible gardening books. Don't miss this opportunity to become part of the Berkshire Botanical history by supporting this fun fundraising project.

Renowned for its inspiring gardens, educational programs and exquisite setting, the Berkshire Botanical Garden is one of New England's oldest and most treasured public gardens. Established in 1934, its mission was to inspire and educate the community in responsible horticulture and home grown food. Today, with a year-round schedule of gardening classes, prestigious guest lecturers and a horticulture certification program in addition to our special events, we honor these founding values that are timelier than ever. Roam the Garden's 15 lush acres where 3,000 regionally appropriate plant species, significant trees, unique shrubs and exotic botanical collections take center stage in an ever-changing theater of the senses.

The Garden Opens May 2 with *Gone With The Wind: The Kinetic Art of Tim Prentice*, an extraordinary sculpture installation uniting modern materials with the timeless force of the wind to create feats of imaginative engineering. Surprisingly situated among flower beds or placed high within tree branches, the floating forms remind us that everything is in flux. Sounding like a gardener in his respect for Nature's hand, Prentice calls his work "a machine that has no opinion and waits for the air to make the art. The air is endlessly varied and imaginative." For more of Tim Prentice's work visit www.timprentice.com.