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## **59th Annual Dearborn Garden Walk - Sunday, July 16, 2017**

*The North Dearborn Association is gearing up for its annual event featuring select gardens throughout the Near North, Old Town, and Gold Coast neighborhoods, gardening seminars, and guided sidewalk architectural tours. Tickets are on sale now.*

The North Dearborn Association (NDA) is pleased to host its 59<sup>th</sup> annual Dearborn Garden Walk on Sunday, July 16th from 12pm-5pm. Tickets are \$30 (advance) / \$35 (gate) and include a Dearborn Garden Walk program with a map for a self-guided tour of the gardens, live jazz and classical music in select gardens, and guided architectural walking tours of historic Dearborn Parkway. Advance sales end on Saturday, July 15th, at 12:00pm. Tickets are on sale now: [www.dearbornwalk.com](http://www.dearbornwalk.com).

Gardening enthusiasts will enjoy taking part in what is considered to be one of the country's oldest garden walks. This nationally recognized event draws crowds from all over the world to take part in a one-day, self-guided walking tour of gorgeous secret gardens throughout Chicago's historic Near North and Gold Coast neighborhoods.

**SELF-GUIDED GARDEN TOUR:** An intimate garden walk experience, ticket-holders will experience a variety of private rear gardens ranging from minimalist to classic small gardens and patio/terrace designs; each showcasing the most creative use of outdoor space in an urban setting. Many of the gardens are created around entertaining and sitting areas, offering city dwellers additional living quarters in the warmer months.

**GUIDED SIDEWALK ARCHITECTURAL TOUR:** Visitors can participate in an hour-long, wonderfully entertaining and educational sidewalk guided tour of historic Dearborn Parkway that highlights the outstanding architectural facades in the neighborhood.

The architectural tour, which starts at 1:30pm, 3:30pm, and 5:00pm, includes both pre and post-Chicago fire structures, sites that have been used in movies, homes formerly occupied by famous celebrities, and even a US President.

**PROGRAM BOOTH /TICKET INFORMATION:** The program booth will be at Latin Middle School, 45 West North Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60610. Children 16 years of age and younger accompanied by an adult, as well as North Dearborn Association Partner in Preservation members, are free.

For ticket purchase information, please call: 312-632-1241 or visit online at: <http://www.DearbornGardenWalk.com>.

Editors Note: Hi-res images of gardens and vignettes are available upon request.



**About North Dearborn Association:**

Founded in 1954, the North Dearborn Association (NDA) is an influential organization dedicated to the beautification and preservation of its neighborhood. At the NDA's celebration of its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, then Mayor Richard M. Daley congratulated it for "representing the best part of what is good about this city." Among its many projects, the NDA has led efforts to insure historic buildings in Chicago's Near North are preserved and renovated - its latest project was to help facilitate the preservation and renovation of the distinctive 3 Arts Club landmark building. The NDA is also responsible for installation of vintage lampposts with hanging floral baskets at intersections along North Dearborn from Division Street to the entrance of Lincoln Park at North Avenue and facilitating the donation of the Eldon Danhausen sculpture, "The Community," to the Ogden International School. For more information, please visit: [www.northdearbornassociation.com](http://www.northdearbornassociation.com).

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