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**The North Dearborn Association Announces
52nd Annual Dearborn Garden Walk
Design Teams for ‘Hollywood-Inspired’ Garden Vignettes**

Take a sidewalk tour of historic Dearborn Parkway as you enjoy more than twenty-private rear gardens – some with Hollywood-inspired garden vignettes designed by Chicago’s top interior designers - during the 52nd annual Dearborn Garden Walk.

Chicago, IL (April 14, 2010) – Chicago’s 52nd Dearborn Garden Walk – presented by the North Dearborn Association – is one of the country’s oldest garden walks. Each year, this nationally-recognized garden walk draws crowds from all over the world to take part in a one-day, self-guided walking tour of more than twenty of Chicago’s most spectacular, private rear gardens. The 52nd Dearborn Garden Walk will take place on Sunday, July 18, 2010 from 12pm-5pm and begins at 1300 N. Dearborn Parkway, Chicago, IL 60610 (entrance at corner of Goethe and Dearborn streets). Tickets are \$35.00 on July 18, 2010 and \$30.00 in advance. Advance sales end on Saturday, July 17, 2010 at 12:00pm – all advance ticket purchasers are automatically entered in drawings for goods and services from neighborhood businesses. For ticket purchase information, please call: 312-632-1241 or visit: www.DearbornGardenWalk.com.

Due to the overwhelming popularity and interest of last year’s ‘Literary Garden Tour,’ the NDA has expanded the designer garden vignettes for 2010. Highlights include more than seven “Hollywood-inspired” **outdoor seating vignettes** showcasing dramatic outdoor rooms and utilizing a variety of outdoor tables, chairs, colorful cushions, linens, floral decorations, and other accessories including fine china, crystal, and flatware. **The following design teams will be participating in this year’s Garden Vignette Tour with additional talented designers to come:**

- Anne and Howard Stolar, owners of Carol Wolk Interiors LLC: For forty-years, this firm – run by the founder’s daughter - has specialized in designs ranging from easy Contemporary to inviting Traditional
- Steven Burgert, owner of I.D.: A modern design showroom
- Jase Frederick Design: Sustainable Interiors and Consulting
- Laura Barnett Designs: Full-service design consultation and project supervision for both residential and commercial clients
- Stanley Smith, Managing Director of Oak Street Design Corporation: A visual design resource providing design, fabrication and installation
- Soucie Horner Ltd.: A nationally recognized residential interior architecture and design firm
- Susan Fredman Design Group: Award-winning residential and commercial interior design firm

In addition to the self-guided walking tour and garden vignettes, 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!

Out-of-town visitors can take part in the special “Garden Walk Package” presented by Hotel Indigo – just steps from the Garden Walk entrance. Enjoy an overnight stay and complimentary breakfast for two for \$169. For more information, please visit: <http://www.goldcoastchicagohotel.com/>

Children 16 years of age and younger accompanied by an adult, as well as North Dearborn Association Partner in Preservation members, are free. Admission includes 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 tours of historic Dearborn Parkway. To become a North Dearborn Association Partner in Preservation member and receive one free admission or to order advance non-refundable tickets, telephone 312-632-1241; order on-line www.dearborngardenwalk.com; send check or money order payable to NDA c/o Carol Truesdell, 1241 N. Dearborn Street, #1, Chicago, IL 60610; or fax with credit card and mailing info to: 312-944-9342.

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

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About North Dearborn Association:

Founded in 1954, the North Dearborn Association (NDA) is an influential organization dedicated to the preservation and beautification of its Chicago Near North neighborhood. The Association recently celebrated its 50th anniversary, at which Mayor Richard M. Daley complimented it as “representing the best part of what is good about this city.” Among its recent projects, the NDA led the efforts to install vintage lampposts with hanging floral baskets at the intersections along North Dearborn from Division Street to the entrance of Lincoln Park at North Avenue; facilitated the donation of the Eldon Danhausen sculpture ‘The Community’ to the Ogden International School; and is currently working to preserve and renovate the historic 3Arts Club landmark building. Proceeds from the Association’s annual Dearborn Garden Walk go back into the community for preservation and beautification efforts. For more information, please visit: www.northdearbornassociation.com.