

THE GARDEN CONSERVANCY'S OPEN DAYS PROGRAM

Admire Spring Color at Four Las Vegas Area Private Gardens Through The Garden Conservancy's Open Days Program on April 10

COLD SPRING, NY: The Garden Conservancy's Open Days Program for 2010 begins on Saturday, April 10th, featuring four private gardens open to the public in Henderson and Las Vegas. Admission to each private garden is \$5, Open Days are rain or shine, and no reservations are required. Call 1-888-842-2442, or visit www.opendaysprogram.org for more information.

The Zeldenrust Garden (300 Redondo Street, Henderson, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.), a 2009 Southern Nevada Water Authority Landscape Awards winner, is comprised of four separate sitting areas and patios. Each space is surrounded by fruit and nut trees and a botanically diverse plant collection with a Mediterranean feel. A working, organic vegetable garden completes the back, providing fresh food every season.

More than 400 species of plants reside on the one-half acre site of **Norm Schilling's Sunrise Garden (767 Rossmore Drive, Las Vegas, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.)**. There is an extraordinary variety of plants, taking advantage of every carefully created microclimate. Many species are rarely used in southern Nevada and exemplify the vast diversity of plants which can thrive in the region, while providing flowers, fragrance, and wildlife habitat.

At the **Desert Display garden (10024 Summit Canyon Drive, Las Vegas, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)**, yuccas and trees provide structure in the front yard, composed entirely of plants native to the region, which also features a wide variety of cacti and wildflowers. Drawing on a wider palette including Sonoran Desert flora, the rear yard features a drought-tolerant meadow, as well as hardscape that evoke the colors and topography of nearby desert canyons.

Garden of Mary & Marc Rosenthal (4035 Spitze Drive, Las Vegas, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) is a space that attracts birds, provides welcome shade, and features brilliant colors, texture, and aromas throughout the year. The garden imitates the natural terrain of the desert, and received both the Star Nursery "Outstanding Color" award and a Second Place Award in the Homeowner Design category in the 2009 Southern Nevada Water Authority Landscape Awards.

These Open Days gardens are featured in the 2010 *Open Days Directory*; a soft-cover book that includes detailed driving directions and vivid descriptions written by their owners. The directory includes garden listings in 21 states and costs \$21.95 including shipping. Visit www.opendaysprogram.org or call the Garden Conservancy toll-free at 1-888-842-2442 to order with a Visa, MasterCard or American Express, or send a check or money order to: the Garden Conservancy, P.O. Box 219, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Discount admission tickets are available as well through advanced mail order.

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The Garden Conservancy introduced the Open Days Program in 1995 as a means of introducing the public to gardening, providing easy access to outstanding examples of design and horticultural practice, and proving that exceptional American gardens are still being created. The Open Days Program is America's only national private garden-visiting program, and is made possible by the work of hundreds of volunteers nationwide. Visit the Garden Conservancy and its Open Days

Program online at www.opendaysprogram.org.