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## **A SENSE OF PLACE: PUBLIC GARDENS ACROSS AMERICA** **SUMMER EXHIBIT TO OPEN MAY 26 AT U.S. BOTANIC GARDEN**

**February 9, 2007 - Washington, DC** -- Imagine visiting twelve (12) botanic gardens in just an hour! This summer, instead of spending days, if not weeks, trekking off to the Midwest, Florida, California, the Pacific Northwest, and Hawaii, you will be able to experience beautiful gardens from all these regions with just one visit to the U.S. Botanic Garden! Beginning **May 26**, the summer display on the USBG Conservatory Terrace will feature twelve public gardens in ***A Sense of Place: Public Gardens Across America***. The exhibit will celebrate the beauty and diversity of America's public gardens -- tropical gardens, conservatories, desert gardens, children's gardens, etc. -- by showcasing twelve gardens from across the nation. For example, the North Carolina Botanical Garden display will feature a bog garden of carnivorous plants; the National Tropical Botanical Garden will focus on the conservation of Hawaii's native plants, which comprise almost half of this nation's endangered plants; and a serene Japanese garden will be designed and constructed by the Japanese Garden Society of Oregon. ***A Sense of Place: Public Gardens Across America*** will remain on display through **October 8, 2007**. The twelve public gardens participating in ***A Sense of Place*** are:

- \* **Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest** (Clermont, KY)
- \* **Brooklyn Botanic Garden** (Brooklyn, NY)
- \* **Denver Botanic Gardens** (Denver, CO)
- \* **The Sara P. Duke Gardens** (Durham, NC)
- \* **The Huntington Botanical Gardens** (San Marino, CA)
- \* **Japanese Garden Society of Oregon** (Portland, OR)
- \* **Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden** (Key West, FL)
- \* **Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park** (Grand Rapids, MI)
- \* **Missouri Botanical Garden** (St. Louis, MO)
- \* **National Tropical Botanical Garden** (Hawaii, Florida)
- \* **Norfolk Botanical Garden** (Norfolk, VA)
- \* **North Carolina Botanical Garden** (Chapel Hill, NC)

***A Sense of Place*** marks the first time that the U.S. Botanic Garden has devoted its popular summer Terrace exhibit to the work of other public gardens. The month of May will be an exciting time on the Conservatory Terrace as horticultural and garden design staff from the twelve gardens arrive in Washington to work with the USBG in creating their representative gardens. The finishing touches will be put in place before May 26. Visitors throughout the summer will find beautiful plants and seating areas for relaxing, but, best of all, will be able to "visit" other gardens that they might otherwise never have a chance to see in person.

The U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory and the adjacent National Garden are open to the public, free of charge, every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Conservatory is located at 100 Maryland Avenue SW, on the west side of the U.S. Capitol. Visitors are encouraged to take Metrobus and Metrorail. Further information is available by calling 202-225-8333 or visiting [www.usbg.gov](http://www.usbg.gov).

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