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GARDENERS' PARTY CAPTURES WAVE HILL AT ITS SPECTACULAR LATE-SUMMER PEAK

Thursday, September 21, 2006

Bronx, NY (September 7, 2006) – Wave Hill, a 28-acre public garden and cultural center, invites gardening enthusiasts to its annual Gardeners' Party benefit on Thursday, **September 21, 2006 at 6:00pm**. This evening is dedicated to those who love to garden and is held as Wave Hill reaches its spectacular late-summer peak. The Gardeners' Party, sponsored by Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, Inc., features live and silent auctions and an informal supper in a tent on the lower lawn. Proceeds benefit Horticulture at Wave Hill.

This year Wave Hill honors Anne and Frank Cabot, whose generosity and influence are reflected in its renowned gardens and landscapes. Anne and Frank are true champions of horticulture at Wave Hill. Frank Cabot, who later founded the Garden Conservancy, created Wave Hill's Friends of Horticulture, of which both he and Anne have been active members for many years. Anne Perkins Cabot, whose family so generously donated their Wave Hill estate to the City of New York in 1960, has served tirelessly on the institution's Board of Directors since its earliest years.

The popular Gardeners' Party begins at 6:00pm with a sunset cocktail reception on the Great Lawn overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades. It features an expanded Silent Auction filled with must-have plants. An informal supper follows at 7:00pm, including a live auction of premium plants and garden furniture for the serious gardener.

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Auction highlights include a tour of the Les Quatre Vents, the world-class, invitation-only garden of Anne and Frank Cabot located in La Malbaie, Quebec. Also auctioned will be a set of three terraria constructed by Stephen Orr, Garden Editor of *House & Garden* magazine; superb reproductions of four Windsor garden chairs by Munder-Skiles; a pair of *Pinus parviflora*, a rare and gorgeous Japanese pine being offered in pine-motif Impruneta pots from Seibert & Rice; and “Sparks in the Kitchen!”, a hands-on cooking lesson, preparing dinner for six with Great Performances’ Executive Chef Katy Sparks.

This annual event is hosted by Wave Hill’s Friends of Horticulture Committee, a group of ardent gardeners and Wave Hill supporters.

What: **2006 Wave Hill Gardeners’ Party**
Date: Thursday, September 21, 2006
Place: Wave Hill
 West 249th Street and Independence Avenue
 Bronx, New York
Time: 6:00pm Cocktails, Silent Auction
 7:00pm Light Supper, Live Auction
Price: Benefactor Table: \$2,500 for ten tickets
 Benefactor Tickets: \$1,000 for two
 Individual Tickets: \$150
Dress: Informal attire
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Proceeds provide vital support for Wave Hill's horticulture program.

Wave Hill is a 28-acre public garden and cultural center overlooking the Hudson River and the Palisades in Riverdale. Award-winning gardens, greenhouses, and woodlands offer people of all ages the opportunity to explore their connections to the natural world. Programs are offered in horticulture, environmental education, woodland management and the visual and performing arts.

Wave Hill is operated by an independent, non-profit cultural organization. Its buildings and grounds are owned by the City of New York. With assistance from Bronx representatives in the City Council and State Legislature and the Bronx Borough President, Wave Hill's operation is supported with public funds through the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, the Zoos, Botanical Gardens and Aquariums Grant Program administered by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, and the New York State Council on the Arts—a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts. Foundations, corporations, and individuals contribute vital additional support.