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**GARDENERS' PARTY HONORS GARDENER AND MENTOR  
EXTRAORDINAIRE ELIZABETH "BETTY" SCHOLTZ  
Thursday, September 24, 2009**

Bronx, NY (September 1, 2009) – Wave Hill, a 28-acre public garden and cultural center, will host its annual Gardeners' Party benefit on Thursday, **September 24, 2009**, at **6:00pm**. The evening offers garden enthusiasts the opportunity to purchase signature Wave Hill plants and participate in live and silent auctions of other premium plants and garden ornaments. Guests enjoy a sunset cocktail reception on the Great Lawn overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades, followed by a seasonal supper, and silent and live auction under a tent on the Lower Lawn in the midst of Wave Hill's peak, late-summer splendor. The Gardeners' Party is sponsored by Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, Inc. Proceeds from the benefit provide funds needed to maintain Wave Hill's horticulture collections and landscape.

This year, Wave Hill honors the inimitable Betty Scholtz, Director Emeritus of the renowned and beautiful Brooklyn Botanic Garden. She has been a tireless advocate and international ambassador for public gardens throughout her long and storied career. Her association with BBG began in 1960, and it is there that Wave Hill Director of Horticulture Scott Canning worked with her and was influenced profoundly by her generous spirit, exuberance and vast knowledge of plants. Betty ignited in Scott a passion for the plants of her native South Africa. Together they traveled to South Africa's Cape Region in 1998 and saw in their native habitats the plants Scott grew under glass in New York. This was for him a life-changing experience. Scott considers Betty his mentor and "Horticulture Mom." Because of this, and even more for her far-reaching influence in the field, we pay tribute to Betty this year.

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

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## 2009 Wave Hill Gardeners' Party

Date: Thursday, September 24, 2009  
Place: Wave Hill  
West 249th Street and Independence Avenue  
Bronx, New York  
Time: 6:00pm Cocktails and Plant Sale  
7:00pm Supper, and Silent and Live Auctions

Benefactor Table: \$2,500 for ten tickets  
Benefit Tickets: \$1,000 for two  
Individual Tickets: \$200

Dress: Informal attire

RSVP: by Thursday, September 17, 2009

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**Proceeds provide vital support for Wave Hill's horticulture programs.**



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is sponsored by  
Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, Inc.

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**Wave Hill** is a 28-acre public garden and cultural center overlooking the Hudson River and the Palisades. Its mission is to celebrate the artistry and legacy of its gardens and landscapes, to preserve its magnificent views, and to explore human connections to the natural world through programs in horticulture, education and the arts.

Wave Hill is an independent, non-profit cultural institution governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. Its buildings and grounds are owned by the City of New York. With the assistance of the Bronx Borough President, and Bronx representatives in the City Council and State Legislature, 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; the New York State Council on the Arts—a state agency; a Special Legislative Grant recommended by New York State Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz; the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services; and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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