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Early Bird Tours Offer Excellent Way to See GardenScape 2009

Rochester, NY (January 2009) – Looking for a great way to see GardenScape 2009 – the annual Rochester Flower and Garden Show -- at a leisurely pace with master gardeners available to guide you?

Try one of the popular Early Bird Breakfast Tours, offered before regular show hours on Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14, and enjoy breakfast, too.

“Gardens of Eden...an Oasis for the Soul” is the theme of GardenScape 2009, to be held at the Monroe County Fair and Expo Center, March 12-15. Regular show hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday to Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Early Bird ticket holders will be admitted at 7:00 a.m. on Friday or Saturday, where they will be treated to a hot breakfast catered by the event sponsor, D & R Depot Restaurant of LeRoy. Guests may then stroll through the landscaped gardens on their own or join one of the small tour groups headed by a master gardener.

The Early Bird Tours end at 9:00 a.m., but ticket holders are welcome to stay for the entire day. Tickets for the Early Bird are \$25 and may be purchased at any Wegmans “That’s the Ticket” locations or online at www.rochesterflowershow.com.

“The Early Bird tours are a great way to enjoy excellent food, have ample access to the gardens, and to chat with master gardeners,” said event chairperson Katie Houseknecht. “People who attended last year’s Early Bird tours raved about the D&R Depot offerings, and we’re glad to have them back again as sponsors.

In addition to the garden displays, more than 80 vendors will display their wares in the adjacent Minett Hall. As in the past, daily seminars will be held featuring local and national horticultural experts.

GardenScape is a not-for-profit organization whose proceeds from the show help support public and educational projects such as the Epilepsy Foundation, Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Ronald McDonald House. For more information on the show, including ticket pricing, go to www.rochesterflowershow.com or call 585-265-9018.