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Landscapers to Interpret ‘The Gardens of Eden’ At GardenScape 2009

Rochester, NY (March 2009) – The area’s top landscapers will put their creativity on display March 12-15 at the Dome Arena as they attempt to interpret the theme of GardenScape 2009: “The Gardens of Eden....an Oasis for the Soul.”

Regular show hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday to Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

“Our landscapers are excited about this year’s theme,” said GardenScape show manager Sarah Burchell. “From the preliminary plans that I’ve seen, this is going to be one of the most beautiful flower shows we’ve ever had.”

Here’s a sampling of garden descriptions from some of the landscapers, themselves:

Waterford Tilling: Our exhibit, “Deconstructing Eden,” will examine the elements that could have made the original Garden of Eden. By defining past and present landscape terms, we will attempt to represent the beauty of the garden for you to see. Join us to examine what was, what is, and what might be.

International Bonsai Arboretum: Yes, there were bonsai in the Garden of Eden, and Eve was one of the first bonsai artists! In this garden display visitors can appreciate fine-quality classical bonsai in a mystical garden setting and can watch Eve’s helpers create and work on bonsai in her garden. Be sure to see Eve’s favorite bonsai, a crabapple, of course.

R.J. Schickler: Welcome to Eden Station! Enjoy a cup of coffee and learn about railroad history as you visit an old train depot transformed into a bistro garden.

Josh Lawn and Landscape: Imagine hearing the sound of a natural stream, smelling the cool evening air that is carrying the scent of bright beautiful spring flowers all while relaxing at home on your patio that has a setting of a natural paradise!

R.M. Landscape: The tranquil setting of an English garden awaits you as you enter our cottage retreat. This year's garden has been modeled in the traditional styling of an English countryside home. This is a garden that is certain to inspire spring!

Twin Oaks: Imagine yourself for a brief moment relocated from our desolate winter landscape in upstate New York to a thriving, prosperous jungle setting. Within our tropical landscape you will walk up upon an active archeological dig inhabited by truth seekers. These individuals have started to excavate areas that they believe hold ancient remains of the period surrounding the Garden of Eden. The truth seekers say that this waterfall is all that remains of the four rivers that came together as one in the Garden of Eden.

Sunkissed Aquatics: Our Nature's Playground is specifically designed for children and parents who still want to be kids. You will be taken back with an authentic children's playhouse, a stream, a campfire and much more. We want to turn your home into a fun exciting oasis that will bring out the kid in you.

Ted Collins: "What Lies Beneath Your Garden of Eden?" From the spoils of Mother Nature changes are afoot. So crawl in with us and discover what lies beneath our Garden of Eden.

Birchcrest: "Grandma Eden's Garden" is the perfect place to get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Her abundant flowers and whimsy knick-knacks remind us of how beautiful a garden can be, while her respect for the environment reminds us of the importance of caring for the Earth.

Tickets may be purchased at any Wegmans "That's the Ticket" location, online at www.rochesterflowershow.com, or at participating Rochester Area Florists. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

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.