

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Media contact: Ron Roberts
RCR Communications
RCRcom@rochester.rr.com
585-703-2427

Show contact: Sarah Burchell
585-265-9018

Three Noted Speakers to Headline GardenScape '09 Seminar Schedule

Rochester, NY (February 2009) – Barry Glick, an entertaining and much-sought-after speaker on the national gardening scene, will make a return trip to Rochester this spring as one of three headline speakers in the annual seminar series at GardenScape 2009, March 12-15 at the Dome Arena in Henrietta.

Joining Glick, who delighted audiences at GardenScape several years ago, are Sally Cunningham and Sandra Van Allen Baker. Cunningham, an author, lecturer and horticulture consultant from East Aurora, writes for the Buffalo News and is seen weekly on Buffalo television. Van Allen Baker is president of the Monroe County Alliance for Wildlife Protection and a consultant to the Humane Society of the United States.

“Gardens of Eden...an Oasis for the Soul” is the theme of this year’s show, produced by the GardenScape Professionals Association. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 12-14, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 15. Seminars are held every day, and the schedule includes presentations by a dozen local gardening and landscape experts in addition to the featured speakers. The seminars are free with admission to the show.

“The seminars are always a highlight for visitors because they are able to get useful information they can put to use in their own gardens,” said GardenScape chairperson Sharlene Reeves. “We’re pleased to have another outstanding line-up of presenters and topics this year.”

In 1972, Glick bought 60 acres of a mountaintop in West Virginia, established Sunshine Farm & Gardens, and started a plant collection that now numbers more than 10,000 taxa. Currently, he's the editor of The Cyber-Plantsman, an online magazine for serious gardeners. His main focus of plant breeding at Sunshine Farm & Gardens is within the genus *Helleborus*, he maintains some 68,000 flowering size stock plants, and he's the self-proclaimed "King of *Helleborus*."

Glick will present seminars at 2 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at GardenScape. His Saturday lecture, called Destination *Helleborus*, will examine this genus, from hybridizing to propagation. His Sunday presentation is entitled *Woodland Wonders from the Wild*, an enlightening guide to some of the plants we overlook on our woodland hikes.

Sally Cunningham will be the featured speaker on Thursday. At 11 a.m., she'll discuss *Nature-Loving Landscapes*, focusing on natural landscaping, permaculture, and gardening with native plants, and presenting the case for nature-friendly choices. Her 2 p.m. presentation, entitled *More Perennials in Better Places*, will emphasize the versatility and range of the vast perennial plant category – and their suitability for yards and gardens in Western New York.

Sandra Van Allen Baker's seminars on Friday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. will touch on a topic likely to be embraced by gardeners in Upstate New York – *How to Deer-Proof Your Garden*. Her presentation will include information on plants that deer rarely eat or occasionally nibble, as well as those that they frequently devour. She'll also discuss a list of commercial products to use for deer-proofing.

A complete schedule for all of the seminar speakers can be found at www.rochesterflowershow.com.

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.