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**16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL OLD LOUISVILLE HIDDEN TREASURES GARDEN TOUR**

**Louisville, Kentucky (May 26, 2009)** – The Second Street Neighborhood Association presents the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Old Louisville “Hidden Treasures” Garden Tour Saturday, July 11, and Sunday, July 12, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The walking tour will feature eleven gardens and a coach house in the Garvin Gate-Central Park area of the Old Louisville Historic Preservation District.

“This year’s tour is a tribute to the dedication and hard work of our Old Louisville gardeners,” said Tim Bottorff, event co-chair. “It is amazing to see the transformation of these gardens after a year of harsh weather conditions including last summer’s drought, the September hurricane, the January ice storm, and the winter windstorm.”

Highlights of this year’s tour include examples of containerized gardening, a variety of water features, an Asian theme, a young fern garden, a cottage garden that incorporates flower and vegetable beds, and a garden designed to be totally edible. The DuPont Mansion B & B, 1317 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St., will sponsor the seventh annual **Art in the Garden**, where several local artists will paint from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm both days of the tour. Fifty copies of the limited-edition 2009 Art in the Garden poster signed and numbered by the artist selected, will be available for purchase. Visitors may enjoy complimentary refreshments and participate in a silent auction in Haskins Hall at the Conrad-Caldwell House Museum. On the lawn of Haskins Hall, vendors will offer garden plants and other items for sale. We recommend comfortable shoes and lightweight clothing. Expect a few steps at each location. Cold drinking water is available at each garden. Restroom facility locations are noted on the map.

Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 on days of the tour. Tickets may be purchased on line at the secure [www.oldlouisvillegardentour.com](http://www.oldlouisvillegardentour.com) website. As of June 1, advance discount tickets may be obtained through July 10 by contacting the Old Louisville Information Center in Central Park (1340 S 4<sup>th</sup> St., Louisville, KY 40208; Phone: 502-635-5244; or e-mail: [OLNC@bellsouth.net](mailto:OLNC@bellsouth.net)). Cash, check, or Visa/MC accepted. **For information on a special rate of \$11 per ticket for groups of 10 or more, please contact Mary at 502-214-0477 or 502-762-6902.** Tickets purchased in advance or on site should be picked up, along with maps, at the sales table in front of the Conrad-Caldwell House Museum, 1402 Saint James Court at Magnolia Ave. Tickets are good for both days of the tour. Each ticket gives \$1 off admission for a Conrad-Caldwell House tour and \$5 off a purchase at the Plant Kingdom. These offers are valid through December 31, 2009. No rain dates or refunds. Proceeds from ticket sales benefit the Second Street Neighborhood Association’s efforts to enhance the entire Old Louisville Historic Preservation District.

On Friday, July 10, at 7pm, the Pink Palace will host a special Garden Tour Preview Gala wine and cheese party with live music to benefit the Conrad-Caldwell House. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$400 for a corporate table and may be purchased through the Conrad-Caldwell House (502) 636-5023; [info@conradcaldwell.org](mailto:info@conradcaldwell.org).