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18TH ANNUAL OLD LOUISVILLE HIDDEN TREASURES GARDEN TOUR

Louisville, Kentucky (June 15, 2011) – The Second Street Neighborhood Association presents the 18th Annual Old Louisville “Hidden Treasures” Garden Tour Saturday, July 9, and Sunday, July 10, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The walking tour will feature ten gardens and a carriage house in the center of the Old Louisville Historic Preservation District.

“This year’s tour offers a wide variety of gardens and architecture,” said Judy Payne, event co-chair. “From formal to family friendly, the gardens feature an overall eclectic theme.” Highlights include gardens new to the tour, creative small space gardens, an elaborate multi-layered garden, a tranquility garden, and an urban home-steading garden complete with chickens. A special stop on this year’s tour will be the Kling Center, a not-for-profit neighborhood senior center, featuring a special ice cream social with live music.

Since 2003, The DuPont Mansion B & B, 1317 S. 4th St., has sponsored the annual **Art in the Garden**, where several local artists will paint from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm both days of the tour. The 2011 Art in the Garden limited-edition poster signed and numbered by artist Patricia Hagan, will be available for purchase at The DuPont Mansion B & B.

Visitors may enjoy complimentary refreshments and participate in a silent auction located in Haskins Hall at the Conrad-Caldwell House Museum. On the lawn of Haskins Hall, vendors will offer garden plants and other garden-oriented items for sale. Comfortable shoes and lightweight clothing are recommended. Expect a few steps at each location. Cold drinking water is available at each garden. Restroom facility locations are noted on the tour 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 website. Advance discount tickets may also be purchased at the Old Louisville Information Center in Central Park (1340 S 4th St., Louisville, KY 40208) or by phone, 502-635-5244. Cash, check, or Visa/MC accepted. Groups of 10 or more qualify for an advanced ticket group rate of \$11. Advance discount tickets may also be purchased at the Old Louisville Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center (1217 S. 4th St., Louisville, KY 40203) prior to the tour on Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10a.m. to 5 p.m. Cash and check accepted. 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 offers \$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, 2011. 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 8, at 7pm, the Conrad-Caldwell House will host a special **Garden Tour Preview Gala** benefit to kick off its new garden and landscape fundraising campaign. Tickets for the garden party are \$50 per person and may be purchased through the Conrad-Caldwell House (502) 636-5023; info@conradcaldwell.org.

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Old Louisville is the nation’s largest Victorian residential district. The 2011 Old Louisville “Hidden Treasures” Garden Tour supports the preservation and enhancement of this historic architectural treasure. Visit www.oldlouisvillegardentour.com for more information.

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