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Home Outside: Creating the Landscape You Love

Award-winning author and landscape designer, **Julie Moir Messervy**, will present both an evening lecture/slide show, and a morning workshop on composing gardens of beauty and meaning to create a “home outside” the home. Inspired by her upcoming book, *Home Outside*, due for release early in 2009, these presentations are geared toward home gardeners, designers and landscape contractors.

The Lecture, February 25, 2009, at Centrepointe Theatre, will guide the audience through a landscape artist’s thought process sharing Julie’s six critical steps to creating a ‘home outside.’ Her ideas have encouraged a new generation of professionals and homeowners to create inspired gardens that reflect an inward vision deeply rooted in outdoor archetypes, childhood imagination and aesthetic impulses.

The Workshop, February 26, 2009, at the RA Centre, is a 3-hour, hands-on design workshop/seminar limited to 100 people. Elaborating on the 6 critical steps to creating a “home outside” outlined in her lecture, Ms. Messervy will focus on design details, construction techniques, and invaluable tips.

Ms. Messervy is best known in Canada for her design of the Music Garden in Toronto, a magical public garden designed in partnership with celebrated cellist Yo-Yo Ma. She has written or co-authored several books, including *Outside the Not So Big House* with renowned architect Sarah Susanka, *Contemplative Gardens*, and *The Inward Garden*. Visit www.julieoiremesservy.com

The Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association and The Ottawa Botanical Garden Society gratefully acknowledge the generous support of RBC Foundation, Waste Management of Canada and the Ottawa Citizen.

The Lecture:

When: Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Where: **Centrepointe Theatre**
Ben Franklin Place
101 Centrepointe Drive, Ottawa, Ontario
Cost: \$35.00
(A reduced rate of \$30.00 available to Individual Members of LO and OBGs with designated code word until Dec.31, 2008)

To order a Lecture ticket starting Oct.1, 2008: Go to www.centrepointetheatre.com, click on “Buy Tickets” and follow instructions, or Telephone: 613-580-2700 or Toll-Free: 1-866-752-5231.

The Workshop:

When: Thursday, February 26, 2009 9:00am - noon
Where: **RA Centre**,
2451 Riverside Drive
Ottawa, Ontario
Cost: \$150.00 + gst including lunch (served at noon)

To order a Workshop ticket starting Oct. 20, 2008: Go to www.horttrades.com/ottawaseminars and follow the instructions. The deadline for the Workshop registration is February 15, 2008.

For more information or to arrange an interview with Ms. Messervy, visit www.ottawagarden.ca; email: eventcoordinator@ottawagarden.ca, or phone: 613-747-0600.

***This event is a fundraiser for the future Botanical Garden of Canada.