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**THE LATE SHOW GARDENS
INAUGURAL EVENT
SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2009 AT CORNERSTONE SONOMA
ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY**

(Sonoma, CA May 21, 2009) – The Late Show Gardens is where world-class minds will come together in one place and present resource-saving ideas helping to improve our impact on the earth. Experience groundbreaking design and thought-provoking lectures from leaders in their fields. Born out of unmet needs of gardeners and industry professionals alike, current issues are finally dealt with responsibly, thoughtfully, and head-on. The Late Show Gardens is different from the usual spring garden shows. California gardens come through months of summer drought on borrowed water... what if they lived as the *wild* California gardens do, using the winter rains? Visitors will learn about the large palette of plants from many Mediterranean type climates around the world that can be utilized using the winter rains.

YOUR ONLY CHANCE For three days during harvest season in the beautiful Sonoma Wine Country, visitors will stroll gardens designed by renowned landscape architects, artists, musicians, and garden designers. This will be the only time to witness these innovative solutions to pressing environmental needs. Informative lectures are scheduled throughout each day featuring respected speakers, such as Mark Hertsgaard (an environmental correspondent for *The Nation* and a prolific writer and lecturer), Dick Turner, (editor of *Pacific Horticulture Magazine* and who is responsible for a highly thoughtful enunciation of gardening trends on the West Coast), and Topher Delaney (one of the most intellectual and exciting landscape architects in the United States). Gourmet lunches and refreshing local wines will be available to enjoy on the beautifully designed grounds and are available for pre-order for ultimate convenience. Visitors will find those must-have plants and unique items reflecting the show's themes from our specially selected vendors and Cornerstone's merchants.

EYES WIDE OPEN Concerned by the lack of garden shows offering real solutions and wanting to address issues threatening the Bay Area and the West Coast, Robin Parer, president of the non-profit, and an alliance of garden

design professionals and aficionados banded together to offer this exceptional event and educational experience to an eager gardening community and which is also open to the general public. “A few people still don’t believe that global warming is real,” says Parer, “but it *is* of tremendous urgency and we must begin addressing it in our personal lives. The good news is if we act quickly and smartly, we can help change the way we garden and improve our children’s future.”

MORE INTIMATE The intimate layout of Cornerstone Sonoma will allow each visitor to personally experience a different approach to the crucial issue of climate change while celebrating beautiful design. Attendees will leave with a better understanding of how creative and interesting garden design can be: socially responsible while personally rewarding.

WHO BENEFITS The Late Show Gardens is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Net proceeds will be used to support the Trust for Public Land and The Garden Conservancy.

WHEN/WHERE Friday, September 18 through Sunday, September 20 at Cornerstone Sonoma, 23570 Highway 121, Sonoma, CA 94576. The show is open from 9:30 am – 5:30 pm.

AFFORDABLE TICKETS One-day adult ticket is \$20. **Early bird Special:** Buy before August 1, 2009 and save \$5 per adult ticket. Ticket for Seniors (65+) and Groups (10 or more) are \$15. Youth (ages 6 - 12) tickets are \$10. Children under 6 are free. **MORE SAVINGS:** Adult/Senior/Group 3-Day passes are \$45. Youth 3-Day passes are \$30.

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