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**Valdisa Moura Kicks-off Community Garden Concert Series  
at Greenwood Street Community Garden in Dorchester on July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Free concert presented by Boston Natural Areas Network*

**BOSTON, MA – July 8, 2009** – On Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m., folk singer Valdisa Moura will kick-off the *Sounds of the Garden* concert series with her traditional and contemporary Brazilian music at Greenwood Street Community Garden, 140 – 142 Greenwood Street in Dorchester. The free concert series, presented by Boston Natural Areas network, is now in its 7<sup>th</sup> season. Performances are generously funded and produced by Ellen Schmidt and Jake Kensinger.

Born in Papaiba, Brazil, Moura taught herself how to play guitar when she was 12. She now is in demand as a performer by the Brazilian community and general audiences alike. Children are welcome and participants should remember to bring a blanket or chair. Upcoming performers in the series include Lloyd Thayer at Minton Street Community Garden in Jamaica Plain on July 29<sup>th</sup>, Deborah & Giovanni Rocha at Leland Street Community Garden in Jamaica Plain on August 5<sup>th</sup>, and Dave Jackson & Marie Gabriel Gonzalez at Northampton Street Community Garden in the South End on August 12<sup>th</sup>. For more information, call BNAN at 617-542-7696 or visit [www.bostonnatural.org](http://www.bostonnatural.org).

“Community gardens are always alive with excitement from gardeners and neighbors,” said Valerie Burns, BNAN president. “*Sounds of the Garden* is a way to welcome the broader community into the garden.”

Boston Natural Areas Network is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing together local residents, partner organizations, public officials and foundations to preserve, expand, and enhance urban open space, including community gardens, greenways, and urban wilds. For more information about the organization, becoming a member or the calendar of events, visit [www.bostonnatural.org](http://www.bostonnatural.org) or call 617-542-7696.