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35th Annual Gardeners' Gathering March 20th

Free event is hosted by Boston Natural Areas Network

BOSTON, MA, March 3, 2010 – For a milestone 35 years the Gardeners' Gathering has provided an annual forum for fellow gardeners to shrug off the winter chill and celebrate urban gardening here in Boston.

The 35th Annual Gardeners' Gathering offered by Boston Natural Areas Network will take place on Saturday, March 20, 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Curry Student Center (Third Floor), Northeastern University, Boston. This exciting free event attracts hundreds of community and residential gardeners and celebrates the successes of gardeners in the City of Boston.

As the city's largest educational forum for community and residential gardeners, the Gardeners' Gathering is an opportunity for people to share ideas and tips, network and learn. The Gardeners' Gathering offers workshops for both vegetable and ornamental gardeners with an emphasis on safe practices for urban gardens. Subjects include Garden Organizing, Worm Bin Composting, the Asian Longhorned Beetle, School Gardens and Seed Starting. The event will also host the 8th Annual Community Garden Awards. With the help of Mayor Thomas M. Menino, individuals, garden groups and non-profit organizations are honored with the *Hall of Fame*, *Rookie Garden of the Year* and *Most Valuable Gardener* awards. Additionally, awards for *Outstanding Service to Boston Gardens* will be presented to two deserving individuals. For a complete menu of activities and workshop topics, contact BNAN at 617-542-7696 or visit www.bostonnatural.org.

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“The Gardeners Gathering continues to grow each year with exciting programs and participants who want to learn more about gardening”, said Valerie Burns, BNAN President. “The interest in local gardening is spreading throughout the city and Boston is now a national leader for community and residential gardening.”

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 or call 617-542-7696.

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