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## 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Gardeners Gathering March 28<sup>th</sup>

*Free event is hosted by Boston Natural Areas Network*

**BOSTON, MA**, March 16, 2009 – The constant changes between spring-like and winter weather has not stopped gardeners from thinking about what to plant in their gardens this spring.

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Gardeners Gathering offered by Boston Natural Areas Network will take place on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Curry Student Center, Northeastern University campus, Boston. This exciting free event attracts hundreds of gardeners, community and backyard 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 event will also host the 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

This year, BNAN will offer workshops for both vegetable and ornamental gardeners on the subjects as: New Gardener Starter Tips, Urban Soils, Weeds & Wildflowers, Using Technology to Organize, and more – all with an emphasis on how to be Urban & Organic. For a complete menu of activities and workshop topics, contact BNAN at 617-542-7696 or visit [www.bostonnatural.org](http://www.bostonnatural.org).

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“The Gardeners Gathering is more exciting every year, full of content and the love of gardening,” said Valerie Burns, BNAN President. “This success comes from the gardeners themselves who have helped make Boston a model city for community 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](http://www.bostonnatural.org) or call 617-542-7696.

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