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Garden Gala features renowned landscape, event designers

(COLUMBUS, GA – July 18, 2012) — The Columbus Botanical Garden will host its annual Garden Gala Tuesday, Oct. 9, at the Green Island Country Club.

Nationally acclaimed horticulturalists Renny Reynolds and Jack Staub are the guest speakers. The event opens with a reception and silent auction from 10 to 11 a.m. It continues with a slide presentation, “Listening to the Land,” in which Reynolds and Staub showcase their prized estate, Hortulus Farm, and discuss their signature design method that has earned the duo fame in their industry.

Admission to the gala, which includes a catered luncheon from noon to 1 p.m., is \$75. Guests can talk one-on-one with Reynolds, who specializes in landscape architecture and event planning, and Staub, a leading authority on edible plants and garden design, in a small group workshop from 2 to 3:30 p.m. The cost for each workshop is \$75, and luncheon attendance is not required.

Workshops include the following:

- “Art of the Party,” a study session with Renny, where you can join the event guru as he reveals his principles of successful entertaining, and
- “Vegetable Gardening 101,” a study session with Jack, where you will spend the afternoon learning from an expert as he discusses how to have a beautiful and productive vegetable garden.

The Garden’s biggest event of the year, the gala is also a fundraiser for the nonprofit. All sponsors receive significant name recognition in the Garden newsletter, event program, and plaque. All contributions are tax-deductible and support the Garden’s

mission to preserve a portion of Columbus' open space while providing the public a unique educational and recreational facility.

For more information and tickets, visit www.columbsubotanicalgarden.org or call 706-327-8400.

Details at a glance:

- **WHAT:** Garden Gala
- **WHEN:** 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9
- **WHERE:** Green Island Country Club
- **WHO:** Guest speakers Renny Reynolds and Jack Staub, famed horticulturalists
- **COST:** \$75 for silent auction, luncheon and presentation; \$75 for group workshop
- **TICKETS:** columbusbotanicalgarden.org

About the Columbus Botanical Garden

Founded in 1999, the Columbus Botanical Garden is a 22-acre facility which provides visitors an attractive venue for photography, special events and community learning. Its mission is to preserve a portion of the rapidly diminishing open space in Columbus and to provide the public with a unique educational facility based on environmental awareness, horticulture and historic preservation. The garden is located at 3603 Weems Road and is open daily from dawn to dusk. The office is open from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Admission is free.

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