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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**WHAT: Secret Gardens of Marion** self-guided walking tour of 8 stunning public and private gardens throughout Marion, on the picturesque shores of the Southcoast of Massachusetts. Visitors will enjoy a variety of garden styles including expansive waterfront vistas, intimate cottage gardens, hardscaping, container gardens and more. Additionally, two gardens will feature local plein air artists, Jay Ryan and Barbara Healy from the Marion Art Center.

The event is organized and managed by the Marion Garden Group (MGG). Those wishing to include lunch are invited to purchase a boxed lunch from partner restaurant, Kate’s Simple Eats. A prompt to purchase lunch is conveniently accessible on the ticketing webpage.

Please note dogs are not permitted.

**WHEN:** Friday, June 23, 2023, 10am – 3pm. Rain or shine

**WHERE:** Secret Gardens of Marion tour starts at Bicentennial Park, 1 Spring Street, Marion,MA. Tickets and tour maps will be distributed at Bicentennial Park. Marion is located one hour south of Boston and 20 minutes northwest of the Bourne Bridge.

**TICKETS:** The event is open to the public. Advance tickets are $35 each and will go on sale on May 1, 2023. Advance tickets are exclusively purchased online until midnight, June 21 at <http://mariongardengroup.org/secret-gardens-of-marion/>. Tickets may also be purchased the day of the event for $40 each.

**WHY:** The Marion Garden Group is an organization of Marion-area residents interested in gardening. Its goals are to assist in the enhancement of the town’s parks and landscape projects and to further expand members’ knowledge of gardening through discussions and presentations by experts in the field. The Secret Gardens of Marion tour is a bi-annual event that raises money for the beautification of town public spaces.

To date, sponsors for the 2023 tour include: Abbington Bank, New Leaf Design,

Marion General Store and Beth Van Der Veer, realtor, Jack Conway & Company

For more information about the Secret Gardens of Marion tour, please visit the webpage:

<http://mariongardengroup.org/secret-gardens-of-marion/>