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The Garden Conservancy Showcases
Outstanding American Gardens: A Celebration—25 Years of the Garden Conservancy

Debut Book Marks Silver Anniversary Year

(July 20, 2015, Garrison, NY) . . . American gardens are distinct because of their diversity. Like American culture, they blend old and new into something completely original. For 25 years, [The Garden Conservancy](#) has helped save and share American gardens that otherwise might be lost to the ravages of time or remain hidden behind private garden gates.

Outstanding American Gardens: A Celebration—25 Years of the Garden Conservancy (Abrams, September 22, 2015; ISBN: 978-1-61769-165-2) captures the creative essence and untiring dedication it took to build these spectacular settings. This 272-page book contains 194 photographs and spotlights [50 stunning gardens from coast to coast](#). Historic, modernist, traditional, cottage seaside, exotic, tropical, classic Southern, farmhouse, prison, organic, and xeric—all are among the many types of gardens exquisitely photographed by Marion Brenner and accompanied by descriptions curated by Page Dickey. Each garden represents the intent, ingenuity, and artistic talent of its creator. Thoughtfully arranged in the book, they offer an amazing display of the unbounded resourcefulness of the American gardener and will inspire current and future garden enthusiasts across the globe.

"The Garden Conservancy chose the Ruth Bancroft Garden in Walnut Creek, California, as our first project because of its artistry. Fast-forward 25 years to the current West Coast drought, and the educational value of preserving a model dry garden such as this becomes even more compelling," says Jenny du Pont, president & CEO of the Garden Conservancy. "The book features eight of our Preservation Gardens—a small sampling of the many we have helped save for future generations to enjoy. There are also 42 examples of privately owned gardens that have opened their gates to communities through Open Days, our national garden visitation program."

With a foreword by Colin Cabot, son of the late Frank Cabot who founded the Garden Conservancy, this book is a treasure. Available for pre-order now, with a publication date of September 22.

"Gardens stimulate all five senses. They bring beauty, spirituality, and solace into daily life," says du Pont. "Over the course of 25 years, we have found that anyone—or any community—has the potential to build and sustain wonderful gardens that can be enjoyed for years to come."

The nonprofit Garden Conservancy is headquartered in Garrison, New York, and also has an office in San Francisco, California. For 25 years, the Garden Conservancy's core mission has been to save and share outstanding gardens for the education and inspiration of the public. More information and details for ordering ***Outstanding American Gardens: A Celebration—25 Years of the Garden Conservancy*** can be found at www.gardenconservancy.org.

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