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Foundation to Change Name of Internationally Recognized Peckerwood Garden

Hempstead, Texas, March 10, 2020 - The Board of Directors of the Peckerwood Garden Conservation Foundation has voted to change the name of the garden to “The John Fairey Garden,” in honor of garden founder John Fairey. The foundation will now be known as “The John Fairey Garden Conservation Foundation.”

The John Fairey Garden, located near Hempstead, Texas, is recognized internationally both for the originality of its garden design, and as a horticulturally significant repository of rare and endangered plants. The garden contains more than 4,000 plants from Mexico, the United States, and Asia, many of which were planted from seeds Mr. Fairey collected in over 100 botanizing expeditions to Northeastern Mexico.

“Changing the name of such a beloved institution is not something to undertake lightly, and the board held numerous discussions before reaching our decision. We recognize there are faithful supporters of the garden who were fond of its previous name, but we felt changing it to honor John was only fitting, and his acceptance of the idea considerably lightened the weight of the decision,” said Randy Twaddle, Board President.

John Fairey has won numerous national landscape awards for the garden including The American Horticultural Society’s Liberty Hyde Bailey Award, the Arthur Hoyt Scott Medal from the Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College, and Mr. Fairey was named a “Placemaker” by the Foundation for Landscape Studies. This year he will receive The Garden Club of America’s Florens DeBevoise Medal, an award for horticultural achievement in the fields of hybridizing, collecting or nurturing.

The John Fairey Garden Conservation Foundation maintains a partnership with the Garden Conservancy, a national organization devoted to preserving, sharing, and celebrating America’s gardens and diverse gardening traditions for the education and inspiration of the public. The Conservancy holds a conservation easement on the garden that protects it in perpetuity. The garden hosts “Open Days” on two Saturdays a month for guided tours of the garden and plant purchasing. Tours of the garden are available by appointment at other times outside of the Open Days. For more information, please visit: <http://jfgarden.org/>.

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