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The Herb Society of America Presents “SHADES OF HERBAL GREEN”

(Kirtland, Ohio) “Shades of Herbal Green” is the title of the Herb Society of America’s Educational Conference and Annual Meeting of the Members being held at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids Michigan, June 4-6, 2009. Founded in 1933, with headquarters in Kirtland, Ohio, The Herb Society of America (HSA) is dedicated to promoting the knowledge, use and delight of herbs, through educational programs, research and sharing the experience of its members with the community. “Shades of Herbal Green”, will kick off on Friday, June 4, 2009 at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel with award winning author and illustrator, Sharon Lovejoy as the Keynote speaker. Ashley Atkinson the Director of Project Development and Urban Agriculture for The Greening of Detroit, will share the “Seeding Hope in the Motor City: A look at the Thriving Urban Agriculture Movement in Detroit”.

Additional presentations from nationally known educators and experts will fill the three day event. “A Festival of Flavor & Fragrance” a Hands-on Herbal Fair; June 6th from 1:30-4:30 PM is open to the public with admission of \$25 per person. Smell, taste and experience herbs as you get up close and familiar with the herbs and topics. Inspired by “Taste of America” where local or historic foods are available for sampling as you go from table to table; you can linger at any table if you choose, depending upon your interest.

Pre-conference hands-on workshops and garden tours begin on June 3rd at Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park. Workshops will include; “Herbal Soap Making in a Crock Pot,” “How to make a book with Press Flowers and Herbs”, and “Painting an Herbal Wreath in Watercolors”. Meijer Garden Chef Cheryl Powell will serve an herbal lunch especially created for workshop attendees

“Grand Rapids is the perfect place to host the Herb Society of America’s Annual Educational Conference and Annual Meeting of the Members”, stated Susan Betz, HSA Board of Directors, and Education Chair. The Detroit Free Press named Grand Rapids, “Green Rapids.” “As global attention turns to eco-friendly living, conservative Grand Rapids is ahead of the game-and showing other communities what's possible.” Attendees will have the opportunity to experience Michigan’s agricultural past and present and the varied herbal interests throughout Michigan.

For additional information and a detailed list of presenters and seminar topics for the conference or festival, please contact Executive Director Katrinka Morgan at director@herbsociety.org or visit www.herbsociety.org

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