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**Renowned Landscape Architect to Speak at
Birmingham Botanical Gardens' Spencer Lecture Series**

BIRMINGHAM, AL—Birmingham Botanical Gardens is proud to announce Mary Palmer Dargan, ASLA, will speak at the 10th Annual Virginia Beeland Spencer Lecture Series. The free Lecture will take place on Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in The Gardens' Lecture Hall. Mary Palmer and her husband Hugh Dargan are nationally recognized landscape architects and principals of Dargan Landscape Architects in Atlanta.

Mrs. Dargan's talk will be based on the couple's most recent book, *Timeless Landscape Design: The Four-Part Master Plan*. She will instruct guests on creating flawless landscapes based on elements such as line, color, form, texture, proportion, and scale. The Dargans' work has been featured on HGTV programs like *Ground Breakers* and *Secret Gardens Of...* as well as in newspapers and magazines such as *The New York Times*, *Southern Accents*, and *Garden Designs*. Mrs. Dargan will be signing books at a 5 p.m. reception prior to the lecture; she will also be available for consultations while in Birmingham.

The annual lecture is made possible by Mr. & Mrs. William M. Spencer, III through the Virginia Beeland Spencer Lecture Fund at the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham. Virginia is known for her knowledge and passion for flowers, flower arranging, and gardening. By bringing prominent speakers to Birmingham, the Spencer Lecture Series provides an opportunity to the public to learn more about gardening, flower arranging, horticulture and conservation.

For more information about the Spencer Lecture Series or to reserve tickets, contact Shelly Busby at 205.414.3965 or sbusby@bbgardens.org.

About Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Birmingham Botanical Gardens is Alabama's largest living museum with over 10,000 different plants in its living collections. The Gardens' 67.5 acres contains over 25 unique gardens, 30+ works of original outdoor sculpture, miles of serene paths and a public horticulture library. The Gardens is open daily and offers free admission.