

"Backyard Farmer" Visits Omaha's Lauritzen Gardens

LINCOLN, Neb. (July 22, 2009) -- NET Television's "Backyard Farmer" series will explore the flowers and flora at Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha's Botanical Center, during an upcoming episode of the popular lawn and garden series. The special program airs Thursday, Aug. 6, at 7 p.m. CT on NET1 and NET-HD. Members and friends of Lauritzen Gardens and NET will comprise the audience for the videotaped program.

The "Backyard Farmer" panel of experts will discuss current lawn and garden issues, but will not be taking questions from viewers since it is not a live broadcast. A program segment in the episode will highlight the children's area at Lauritzen Gardens and discuss how to best nurture a child's interest in gardening, plants and nature. Another will offer a tour of the center and its unique attractions.

"Backyard Farmer" can also be seen on NET2 on Fridays at 8 p.m. CT and Sundays at 3 p.m. CT, as well as on NET3's Create channel on Fridays at 7 p.m. CT. E-mail questions from viewers are answered on the half-hour "Backyard Farmer Extra" series airing Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. CT, beginning April 4 on NET1 and NET-HD. It also airs on NET3's Create channel Sundays at 5 p.m. CT and Mondays at 10 p.m. CT.

The series will be available on iTunes as a video podcast several days after the initial Thursday evening broadcast. Instructions are available on the "Backyard Farmer" Web site (byf.unl.edu). Viewers will need to download iTunes to access the podcasts. The "Backyard Farmer" Web site also features gardening tips and a database of viewer questions.

Viewers may send plant and pest samples to: "Backyard Farmer," NET Television, 1800 North 33rd Street, Lincoln, NE 68503. Viewers with questions for panelists should call 472-1212 in Lincoln, or toll-free 800-676-5446, on Thursday evenings during the live program, or e-mail byf@unl.edu.

"Backyard Farmer" and "Backyard Farmer Extra" are co-productions of NET Television and University of Nebraska Extension. Partial funding for the series is provided by Earl May Garden Centers.

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