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LAURITZEN GARDENS ANTIQUES SHOW ANNOUNCES KEYNOTE SPEAKERS FOR ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT, TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 26-29, 2024

OMAHA, Neb. – The Lauritzen Gardens Antiques Show, one of Omaha's most anticipated events of the year, will return September 26 through 29, 2024. Held on the beautiful grounds of Lauritzen Gardens, the vibrant four-day event will bring together the worlds of antiques, design, art, and entertaining to benefit Omaha's public garden.

Presented by Mercedes-Benz of Omaha, Omaha's premier antiques show will include lectures by acclaimed interior designers Mark D. Sikes and Suzanne Tucker, celebrated floral designer Ariella Chezar, and award-winning journalist and host of "Wine Oh!", Monique Soltani.

The 2024 show will also welcome more than 25 antiques exhibitors from across the country, offering curated "shops" full of furniture, fine art, vintage and estate jewelry, home and garden décor, fashion accessories, silver, rugs, and a bit of whimsy. From mid-century modern to traditional, and everything in between, the show will feature antiques of exceptional quality and extraordinary style.

The one-of-a-kind cultural event is co-chaired by Chloe Firestone, Ellie Grace, and Ande Johnson and the honorary chairs for this year's event are Diny and Jim Landen.

The show's theme, "Secret Garden," will draw inspiration from the natural splendor of the garden, the profound legacy of the event, the portfolios of the keynote speakers, and the stories within all of the antiques available for purchase.

Co-chair Chloe Firestone said, "Whether they are a serious collector or someone who simply appreciates beautiful things, we want showgoers to discover the unexpected, unlock the magic of the garden, and find delight in a place brimming with lush greenery, fragrant florals, and an abundance of hidden treasures."

In its twenty-first year, the Lauritzen Gardens Antiques Show is the largest fundraiser for Lauritzen Gardens, raising money for the continued cultivation of the 100-acre botanical garden. Funds raised help the garden continue its commitment to steward and preserve nature and to curate accessible, educational, and inspirational gardenbased experiences that enhance lives.

The weekend's schedule also includes educational lectures, book signings, free design academies, and insightful designer walks - opportunities for the community to learn about fine antiques and art from the experts and to engage with top names in design and the wine scene.

Reservations for the 2024 show's lecture events, as well as the Thursday night preview party, will open on June 1. To learn more about the show and for ongoing updates to the schedule of events, visit omahaantiqueshow.org and follow the Lauritzen Gardens Antiques Show on Instagram (@Omahaantiqueshow) and Facebook (facebook.com/LGAntiquesShow).

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About the Lauritzen Gardens Antiques Show

Since 2004, the <u>Lauritzen Gardens Antiques Show</u> has inspired patrons with a four-day celebration of design, antiques, art and culture. This annual fundraising event offers shopping opportunities and features educational lectures from prominent designers, entertainers, and tastemakers. The show has captured the imagination of more than 91,000 people to date and raised more than \$11.4 million for Lauritzen Gardens, allowing it to develop into the community jewel that it is.

About Lauritzen Gardens

<u>Lauritzen Gardens</u> is a 100-acre botanical garden, located in Omaha, Nebraska, whose mission is to provide thoughtful, ecologically-minded practices and to curate accessible, educational, and inspirational experiences that enhance lives. The garden aims to be a vibrant place for the community to learn about and connect to the natural world and the organization strives to impact every visitor through the beauty of its horticultural displays, enriching educational programs, entertaining special events, or via its research to conserve the endangered plants of the Great Plains. For more information, visit <u>lauritzengardens.org</u>.

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