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PRESS RELEASE

Local WSNLA members appointed to 2011 Northwest Flower and Garden Show Design Team

In a collaborative first, four experienced landscape professionals, Kate Easton, Lloyd Glascock, Kirsten Lints, and Megan Pulkkinen, have been appointed to design the Washington State Nursery and Landscape Association (WSNLA) display garden at the 2011 Northwest Flower and Garden Show. The WSNLA garden, entitled "Cook's Endeavour Returns with Treasure," illustrates the show theme "Once Upon a Time... Spectacular Gardens with Stories to Tell" by exploring horticultural history inspired by the novel 'Stowaway' by Karen Hesse.

The designers and WSNLA invite the public to visit the show display at the Seattle Convention Center between February 23 and February 27, 2011. Imagine how fantastic and exotic Australia would have appeared to intrepid young "Stowaway", Nicholas, when he landed with the company of scientists and artists from the HMS Endeavour. While inspired by historic voyages, the garden includes lush and diverse plant material from many different continents, climate zones and topographies. Explore the treasure trove of possibilities available in the northwest. Be inspired to create botanically distinctive arrangements of color and texture in your own garden with plants from around the globe.

The four design team members bring unique skills and talents to the WSNLA display garden.

Kate Easton, CPH and owner/designer at Garden Vision Inc. has designed living art with color, texture, sight lines and views since 1991 using her extensive horticultural, ecological, and design knowledge and expertise. Her work was recognized for landscape design excellence by West Valley College faculty in 1991 and 1992. Contact: www.gardenvisioninc.com.

Megan Pulkkinen, CPH and owner of Megan Pulkkinen Landscape Design is an experienced Landscape Designer, Garden Coach, and Project Consultant providing services to residential and commercial clients mainly on the Olympic Peninsula. She has 30 years of experience and continuous education in many aspects of the Horticulture and Nursery Industry. Contact: www.megancph.com.

Kirsten Lints, CPH and owner of Gardens Alive Design uses empowerment, enthusiasm and encouragement in providing supportive and sensible design and consulting services to clients. She uses her extensive plant knowledge to design sturdy yet stunning landscape designs. Contact: www.gardensalivedesign.com.

Lloyd Glasscock, CPH and owner of Looking Glass Design and formerly of Pacific Stone Company, brings more than twenty years of garden show design experience to the team. He is a talented landscape designer and consultant specializing in hardscape. Pacific Stone has been previously honored by the Northwest Flower and Garden Show with awards for its display gardens. Contact: www.lookingglass-design.com.

WSNLA is the only state association representing all aspects of the horticulture industry (retail & wholesale nurseries, growers, landscape companies (container gardening, design only, maintenance and full service), horticultural suppliers, educators, students, and government officials. WSNLA administers the Certified Professional Horticultural (CPH) program and offers the exam biannually. The CPH designation ensures professional level knowledge in plant identification, design and horticultural techniques. Currently there are about 400 CPH's. Gardening articles tailored to homeowners and industry professionals, links to member blogs, and a consumer search tool to find nurseries and landscape companies is available at www.wsnla.org.

Northwest Flower and Garden Show ticket and show event information is available at www.gardenshow.com.

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