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Hosted by the E.B. Dunn Historic Garden Trust:

A RARE TOUR OF NW SEATTLE ESTATE GARDENS

*Private Owners Open Immaculate Gardens
for Limited Viewing*

(SEATTLE, WA) – The E.B. Dunn Historic Garden Trust is pleased to be hosting its third benefit tour of Northwest Seattle gardens featuring three private estates in the Highlands, a community of expansive estates originally planned 100 years ago by the Olmsted Brothers, the nation's first landscape architecture firm. This event provides a glimpse into three of Seattle's beautiful gardens. Two of the gardens were designed by or in close consultation with the Olmsted firm. The third is a modern interpretation of the Olmstedian theme. These wonderful gardens with roots in the past provide inspiring insight for modern gardens of varied style and habitat. Proceeds from the event will benefit the historic Dunn Gardens, the Northwest's only in-city, Olmsted-designed residential garden open to the public. Each garden has its own unique highlights:

- **The first garden on the tour is** modern and intimate, featuring a pond garden and fine collections of native plants and rare species.
- **The second garden, a short stroll away, is** a late 1920's estate developed over the years in a grand European style. Formal plantings, including a rose garden and rare species rhododendrons, are set against a backdrop of northwest forest providing a dramatic counterpoint.
- **Next door,** the third garden is another large 1920's estate, with gardens beautifully restored beginning in 1998. Focused on a strong axial scheme, are a number of garden features including a holly portico, perennial border, folly, walled parterre garden and a rhododendron allé.
- Following visits to the Highlands estates, refreshments will be served at the nearby Dunn Gardens where new and old intermingle in woodlands, perennial borders and great sweeps of lawn.

The tour features music in the gardens by **Orchestra Seattle Chamber Singers** directed by **George Shangrow**.

Highlands Garden Tour Date: Sunday, June 29, 2008 from 1:30 to 5:00pm.

Registration:

Advance registration suggested as spaces are limited.

- \$150 for a non-member, includes a one-year membership in the E.B. Dunn Historic Garden Trust. \$100 for a second family member or guest(s).
- \$100 per person for current members or donors of the E.B. Dunn Historic Garden Trust.

RSVP to www.dunngardens.org, call 206-362-0933, or email info@dunngardens.org.

Parking and Arrangements: Convenient parking is available in the Highlands and at the Dunn Gardens. More information about parking and the gardens will be provided after registration.