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Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage Tour Offers An Inside Look at Extraordinary Historic & Contemporary Sites Across Maryland

Six Counties and More Than 50 Properties Featured on 2010 Tour

BALTIMORE, Maryland (February 10, 2010) – The annual Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage (MHGP) returns this spring over four consecutive weekends from Sunday, April 25 through Sunday, May 16, 2010. A Maryland tradition for seventy-three years, the MHGP offers visitors the opportunity to explore some of Maryland's most fascinating and noteworthy properties. The 2010 tour includes 57 private homes, gardens, farms, churches and historic sites across six Maryland counties -- Baltimore City: Guilford (Sunday, April 25); Baltimore County (Saturday, May 1); Montgomery County (Sunday, May 2); Charles County (Saturday, May 8); Talbot County (Saturday, May 15); and Cecil County (Sunday, May 16).

The annual spring tours are a central component of the MHGP's efforts to cultivate awareness of Maryland's rich architectural and cultural heritage, from historic to contemporary settings. Each year, proceeds from the tour support designated preservation projects in each host community. To date, the Pilgrimage has raised well over a million dollars for the preservation and restoration of architecturally significant properties throughout the State of Maryland while entertaining and informing many thousands of tour-goers.

"This year's tour features so many unique and vastly different types of properties," says Mary M. Meyer, Chairman, Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage. "From stately, historic Georgian revival homes in Guilford (Baltimore City) and waterfront homes with extensive habitat conservation features (Talbot County), to seldom seen historic treasures like Josiah Henson Site - formerly called the "Riley Farm/Uncle Tom's Cabin" (Montgomery County) and Mt. Harmon Plantation (Cecil County), one of the few

remaining colonial era Plantations open to the public, visitors will surely delight in the many charms that led to Maryland being called 'America in Miniature'," she adds.

For more information, tour details and tickets, please visit www.mhgp.org or call 410-821-6933, Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, or send email to mhgp@aol.com.

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Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage (MHGP), a non-profit organization, is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of architecturally significant properties in the State of Maryland. The Pilgrimage has remained constant with this purpose, since its formation in 1930.