GARDENING WEEKEND AT CALLAWAY GARDENS MARCH 23-26

Gardening School; Plant Fair & Sale Features Items Unique to the South; Spring Beauty

PINE MOUNTAIN, GA (3/8/2017) – Head to Callaway Gardens® for inspiration, ideas, and plants for your garden. Learn what to plant and what not to plant at the Callaway Gardening School, and then stay around for the Callaway Gardens Annual Plant Fair and Sale as well as time to relax and enjoy Spring at the Gardens.

Callaway Gardening School

Back by popular demand, the Callaway Gardening School returns in 2017 with two great speakers. “Georgia’s gardening guru Walter Reeves and Flintwood Farms co-owner Jenni Hernandez will be presenting topics that will be of interest to beginning as well as seasoned gardeners,” said Callaway Gardens’ Director of Gardens Patricia Collins, “They will share the latest and greatest about what to plant this Spring.”

After the two lectures, there will be a question and answer session designed to answer the most burning gardening questions. In the early afternoon, participants will have the opportunity to be the first to shop the Annual Plant Fair and Sale while
accompanied by Reeves, Hernandez, and other gardening experts who will be available to answer questions and give gardening tips regarding purchases.

Registration is $58 per person and includes three sessions and lunch. For details or to register, visit www.callawaygardens.com/workshops or call 1.855.546.9740.

**Annual Plant Fair and Sale**

“We will have an incredible array of herbs, flowering plants – both annuals and perennials - and shrubs as well as garden decor,” said Collins. “This is a wonderful opportunity to buy items that are very unique and sometimes hard-to-find. Be sure to bring a plant list and a vehicle large enough to take home all of the great finds.”

Nurseries and specialty vendors from throughout the Southeast will have plants for sale, answer plant-related questions, and offer their unique garden-related wares. Some of those participating include:

- Big Frog Nursery (rhododendrons, etc.)
- Callaway Gardens (annuals and perennials)
- Colonial Creek Nursery (herbs)
- Delvecchio Nursery (shrubs, Japanese maples, and other woody trees)
- Fiddlehead (garden gifts, ornaments, etc.)
- Florida Star Nursery (ferns, orchids, colorful annuals, and perennials)
- Garden Delights Garden Center (native azaleas and other native plants)
- Lewis Simmons Designs (yard art)
- Lone Wolf Den (plants)
- K Tharpe Enterprises (native plants)
- Quality Custom Landscaping (azaleas and other shrubs)

The Plant Fair and Sale will be open to the public Thursday, March 23, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday, March 24-25, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, March 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Admission to the Plant Fair and Sale at the Beach Dome at Robin Lake**

**Beach is free** when entering through the Beach gate on U.S. Hwy. 27.

**Celebrate Spring! and a Bounty of Floral Color**
The Gardens will be hosting Celebrate Spring! March 18 through April 23 to celebrate the explosion of Spring color among the blooming trees, azaleas, bulbs combined with a variety of activities, each weekend has a special theme. Though special event admission may apply, general admission to Callaway Gardens is $20/Adult; $10/Child; and complimentary children 5 and younger. Callaway Gardens Annual Passholders, with their pass, receive free access for themselves and up to five guests in the same vehicle. To purchase an annual pass, call 1.800.628.8582 or visit www.callawaygardens.com/annualpass.

For those dreaming of a weekend getaway, a Celebrate Spring! overnight package is available at The Lodge and Spa at Callaway Gardens, Southern Pine Cottages, and Mountain Creek Villas or Vacation Homes.

Callaway Gardens is in Pine Mountain, Ga., 60 minutes southwest of Atlanta and 30 minutes north of Columbus. For additional information, visit www.callawaygardens.com or call 1.800.463.6990.

###

*Details subject to change

**About Callaway Gardens**

For more than 65 years, Callaway Gardens has provided “a place of relaxation, inspiration and a better understanding of the living world” for millions of visitors. Owned and operated by the non-profit Ida Cason Callaway Foundation, Callaway Gardens includes a garden and resort on thousands of acres in Pine Mountain, Georgia. Highlights include a butterfly conservatory, discovery center, chapel, inland beach, nature trails, and special events throughout the year.

In addition, Callaway Gardens offers a spa, meeting space, restaurants, shops, golf, tennis, fishing, and more.

**Note to Editors:** Images, interviews and visits to the event can be arranged. Thank you.