



2014 Historic Garden Week in Virginia

"Beauty in the Blue Ridge" **Roanoke Home and Garden Tour** **Saturday, May 3, 2014**

ROANOKE --- **The Roanoke Home and Garden Tour**, *"Beauty in the Blue Ridge,"* will be held on **Saturday, May 3, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, rain or shine. The tour is sponsored by the Mill Mountain Garden Club and the Roanoke Valley Garden Club. The local tour is part of Historic Garden Week, an annual event presented by the Garden Club of Virginia, in which homes and gardens all around Virginia are open to the public. Well-known as the oldest and largest statewide house and garden tour in the United States, tourists from all across the country travel to Virginia to take part in this springtime event. Proceeds from the tour are used to restore grounds and gardens of Virginia's most cherished historic landmarks.

This year's "Beauty in the Blue Ridge" tour in Roanoke will inspire the gardener and the artist within you. The tour features five private homes and gardens, and two additional gardens in the charming neighborhood of South Roanoke, close to the Crystal Spring Village shops and restaurants. Highlights include a shaded pool surrounded by a woodland garden, one of the largest oak trees in the Roanoke Valley, a 25-year-old organic garden, an urban culinary garden complete with chickens, and plein air artists painting in the gardens. Filled with spectacular antiques and outstanding local art, the tour homes will sparkle with spectacular flower arrangements created by club members. Lovingly planted gardens will be at the peak of spring color.

The Ronald McDonald House is the headquarters for the tour and the starting and stopping point for optional free trolleys that will continuously run to the various tour locations. Limited parking is also available on the neighborhood streets in the tour areas.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 day of tour. Tickets may be purchased on tour day at any of the houses open for the tour, or in advance at the following locations: Black Dog Salvage, Garlands, Magnolia, Provisions/RSVP, Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs, Ronald McDonald House and Townside Gardens. For internet tickets and detailed information about the tour, please access www.vagardenweek.org.

A box lunch will be available for \$14 at the Ronald McDonald House. Reservations for lunch are strongly suggested by April 15. For information contact Cindi Fletcher at cyndi.fletcher1@gmail.com. Weather permitting, light refreshments will be served from 2 -4 p.m. in the Lemon Garden at 160 27th St.