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Encinitas Garden Festival & Tour

Presented by: Garden Festival Committee

Encinitas Garden Festival & Tour Highlights Private Gardens to Showcase Local Approaches to Growing Edibles, Natives, and Sustainable, Water Wise Gardening

Encinitas, Calif. – The sixth annual Encinitas Garden Festival & Tour will feature more than 20 exceptional private gardens in a neighborhood of Encinitas, on Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This all-day event celebrates community, gardening, and the horticultural heritage of Encinitas. Residents open their garden gates to welcome the public during a self-guided walking tour. The celebration continues at the Gardener's Marketplace, which includes artists, specialty plant growers, food, talks, and other educational opportunities.

This year's tour neighborhood boasts large lots with historic architecture, ocean and valley views, and well-established gardens along picturesque tree-lined streets. Some gardens are owner-designed while others were created by noted designers. Visitors will see mature trees, vegetable beds, succulents, chicken coops, compost bins, and countless treasures that will spark their imaginations.

As in years past, this tour radiates from the Gardener's Marketplace. In the Marketplace, vendors offer unusual plants, vegetable seedlings, garden art, and more. Exhibitors and guest speakers provide information about urban farming such as how to grow fruits and vegetables, chickens and other animals, low water and sustainable gardening, composting, gardening with children, and many other hot topics. The Marketplace is open all day and is the starting point from which attendees set out on foot into the surrounding neighborhood for the self-guided walking tour.

While the Marketplace is free and open to the public, garden admission is by