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## ***2014 Secret Gardens Tour® Announces Star-Studded Cast of Gardens***

**NEW ORLEANS, LA**—The Secret Gardens Tour® (SGT) for the Brain Injury Association of Louisiana is rumored to have its best crop of secret gardens yet. From an ornate and meticulously pruned rose garden to a verdant organic garden of native plants, in the backyards of a former carnival king, luxury real estate broker, and a member of New Orleans' favorite football family, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. The 2014 Tour, to be held on Saturday, March 15, 2014 is a chance to take a peek at New Orleans' hidden gardens and meet the landscape professionals behind their beauty, all the while supporting a fantastic cause. The Tour will include guided and self-guided tours of private Uptown gardens open to the public for one day only. Beginning at 6149 St. Charles Avenue, the 2014 Tour will feature 13 captivating gardens along St. Charles, Palmer, and Henry Clay Avenues and Webster Street. Since 2004, The Secret Gardens Tour® has staged this annual event to raise awareness and funds for brain injury recovery programs in the greater New Orleans area.

Featured gardens on 2014 Tour:

1245 Henry Clay Avenue – Midge Morse  
1311 Henry Clay Avenue – Eugenie and Phil Brooks  
1334 Henry Clay Avenue – Sidney and Norwood Thornton  
1411 Henry Clay Avenue – Darnell and Randy Philipson  
1424 Henry Clay Avenue – Margaret and Ken Beer  
1435 Henry Clay Avenue – Lois and John Cole  
1471 Henry Clay Avenue – Jennifer and Bruce Parkerson  
1529 Henry Clay Avenue – Eleanor Farnsworth  
1543 Henry Clay Avenue – Mary Grace and Brian Kuehne  
1625 Palmer Avenue – Anne and King Milling  
6149 St. Charles Avenue – Mary and William Marks  
1306 Webster Street – Ellen and Mac Ball  
1435 Webster Street – Ellen and Cooper Manning

Local artisans and merchants will have their “secret treasures” for sale at the boutique with souvenirs ranging from jewelry and to gifts and garden art; live music ensembles will be scattered throughout the gardens; and food vendors will be selling their delicious goods.

Tickets are now available for both the private, guided tours and self-guided tours. Guided tours will take place every 30 minutes from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 15 and cost \$60 per person. The guided tours include a short garden presentation in select gardens as well as free admission to the self-guided tours, which start the same day, Saturday from noon to 5:30 p.m. with ticket sales ending at 4:30 p.m., and cost \$30 per person. Discounted admission is available for advance purchase online, by phone or by check for self-guided tours. Tickets purchased in advance for groups of 10 or more are also available at a discount for both types of the tour. Advanced purchasing closes March 12, 2014 at 5 p.m. Tickets purchased in advance online, by phone or mail will be picked up at the Will Call Table at 6149 St. Charles Avenue. Only full-price tickets will be on sale the day of the Tour. For more information, please visit [www.SecretGardensTour.org](http://www.SecretGardensTour.org) or call 504-838-3098.

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