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**The Ross School Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
announces the 14th Annual Ross Garden Tour.**

Four rarely seen private home gardens open for one-day fundraising event during Mothers Day weekend.

Ross, CA (February 10, 2010) The members of the Parent Teacher Association of Ross School, a public K-8 school in Marin County, are pleased to announce the 14th annual Ross Garden Tour taking place on Saturday, May 8th, 2010. During this fundraiser for the Fine Arts programs at Ross School, four of the most spectacular private gardens in the town of Ross will be open for viewing. This year's gardens include a stunning Italian-inspired hillside aerie with breathtaking views, a romantic Victorian estate with lavish planting beds and entertaining spaces, a charming historic Ross garden set among a canopy of trees, and a true gardener's garden featuring traditional boxwood hedges, stone walls and meandering paths.

Guests will board coaches at the Marin Art and Garden Center to begin their tour. Docents will be present at each garden to answer questions about the plantings and design. Before and after touring the gardens, guests are invited to visit the new and expanded MarketPlace where carefully selected local artists, vendors and educators have come together to create a delightful outdoor retail destination. This years MarketPlace is open from 9am to 5pm and features wonderful new treasures for home and garden, Mother's Day gifts, garden book sellers, demonstrations of Mother's Day flower arranging, heirloom rose growers and even a bee and honey demonstration and small "designer" chicken coops for purchase, A gourmet al fresco lunch provided by Woodlands Market will be available for purchase.

Woodlands Market returns as a major sponsor and is joined this year by Alain Pinel, Infinium Securities and Morgan Lane/Pacific Union and S&S Landscaping. Since its inception in 1997, the Ross Garden Tour has largely funded the Ross School's Fine Arts programs and is completely organized and produced by parent volunteers. This year's Garden Tour Chair is Molly Gamble.

The Ross Garden Tour will take place on Saturday, May 8th, 2010 from 9am until 3pm, with the MarketPlace open from 9am to 5pm. Tour and lunch tickets will be available for purchase on the tour website www.rossgardentour.org and beginning in early April at David M. Brian, Sunnyside Nursery, West End Nursery, Ross Grocery (weekdays only), and Woodlands Floral. For all media inquiries, please contact the Marketing Co-Chairs, Stephanie at 415-823-7208 or Nicole at 868-4442.

The 14th Annual Beyond the Garden Gate tour will be held on Saturday May 8, 2010 and will provide visitors with the opportunity to experience some of the most spectacular and exquisite private gardens in Ross. This event, which is a fundraiser to support the Fine Arts programs at Ross School, will feature [four] stunning gardens for visitors to explore at their own pace. Comfortable shuttle buses will transport guests between the gardens and to the Marin Art and Garden Center where a gourmet alfresco picnic lunch will be available and a Marketplace will feature select local artisans and merchants. We hope you will join us for this very special day. Please visit rossgardentour.org to purchase tickets or for more information.