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LAURITZEN GARDENS ANTIQUES SHOW RETURNS TO CELEBRATE 20 YEARS, ANNOUNCES SPEAKERS AND NEW DESIGN PARTNERSHIP WITH KRAVET/LEE JOFA

OMAHA, Neb. – 2023 general chairs, Carrie Jenkins and Cindy Tooher, have revealed the exciting details and schedules for the Lauritzen Gardens Antiques Show, to be held September 28 to October 1, 2023. This year's show also marks the 20th anniversary of this cherished event weekend that brings together the worlds of design, art and entertaining. The theme for the 2023 Show is "Reimagine" and will feature and highlight a new design sponsorship with Kravet/Lee Jofa, inspired by Lee Jofa's *Tree of Life* pattern. The honorary chairs for this year's event are Emily and Clark Lauritzen and Mimi and Jeff Post.

In its twentieth year, the Lauritzen Gardens Antiques Show celebrates the beauty of nature, art, antiques, and design-delivering an exclusive experience and raising money for the continued cultivation of Lauritzen Gardens. Funds raised help the public garden continue its commitment to steward and preserve nature and to provide memorable educational and aesthetic experiences for all.

"The Lauritzen Gardens Antiques Show is very special to our community and to the garden it supports. We are honored to be part of this 20th anniversary year and to be able to highlight the past, present and future of this historic show", said Carrie Jenkins. "Cindy and I are thrilled to share the new elements that have been created to reimagine the way we think about antiques and make this year's event extraordinary."

"We are particularly excited about our partnership with Lee Jofa and to deliver a unique guest experience that harmoniously weaves interior design with antiques", said Cindy Tooher. "The partnership, combined with amazing speakers, antiques dealers and events, will provide something for every attendee".

"Lee Jofa is thrilled to align their momentous 200th anniversary with the Lauritzen Gardens Antiques Show's 20th. To honor the brand's rich heritage, which includes beloved patterns of flora and fauna, and bring a preview of the anniversary collection's new colors to the designers and design enthusiasts of Omaha will be an event not to be missed.", said Lee Jofa's Vice President of Communications, Alana Moskowitz. The entire event weekend will be held against the backdrop of the vibrant fall garden and will bring nearly 26 antiques exhibitors to Omaha. From mid-century modern to traditional, and everything in-between, the show will feature antiques of exceptional quality and extraordinary style. The show will also offer multiple opportunities to learn about fine antiques and art from the experts and engage with top names in design and the culinary scene through educational lectures and book signings. The event will also feature design academies and designer walks throughout the weekend.

The featured speakers for the weekend bridge the worlds of design and entertaining. The inspiring lineup includes a mix of favorite speakers from past shows and others who will debut at this year's show.

The speaker lineup includes:

- o Friday Luncheon Speaker: Alessandra Branca
- Saturday Lecture Speakers:
 - Morning Session: Corey Damen Jenkins & Alexa Hampton
 - Afternoon Session: Sarah Bartholomew & Serena Dugan
- Sunday Luncheon: Sam Sifton

Kravet/Lee Jofa will be featuring a product launch and trunk shows throughout the event weekend. The Kravet & Lee Jofa lines also feature fabrics from speakers Corey Damen Jenkins & Sarah Bartholomew. There will be a new Saturday format that provides for two panels featuring some of the industry's best new talent. Additionally, the show will highlight the 20th anniversary and history of the Lauritzen Gardens Antiques Show and will feature photos and memories honoring the event, its founders, and its past chairs.

To learn more about the show, schedule of events and additional information, visit <u>omahaantiqueshow.com</u> and follow the Lauritzen Gardens Antiques Show on <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Facebook</u>.

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<u>Lauritzen Gardens</u> is an urban oasis of beauty and tranquility. This 100-acre botanical garden, comprised of several outdoor garden areas, creates a living museum of unique four-season plant displays, maintained to the highest standards consistent with environmental stewardship. The garden strives to impact every visitor through the natural beauty of its horticultural displays, enriching educational programs, entertaining special events, or via its research to conserve the endangered plants of the Great Plains.

Since 2004, the <u>Lauritzen Gardens Antiques Show</u> has inspired patrons with a four-day celebration of design and culture. This event has captured the imagination of more than 88,000 people and has grown to be an important and steady source of revenue for Lauritzen Gardens, allowing it to develop into the community jewel that it is.

Lauritzen Gardens is conveniently located in the beautiful riverfront hills at First and Bancroft Streets and is close to Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium and the Old Market. For more information, please visit <u>www.lauritzengardens.org</u> or call (402) 346-4002.