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LONDONWOOD GARDENS

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TICKETS ON SALE FOR LONDONWOOD GARDENS' FUNDRAISING GALA JUNE 3

Tickets are available now for the Lendonwood Gardens fundraising gala on Saturday, June 3, featuring tasty food, lively music and a silent auction at the botanical garden in Grove.

Gala tickets are \$45 per person and may be purchased now on the Lendonwood web site at www.lendonwood.com. Tickets also are available for purchase at Grove's First National Bank at 600 S. Main and Crye-Leike Realty at 1104 S. Main. In addition, invitations have been mailed to a list of Lendonwood supporters. For an extra \$50 per table, attendees may reserve a dining table for six to enhance the evening experience.

With a theme of "Flower Power: 20 Years and Growing," the evening will celebrate the Gardens' 20th birthday this year. The gala begins at 5:30 p.m. at the garden located at 1308 Har-Ber Road. Attendees should enter through Lendonwood's back entrance near the Hummingbird Garden.

Deadline for reserving tickets to the gala is Tuesday, May 30. Tickets will not be sold at the gate. Rain date, in case of inclement weather, is June 4.

"We invite the entire community to join us in supporting this treasure in our own backyard," said Roger Endo, president of the Lendonwood Board of Directors. "The gala is our only fundraiser to help make sure the garden continues as a highlight of the Grand Lake area."

Live entertainment, provided by Jerry Ruzicka of Grove, will set the stage for bidding during the silent auction. A broad range of donated items and packages will be available for the auction.

Guests at the gala will enjoy a special menu of tasty appetizers, baked ham on homemade dill rolls, several salad dishes and birthday cupcakes.

"We are delighted to celebrate Lendonwood's 20th birthday this year," said Cindy Reynolds, gala committee chair. "This is a landmark occasion for Lendonwood, one of the primary tourist attractions in the community."

Lendonwood was designed by founder Dr. Leonard Miller, who donated the garden to a non-profit organization in 1997. The botanical garden is operated by a 19-member Board of Directors, many of whom volunteer hundreds of hours each year for its maintenance.

Lendonwood Gardens is a botanical garden supported by volunteers, memberships and contributions. The garden is open to the public year-round, from dawn to dusk. Botanical highlights include major

collections of azaleas, rhododendrons, daylilies, hostas, peonies, Japanese maples, dogwoods, and many other plants and trees. The garden has become a popular rental venue for outdoor weddings and other special events.

For more information about Lendonwood, see the garden's web site at www.lendonwood.com, or call 918-786-2938.