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Horticulturalist Marta McDowell to Speak on Emily Dickinson's Gardens June 25

AMHERST, Mass.—The Emily Dickinson Museum: The Homestead and The Evergreens presents a lecture and garden walk by landscape historian and author Marta McDowell at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 25, at the Amherst Woman's Club at 35 Triangle St. in Amherst. The garden walk will follow on the Museum grounds, at 280 Main Street, directly across the street.

Advance registration for the two-hour program is required. The program fee is \$15; \$12 if purchased in conjunction with a ticket for the Amherst History Museum Garden Tour, which takes place on Saturday, June 24. Please call 413/542-2034 for more information.

McDowell is the author of *Emily Dickinson's Gardens*. Her book explores the flowers and poems of the poet, containing memorable and rarely anthologized excerpts of Dickinson's poetry in addition to letters and historical details emphasizing the poet's horticultural interest. She is staff horticulturalist at the Reeves-Reed Arboretum (RRA) in Summit, N.J., and is a teacher of landscape history at RRA, the New York Botanical Garden and Drew University in Madison, N.J. McDowell has written for *Woman's Day*, *Gardening and Outdoor Living*, *Hortus*, *New Jersey Monthly* and *The New York Times*.

The Emily Dickinson Museum, made up of the Dickinson Homestead and The Evergreens, two historic houses in Amherst, is devoted to the story and legacy of poet Emily Dickinson and her family. The Dickinson Homestead was the birthplace and residence of the poet (1830-1886). The Evergreens was the 1856 home of the poet's brother and sister-in-law, Austin and Susan Dickinson. Merged into a single museum in 2003, both properties are owned by the Trustees of Amherst College. For more information, please visit the Emily Dickinson Museum's website.

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