





**Dedication and Presentation
of the Restored Mansion Grounds
at Maymont**

Wednesday, May 12, 1999

2:30 p.m.

Richmond, Virginia

PROGRAM

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| Presiding | Mrs. Robert Carter <i>President, The Garden Club of Virginia</i> |
| Welcome to Maymont | Mr. Geoffrey Platt, Jr. <i>Executive Director</i> |
| The Restoration Approach | Mr. Rudy J. Favretti <i>Landscape Architect</i> |
| Presentation of the Project | Mrs. Lilburn T. Talley <i>Chairman, Restoration Committee</i> |
| Acceptance of the Gift | Mr. E. Claiborne Robins, Jr. <i>Chairman, Maymont Foundation</i> |
| Tour Options | Mrs. Dale Wheary <i>Director of Historical Collections and Programs</i> |
| Benediction | The Reverend W. Hill Brown, Jr. <i>Rector, Grace & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church</i> |

MAYMONT

Maymont, the 100-acre estate of Major and Mrs. James Dooley, is an intact example of the elaborate showplaces fashionable among Gilded Age millionaires. Bequeathed to the city in 1925, the estate includes the opulent 1893 Maymont House museum with original furnishings, picturesque outbuildings and an expansive landscape with a Japanese Garden, Grotto, Arboretum, and Italian Garden. Designed by Noland and Baskervill and completed in 1910, the Italian Garden includes balustraded terraces, parterres, a cascade, fountains, and a wisteria-draped pergola. The Japanese Garden, originally designed by Muto in 1911, was renovated according to plans by Barry Starke of Earth Designs in the 1970s. The Garden Club of Virginia recently completed a two-year restoration of the six-acre expanse of the ornamental grounds surrounding Maymont House. This project returns the late-Victorian landscape to its original appearance during the Dooleys' lifetime.

Maymont has been operated by the nonprofit Maymont Foundation since 1975. Other attractions include the Carriage Collection, Nature Center, Virginia Wildlife Habitats, and Children's Farm. A new state-of-the-art Nature and Visitor Center will open this summer. The grounds are open free of charge year round and there is a full calendar of public programs and educational classes and tours for school children.