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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**ELLWANGER GARDEN CELEBRATES 150 YEARS  
OPEN TO PUBLIC WEEKENDS DURING LILAC FESTIVAL**

ROCHESTER, NY May 4, 2017 —The Ellwanger Garden, brimming with rare and beautiful perennials, is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and is open to the public during the Lilac Festival weekends. Located at 625 Mt. Hope Avenue, Rochester’s “secret garden” is maintained by The Landmark Society of Western New York. There are few other sites in Rochester or New York State where you can see such a wide variety of flowers in a relatively compact garden, including rare and historic varieties.

The garden will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Lilac Festival weekends of May 13-14 and 20-21. Look for signs directing to nearby off-site parking. Admission is free; a suggested \$5 donation is appreciated to help maintain the Garden.

***About The Landmark Society:** The Landmark Society of Western New York, Inc. is one of the oldest and most active preservation organizations in America, serving nine Western New York counties. Formed in 1937, The Landmark Society continues to protect the unique architectural heritage of our region and promote preservation and planning principles that foster healthy and sustainable communities. For additional information about The Landmark Society, visit [www.landmarksociety.org](http://www.landmarksociety.org). The Landmark Society is supported in part by New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.*