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**LANDMARK SOCIETY HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR:
WELCOMES YOU TO MT. HOPE – HIGHLAND HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD**

ROCHESTER, NY May 7, 2014 —Visit some of the most fascinating homes in the Mt. Hope-Highland Historic Neighborhood on The Landmark Society of Western New York's 44th Annual House and Garden Tour set for Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8, 2014. The tour runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Highlights include everything from the palatial Patrick Barry mansion to charming Arts and Crafts bungalows. Ten private homes will be open.

"This year's tour is in a familiar neighborhood that's been a retreat for recreation and reflection for over 150 years," said Cindy Boyer, Landmark Society Director of Public Programs. "It's a place where our horticultural history and our ancestors have been planted and a destination for flower lovers from around the world. The 2014 House and Garden Tour is an opportunity to be more than casual visitor, as residents of the Mt Hope-Highland historic neighborhood welcome you into their homes."

Advance tickets for Landmark Society members are \$18, and \$22 for nonmembers. On the days of the tour, tickets for all will be \$25, if we are not sold out. Tickets are available online or by calling (585) 546-7029 x11. Nonmember tickets may also be purchased at [Parkleigh](#), corner of Park Avenue and Goodman Street

Each ticket booklet provides a map, descriptions of the house, and admission to each home for one visit. You may go in any order, at your own pace – you can even choose to visit some houses on Saturday and others on Sunday. This gives you the opportunity to stroll the neighborhood,

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stop for coffee or lunch, or perhaps take one of the Friends of Mt. Hope Cemetery tours. You can even tour [Lamberton Conservatory](#) – Monroe County is graciously providing us the Conservatory as tour headquarters.

Features of the tour include:

- *There's everything from the palatial Patrick Barry mansion on Mt Hope Avenue to charming bungalows nestled on hidden streets in the "highlands" of the area. The houses range from the mid 19th century to the early 20th century. Many (if not all) of them are architect-designed, so you can expect to see artistic use of space and light, and a plethora of fine detail. You will enjoy many original details, lovingly restored finishes, recreated historic kitchen cabinets, and wood trim that glows with the patina of time. Style influences include Italian Villa, arts and crafts, bungalow and colonial revival.*
- *Two of the houses have newer additions that enhance the historic character of the home. It's a good reminder that being stewards of an older home does not mean keeping everything exactly as when it was built.*
- *The gardens will not disappoint, either. Since this area was home to the Ellwanger and Barry Nursery – the largest horticultural nursery in 19th century – it's particularly fitting that the residents' gardens uphold that tradition. Some of the treats in store: lush perennial gardens; a beautifully landscaped pool; an innovative sliding fence that transforms the upper drive to a patio; the historic grounds of the Ellwanger and Barry Nursery; a "pocket waterfall;" a lovely backyard crafted from a former "dump." Our historic Ellwanger Garden, with its rare blooms, will also be part of the tour.*

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. 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.*