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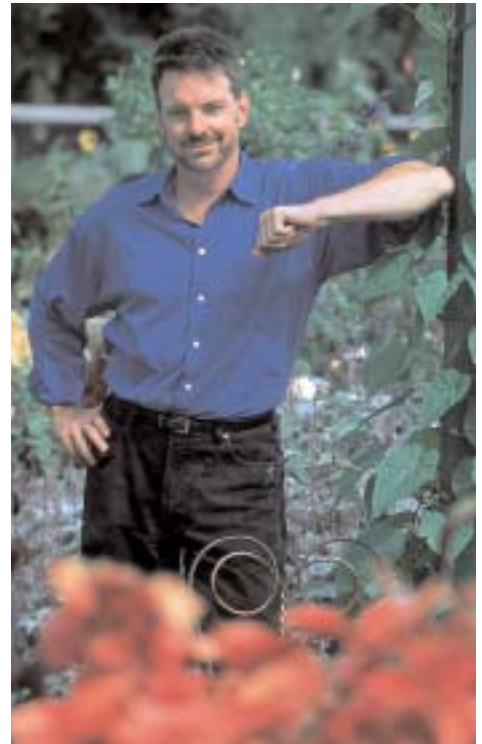
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Louis Raymond To Open 2005 Newport Flower Show

Hopkinton, RI...Master landscape designer Louis Raymond, principal of Renaissance Gardening Ltd., has been engaged to present the debut lecture on opening day of the 10th annual Newport Flower Show, New England's most elegant horticulture display, sponsored by The Preservation Society of Newport County. The show, the only one of its kind in the nation held during the summer season, is scheduled for Friday, June 24th through Sunday, June 26th. In order to accommodate the steadily growing audience of flower aficionados and gardening enthusiasts, the show has, for the first time, been extended to three days.

Scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on June 24th, at Rosecliff, Louis' lecture, entitled "The Show Must Go On: Confessions of an Exhibitionist," is his most personal and revealing in a repertory of 15 lectures. A thoroughly entertaining discourse on his formative years, spent germinating, nurturing and glorying in all manner of horticulture, Louis will charm, amuse and edify the Newport audience with tales of his subsequent exhibiting, volunteering, judging, staging, managing and designing for flower shows, exhibitions, show houses and garden tours throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Commenting on his appearance at the Newport Flower Show, Louis noted, "It's a pleasure to return to this prestigious venue, where I've always found the audiences to be welcoming and sophisticated. I'm really thrilled to be a part of the Preservation Society's 60th anniversary, and the Newport Flower Show's 10th anniversary—it's a privilege to participate in this horticultural history."



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Louis is a frequent guest lecturer for horticultural societies, museums, garden clubs, civic organizations, arboretum societies and theater associations—everywhere people gather to learn about and celebrate gardens and gardening. Louis' profound horticultural and historical knowledge and his perceptive sociological insights result in witty, compelling discourses on the variegated glories and peculiarities of landscaping throughout history and across class.

Renaissance Gardening® Ltd. is a full-service landscape design company committed to enhancing the natural beauty of outdoor living environments. By achieving balance among design, horticulture and hardscaping, Renaissance Gardening creates landscapes that satisfy clients' needs and preferences for functionality and aesthetics, and enrich the lives of those who experience them. From offices in Hopkinton, RI and New York, NY, Renaissance Gardening serves an international clientele whose properties range from country estates to urban terraces.

For more information on Louis Raymond and Renaissance Gardening, please visit www.rgarden.com, or contact Katerina Caterisano, Public Relations Director, Network Design and Communications; phone: 212/431-4675; fax: 212/431-5786; email: Kat@networknyc.com. For tickets to Louis Raymond's lecture on Friday, June 24th, visit www.newportflowershow.com.

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