



March 12, 2003

Dear Friends,

It is our pleasure to inform you of the third annual Barrington Country Garden Faire to be held June 20 and 21. The Faire is sponsored by Hands of Hope, a non-profit organization dedicated to the critical needs of women and children around the world who face disease, poverty, and persecution. Founded in 1999, Hands of Hope's current focus is the far-reaching impact of HIV/AIDS in Africa. We advocate and fund effective strategies to combat the spread and impact of AIDS, such as educational programs, economic opportunities and job training for women, and services that address the needs of orphans.

Guests of the Garden Faire will be invited to stroll through three exceptional Barrington Hills garden properties, including the elegant grounds of an English Garden. There they will enjoy shopping in the French Market for fine items from antiques to architectural artifacts, as well as browsing at the Avant Garden, filled with delightful vintage items. Music, entertainment, lunch, and refreshments will be available at the Faire's own outdoor restaurant. Garden party vignettes, art, sculpture, and garden workshops further add to the attractions.

How can you help? We would greatly appreciate an announcement at your next meeting so that your members can mark their calendars and save the date. If you have a club newsletter, perhaps you could publish the date also. Please include:

The Barrington Country Garden Faire
Friday & Saturday, June 20 & 21
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We will be sending you detailed information for distribution to your members, friends, family and other gardening enthusiasts when it becomes available later this spring. We would also be happy to attend an upcoming meeting to personally invite your members and briefly share the details of the event. For questions or further information, please contact Margo Barnett at 847-550-9520 or Amy Sauer at 847-382-8155 or AHSauer1@aol.com.

Thank you for your help!

Sincerely,

Margo Barnett and Amy Sauer
Community Relations