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### **Village and Hillside: Unique Gardens of Warner, NH**

Newbury, NH — The Fells 2010 Garden Tour will take place on Saturday, July 17 from 9am to 3pm in the delightful village of Warner. The Fells is proud to bring this biannual event to Warner where ten enthusiastic gardeners will open their private gardens to the public for the day. Most of these unique gardens have been conceived, planted, and maintained by the owners. In addition, one historic home, a former tavern, will be open for viewing.

From a garden “among the rocks,” to an artist’s garden full of color, to a variety of themed gardens at one home, there is a wonderful palette of styles to which the home gardener can relate. The two gardens in the “downtown” village area are beautifully set and meticulously maintained. Another garden, high on a hill, provides gorgeous views of the Mink Hills around Warner. With the growing interest in vegetable gardens many will be thrilled to see an organic vegetable garden on the tour.

Strolling through the historic Waterloo district of Warner, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, visitors will see three wonderful gardens, two of which are nestled into the slope of the land, leading down to the Warner River. The old railway station, just across the covered bridge, is worth a detour, and there is a lovely walking trail along the river to be explored. Paul Proulx will speak on the history of the people and politics of Waterloo at the tavern at 10:30am and 1:30pm. Paul is a Waterloo resident, history buff and the moving

force behind the district's prestigious historic designation. A summer tea will be served at the tavern at 1:30pm.

This garden tour is a major fundraising event for The Fells, a historic summer estate with its own beautiful gardens located on Lake Sunapee in Newbury. The non-profit organization of the same name maintains a 22-room Colonial Revival house as well as many renowned gardens. The Fells was the summer home of Secretary of State John Hay and the gardens includes a 100-year-old "Old Garden" in the woods, an expansive alpine rock garden and other wonderful horticultural gems. Proceeds from the garden tour will help care for the property and support educational programming in history, horticulture and ecology. Tickets will be available in advance for \$20 at Morgan Hill Bookstore in New London, Main Street Bookends in Warner, The Fells in Newbury and online at [www.thefells.org](http://www.thefells.org). Tickets are \$25 the day of the tour and can be purchased at Garden Tour headquarters located at the Telephone Museum, 22 East Main Street, Warner. For more information call 603-763-4789 x3 or visit [www.thefells.org](http://www.thefells.org)