Fairfield Garden Club hosts Flower Show at Fairfield University Store

The Fairfield Garden Club Presents "Home Sweet Home: Back to Nature" on May 1 & 2

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The Fairfield Garden Club presents **"Home Sweet Home: Back to Nature,"** A Garden Club of America Flower Show, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 1 & 2, at the Fairfield University Bookstore, Second Story, 1499 Post Road, Fairfield, CT. The event is free and open to the public. As gardeners embrace "back-to-nature" activities across garden clubs today, the FGC follows in the footsteps of Mabel Osgood Wright, whose movement helped shape America's environmental consciousness at the turn of the 20th century. Wright was a pioneering conservationist - founding the Audubon Society of Connecticut, serving as a leader in the National Audubon Society, and establishing the Birdcraft Sanctuary in Fairfield, Connecticut, a

landmark model for wildlife and habitat preservation across the country. Her work in conservation and environmental education truly helped shape the landscape of American ecological awareness.

The Birdcraft Sanctuary she established was ahead of its time, providing a space where wildlife could thrive and people could connect with nature - a vision that remains deeply relevant today. Beyond her environmental leadership, Wright was a prolific author, publishing twenty-seven works of fiction and non-fiction. She contributed significantly to Bird-Lore magazine (now Audubon) as an associate editor for over a decade and excelled as a landscape photographer.

In 1915, she founded the Fairfield Garden Club with 25 charter members, creating a legacy that endures today. The club's 150+ members remain inspired by her vision as part of the Garden Club of America, a nationwide organization encompassing 200 clubs and approximately 18,000 members. It's inspiring to see how the Fairfield Garden Club continues her legacy, fostering community and environmental stewardship. We honor Mabel Osgood Wright in our Home Sweet Home Flower Show Schedule with her timely quotes from The Friendship of Nature: A New England Chronicle of Birds and Flowers, originally published in 1894. Honoring her in this way is such a fitting tribute. Her words, rooted in a deep appreciation for the natural world, remind us to slow down and cherish the beauty around us.

For more information about the Fairfield Garden Club and a full schedule of **Home Sweet Home: Back to Nature**, visit thefairfieldgardenclub.org.