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**LOCALS JOURNEY THROUGH THE TRANSFORMATIONS  
OF BOSTON'S PUBLIC GREEN SPACES**

*BOSTON'S GARDENS & GREEN SPACES* by Meg Muckenhoupt

**BOSTON, MA**—This June, Meg Muckenhoupt, author of *Boston's Gardens & Green Spaces* (April 2010, Union Park Press), and Maryglenn Vincens, founder of Boston Your Way Premium Private Tours ([www.bostonyourway.com](http://www.bostonyourway.com)), will team up for three exclusive walking tours through Green Boston, past and present. Inspired by Muckenhoupt's beautiful new book, *Boston's Gardens & Green Spaces*, Muckenhoupt and Vincens will examine how Boston's shifting landscape and coastline have shaped the city's ever-expanding network of public spaces.

Muckenhoupt says, "Boston's landscape has changed dramatically in the last decade—yet most guide books mention the Emerald Necklace and stop there, as though the city stopped changing in 1890. These tours, like *Boston's Gardens & Green Spaces*, recognize and celebrate the variety of Boston's green spaces—historical and contemporary."

Tours will include innovative and sometimes controversial public spaces along the waterfront, the lively community gardens of the Fenway, and Boston's genteel Public Garden and the Esplanade. As Muckenhoupt and Vincens delve into the history of these sites, some of which were once sewage-infested swamps, they will aim to reveal how, more often than not, Boston's most celebrated public spaces are the result of prior mismanagement, or the need to create additional land in and around the city.

Vincens says, "Longtime locals often take my tours with out-of-towners, certain that they know the city inside and out. But as they quickly learn, Boston's history and changing landscape make for endless new discoveries."

Tours are open to the public. Reservations are required. EACH TOUR IS LIMITED TO 25 PEOPLE. Tickets include a signed copy of *Boston's Gardens & Green Spaces* and a complimentary tea at some of Boston's finest café's and restaurants. For more information and to reserve tickets, go to [www.unionparkpress.com](http://www.unionparkpress.com).

**TOURS, TIMES, AND DATES**

***The Big Dig: Boston Blasts, Builds, and Reconnects***

Sunday, 6/13/10, 1pm-3pm, \$50 per person

Tour Meeting Point: Beech Street Gate (Closest MBTA stations: South Station or Chinatown)

Tour End Point: Barbara Lynch's Sportello, 348 Congress Street, [www.sportelloboston.com](http://www.sportelloboston.com)

***Evolution of Boston Proper: From Puritan Functionality to Modern Day Leisure***

Sunday, 6/20/10, 1pm-3pm, \$50 per person

Tour Meeting Point: Boston Common, corner of Tremont and Park Street in front of the Blackstone Plaque

(Closest MBTA Stations: Park Street or Downtown Crossing)

Tour End Point: TBD

***The Fenway: Land Conflicts, Commitments, and Community Gardens***

Sunday, 6/27/10, 1pm-3pm, \$50 per person

Tour Meeting Point: Outside the Mary Baker Eddy Library (Closest MBTA Stations: Hynes Convention Center or Prudential)

Tour End Point: TBD