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**“WINTER INTO SPRING”
WITH PAM BECK
Award-Winning Garden Writer, Author, Photographer
10 AM FREE Saturday, February 13**

New Bern, NC --- As the days warm and lengthen during spring, drab winter landscapes give way to the riot of spring bulbs, awakening grassy lawns, beloved small ornamental trees, and blooming shrubs. New shades of green, white, purple, pink and gold burst onto the scene in our gardens. This is a time of transition we anxiously anticipate all winter long.

On Saturday, February 13, Pam Beck will be the guest speaker at Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens. Beck is an award-winning freelance garden writer, photographer, and popular lecturer. She is also a co-author of the book, BEST GARDEN PLANTS FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Pam regularly contributes her articles and photographs to *Carolina Gardener Magazine*. She has been writing for *CG* since 1993; and, she received a national “Silver Award for

Magazine Writing for 2006” from the Garden Writers Association of America for her May 2005 article titled “*For the Love of Magnolias.*”

Pam was a regular gardening columnist for Raleigh’s *News & Observer*. She was honored by the *N&O* as “Tarheel of the Week” in May 1997 for her tree conservation work in Wake Forest, N.C.

Her garden photography can be enjoyed in national and regional gardening books; she is a local garden scout and stylist for *Better Homes & Gardens Magazine*; and, she served on the Board of Advisors of the J C Raulston Arboretum in Raleigh, North Carolina and currently serves on the board for the Arboretum at Johnston Community College.

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Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens’ mission is to engage present and future generations in the history of North Carolina from early settlement and development of statehood through the mid-twentieth century by collecting, interpreting and preserving objects, buildings, landscapes and events that enrich understanding of the making of our state and nation. The North Carolina History Education Center complements and enhances this mission.

Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens, located in New Bern, N.C., is part of the Office of Archives and History, an agency of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources. The Department of Cultural Resources is a state agency dedicated to the promotion and protection of North Carolina’s arts, history, and culture. For more information, visit www.ncculture.com.

Buildings currently open to the public include the reconstructed Palace, the John Wright Stanly House, the George W. Dixon House, and the Robert Hay House. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Last tours begin at 4 p.m. The New Bern Academy Museum is closed until March 2010, but is open for group tours. Tickets and tour information is available at the Visitor Center located at the corner of George and Pollock streets.

The visitor center and the first floor of the Palace and gardens are accessible to visitors with disabilities. The North Carolina History Education Center is under construction and is scheduled to open in July 2010.

For directions and further information about special events, programs or group tours, phone (800) 767-1560 or (252) 514-4900 or visit our web site: www.tryonpalace.org.