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**SHOWCASING SUFFOLK'S "BRIDLES AND BLOOMS"**  
*~ Historic Garden Week ~*

SUFFOLK, VA (March 3, 2011) For the first time in organizers' memory, the traditional Historic Garden Day in Suffolk has swapped the last Friday in April in exchange for a breezy Sunday afternoon, to showcase "Bridles and Blooms: A Home, Garden and Stable Tour." In honor of the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Historic Garden Week in Virginia, The Nansemond River Garden Club is hosting a garden- and equestrian-themed tour of four prominent Suffolk farms. From noon until 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 17, 2011, visitors will enjoy the beautifully landscaped grounds of sprawling farmlands complete with horses and stables. Each well-appointed home offers a different perspective on architecture and décor, some boasting unique antique and art collections, while others exemplify the eclectic nature of the owners. This family-friendly tour will include equestrian demonstrations and events. Tickets are \$25 if purchased before April 3<sup>rd</sup> and \$30 after; \$15 for children ages 6 to 12; children five and younger are free. Tickets are available at The Suffolk Visitor Center, A. Dodson's, Smithfield-Isle of Wight Convention and Visitors Bureau and at each home on tour day. Online ticket purchases may be made at [vagardenweek.org](http://vagardenweek.org).

**Bridles & Blooms tour features:**

**Bridlewood Farm Equestrian Center**, 2601 Nansemond Parkway. *A complete equestrian community, Bridlewood boasts 63 acres of open pasture, riding and walking trails, plus a professionally-managed, state-of-the-art boarding and riding facility.*

**Carysbend Farm**, 945 King's Fork Road. *A contemporary house located on 40 pristine acres in the heart of rural residential Suffolk. This full-service training and lesson facility caters to Arabian and Half-Arabian show horses and features a 20-stall barn.*

**Indian Point Farm**, 821 King's Fork Road. *This homestead dates back to 1779 and has been named Indian Point after the Nansemond Indians were rumored to have traded at the back of the riverfront property. The original home features a 4,000 square-foot addition as well as a 32-stall stable.*

**Windy River Farm**, 1720 King's Highway. *This attractive rustic contemporary-style home crests a bluff on 14 acres overlooking the Nansemond River. Once home to a peanut farm, this property is now home to champion show horses and a 12-stall stable.*

Historic Garden Week in Suffolk is produced by The Nansemond River Garden Club. The 2011 Tour Chairman is Mrs. Betty Delk and Mrs. Stephe Broadwater serves as Tour Co-Chairman and Ticket Sales Chairman. For general tour information, contact the Suffolk Visitor Center at (757) 514-4130 or visit [Suffolk-Fun.com](http://Suffolk-Fun.com).

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