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Miss Laura Gilpin,  
317 Cheyenne Road,  
Colorado Springs, Colo.

My dear Miss Gilpin,

"Gardens on Parade" at the New York World's Fair is planning a series of exhibits and competitions in horticultural photography for the 1940 season and it is our aim to present an invitational salon during the month of September which will include only the outstanding pictorialists in flower, tree and garden photography.

To assure the invited photographer that this salon will be of pictorial excellence in addition to its horticultural interest, we are inviting five outstanding American pictorialists to act on our advisory board and we shall feel honored if you will accept our invitation to serve in this capacity. Because we wish you to serve in an honorary capacity and not overburden you with detailed work, the New York committee will attend to all details, but would deeply appreciate any suggestions you may have, especially the names of a few pictorial photographers who are doing particularly good garden or flower work.

We hope that we may have the pleasure of seeing you some time during the season if you are in New York. As we are hoping to issue our invitations very shortly, we should greatly appreciate a prompt reply.

Very sincerely yours,

*Miriam Phair Rhine*

Mrs. Earle S. Rhine,  
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