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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Momento Launches Summer Collection of Textile Art for the Home**

**Founder Robin Getsug Taple Collaborates with Award-winning Poet and Mystery Writer Mary Logue on the “Texture of the Garden” Artist Series**

#### **Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Hosts “Garden Collages: Poems & Textiles” Workshop**

**SAINT PAUL, Minn., May 18, 2005** – The Summer collection of a new signature line of mixed media collage and fine art accessories for the home was announced today by Momento, adding to its extensive portfolio that is inspired by beauty and memory. Additionally, Momento founder and president, Robin Getsug Taple, is collaborating with award-winning poet and author, Mary Logue, on a on a local Twin Cities artist series entitled the “Texture of the Garden” which explores the poetic nature of the garden.

Full of vibrant colors and richly textured fabrics and collaged with images of nature and the garden, the Momento Summer Collection includes several poems from Mary Logue’s second book of poems, *Settling*, as well as her newest collection of poetry that was just released, *Meticulous Attachment*.

One of the primary garden images in the Momento Summer Collection, commissioned for the cover of Logue’s book of poetry, is a Monarch Butterfly by Joe Hautman, the award-winning wildlife and nature portrait artist of the Hautman Brothers whose work includes the prestigious Federal Duck Stamp.

Momento’s Summer Collection includes hand-crafted pillows, sachets, mixed media collage, wall hangings, and linens. The new collection can be found at local galleries and retailers listed on [www.momentoinc.com](http://www.momentoinc.com).

“This collaboration around the garden has taken on a life of its own,” said Taple. “The strength and depth of Mary’s words—collaged with the textile art of the Momento Summer Collection—speak to the beauty of the garden and nature on many levels. The energy and interest in our artistic collaboration has been very exciting.”

“Often Robin doesn't choose the obvious image. She seeks a deeper meaning. It is interesting as a poet to see how a reader sees your work,” Logue says. “I feel she really brings it to another level.”

**“Texture of the Garden” Artist Series:  
Garden Collages Poems and Textiles Workshop Hosted by  
MN Landscape Arboretum**

The “Texture of the Garden” artist series is collaboration between Taple and Logue that explores the poetic subject of the garden. ‘The Texture of the Garden’ series includes a workshop, entitled “Garden Collages: Poems and Textiles,” taught by Taple and Logue at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum on August 20 as well as several collaborative readings and art showings, including:

- Girls Night Out at the Seasons on St. Croix Gallery in Hudson, WI (May 12)
- Best of Times Bookstore in Redwing, MN (June 4)
- Artful Belongings in St. Paul, MN (June 9)
- Stockholm Art Fair in Stockholm, WI (July 16)

The Momento Summer Collection also will be showcased at Pull Out a Plum Salon & Gallery at the Edina Art Fair (June 3-5) and Wallflower’s Summer Boutique sale in Hopkins (June 3-5).

**About Momento**

The Momento Collection is inspired by Robin Getsug Taple, who founded Momento in 2003 after 20 years in the field of design. Momento’s collection of fine art accessories for the home is designed in the art of collage—combining photography, art, poetry, and prose—wrapped within elegant fabrics, beads, buttons, textures, and trimmings. The Momento pieces include handcrafted pillows, sachets, fine linens, mixed media collage and other exquisite art for the home.

Pieces from the Momento Collection have been featured in the Minneapolis *Star Tribune*, *Midwest Home & Garden*, the *Villager*, and the *Red Wing Republican Eagle*. Momento Collection pieces also have been showcased in the 2004 and 2005 ASID Showcase Homes.

In addition to working with Mary Logue, Taple’s Momento collaborations include the works of fine art photographer Don Getsug, whose work has been included in *TIME*, *National Geographic*, and *LIFE*, as well as fiber artist Sara Langworthy, who has worked as a theatrical costumer for 20 years and is the owner of Sown in the Heartland.

Momento's fine art accessories for the home, including custom pieces, can be found at local galleries and retailers. For more information, visit [www.momentoinc.com](http://www.momentoinc.com).

### **About Mary Logue**

Award-winning poet and mystery writer Mary Logue has published six mysteries—*Red Lake of the Heart*, *Still Explosion*, and four in the Claire Watkins series: *Blood Country*, *Dark Coulee*, *Glare Ice*, and *Bone Harvest*. *Dark Coulee* won the Minnesota Book Award for Popular Fiction in 2000. Her next Claire Watkins mystery, *Poison Heart*, is forthcoming in 2005. *Snatched*, first in a series of young-adult mysteries co-authored with Pete Hautman, will be published in fall 2005 by Putnam. Logue also has published two collections of poetry *Discriminating Evidence* and *Settling*, and her third, *Meticulous Attachment*, which was just released. Her other publishing credits include a book about her grandmother, *Halfway Home*, and nine children's books, including young adult novel *Dancing with an Alien*. She has taught writing at The Loft in Minneapolis and Hamline University in St. Paul for many years, and has served as an editor for book publishers, journals, and magazines. Her reviews, opinion pieces, and articles have appeared in publications as diverse as *Village Voice*, *Minnesota Monthly*, *Hungry Mind Review*, *American Quilter Magazine*, and the *New York Times*. For more information, go to <http://www.midlist.org>.

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