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Green Living Festival Comes to the Domes

Celebrating six years of green living!

Milwaukee, WI (April 9, 2013) – The sixth annual Green Living Festival brings demonstrations, talks, and activities for the kids – all centered on healthy strategies and sustainability – to the Mitchell Park Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd., Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Mitchell Park Domes and Wehr Nature Center have worked together to present an expanded program this year with highlights that include a “fashion experience” and performances by Kohl’s Wild Theater.

The “fashion experience” is more than a fashion show. From noon until 1:30 p.m., 12 models will walk among the crowd, giving visitors the opportunity to see, up-close, the fiber art of the 2012 Pfister’s Artist in Residence, Timothy Westbrook. Westbrook weaves organic and repurposed materials, such as cassette tapes, into cloth that he transforms into fashions on a treadle sewing machine. Both the weaving and sewing use no electricity.

Kohl’s Wild Theater will present the Kids’ Jamboree, three interactive 10-minute skits at 3 p.m. “The Biodiversity Pep Rally” will encourage the audience to cheer for all forms of life, “The Bachelor-Pette” will be in a game-show format and will focus on good decision-making when choosing a pet, and “The Trash Monster” will teach about the importance of picking up trash and recycling.

Other special programs include “Grow Your Own Tomatoes,” a 10 a.m. session in which visitors plant seeds for the summertime fruit; “Easy to be Green – Non-toxic Living in Your Home,” a 10:30 a.m. talk by Lisa Gorelick, a registered nurse who has studied chemical sensitivity; and “Easy Earth-Healthy Eating,” a 1:30 p.m. demonstration on healthy food choices and preparation by Carolyn Carter and Sarah Philipp.

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Ongoing activities include the offerings of over 50 organizations. Visitors will see Cream City hens; Joey Nelson's furniture made from fallen trees and using historic joining techniques; earth-friendly fair-trade vendors; exotic birds; demonstrations of food, clothes, solar energy, tree care, and home- and personal-care products. In addition, a video display will show the making of the green roof at The Domes, the first green roof in the Milwaukee County Parks.

To relax and to see the current construction of the new greenhouse complex, visitors may take a ride around the grounds with the pedal-powered Cream City Rickshaw Rides (tips are appreciated).

Kids' activities include papermaking with embedded seeds for one-of-a-kind Mother's Day cards; face-painting; a scavenger hunt; creating glittery, repurposed T-shirt headbands; and making souvenir Green Living Festival buttons.

Healthy grab-and-go food from Outpost Natural Foods and Caroline's Raw Cuisine will be available for purchase.

While at the Green Living Festival, visitors are encouraged to tour the current floral show, "Blue Bayou," featuring hydrangeas, lilies, and tulips.

Regular admission rates apply; Adults, \$6.50; Youth, age 6-17, \$5.00; Children, age 5 & under, free; Seniors with proof of Milwaukee County Residency, \$5.00; College Students with school ID, \$5.00; and Friends of The Domes member, Free. For more information visit countyparks.com or call (414) 257-5600.

Volunteer opportunities are available for ages 16 and up. For details on volunteering, call (414) 257-5603.

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