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Mother's Day Weekend in the Milwaukee County Parks

Milwaukee, WI (April 18, 2013) Mother's Day will be celebrated at Wehr Nature Center, Boerner Botanical Gardens, The Mitchell Park Domes, and the eight regulation golf courses on Saturday, May 11 and Sunday, May 12.

The weekend starts with the annual Mother's Day Native Plant Sale at Wehr Nature Center, 9701 W. College Ave. Plants from a local nursery will be on sale, both Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Items for sale include spring ephemerals, prairie plants, woodland plants, and wetland plant species. An early-order form is available online to help ensure, but not guarantee, selection. The form is due Thursday, April 25 at 4:30 p.m. Sunday morning, "Birding with Paul" starts the day at 7:30 a.m. Both beginning and experienced birders are welcomed on the prime-time hike for viewing colorful migratory birds, such as the warblers. The regular \$3 parking fee includes admission to the Nature Center and the plant sale. For more information, call Wehr at (414) 425-8550.

A Sunday Mother's Day Brunch will be offered at Boerner Botanical Gardens, 9400 Boerner Drive, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The Bartolotta Catering Company's brunch will include stations for appetizers, carved meats, omelets, waffles and French toast, and desserts. The price for ages 13 and up is \$35.95; the price for children (ages 3-12) is \$15.95. For reservations, call (414) 525-5635.

The Botanical Gardens are open for visitors to discover early spring blooms. Wildflowers, spring bulbs, magnolias, and daffodils are followed by forsythias, tulips, and flowering trees. Admission to the Botanical Gardens for ages 18 & up is \$5; persons of any age with a disability or with a student photo ID, \$4; Milwaukee County senior age 60 and up with proof of residency, \$4; and children age 6-17, \$3.

Also at the Botanical Gardens on Sunday is "Mother's Day at Boerner," 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The program features storytime with children's author and illustrator Lois Ehlert. Children will also make a craft and pot a plant to take home. The fee is \$6 per child. For more information, go to boernerbotanicalgardens.org or call the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens at (414) 525-5661.

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On Sunday, the Mitchell Park Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd., offers the spring floral show, “Blue Bayou,” 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The show features a white gazebo, with Mardi Gras décor, surrounded by blue hydrangeas, tulips, lilies, and other spring flowers. The Domes Resident Pianist, Jim William Mooney, will perform, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and the Children's Choir of Waukesha will perform, 1-2:30 p.m.

Also on Sunday is the “Jewelry is Fun Fair,” a fundraising event of the Friends of The Domes. The fair features a selection of jewelry and accessories priced at \$5.99. Items include rings, bracelets, necklaces, scarves, tote bags, and more.

Regular admission to The Domes includes the jewelry fair. The rate for ages 18 and up is \$6.50; Milwaukee County senior age 60 and up with proof of residency, \$5; person with disability, \$5; student with photo ID, \$5; and ages 6–17, \$5. For more information, call the Mitchell Park Domes at (414) 257-5600.

“Get Mom into the Swing of Things,” a free round and golf-car special, will be offered at eight golf courses, Sunday, for tee times after 1 p.m. To receive the special offer, children, spouses, or friends purchase a round and single-rider golf car, and a mother golfs and rides for free. The offer is available at golf courses at Brown Deer, 7625 N. Range Line Rd.; Dretzka, 12020 W. Bradley Rd.; Oakwood, 3600 W. Oakwood Rd.; Whitnall, 6751 S. 92 St.; Currie, 3535 N. Mayfair Rd.; Grant, 100 E. Hawthorne Ave; Greenfield, 12035 W. Greenfield Ave.; and Lincoln, 1000 W. Hampton Ave. For more information, call the Milwaukee County Parks Golf Office at (414) 257-8024. For reservations, call (414) 475-6222 or visit countyparks.com and follow the golf links.

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