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Boerner Botanical Gardens Opens for the Season

National Public Gardens Day Coming Soon

Milwaukee, WI - (April 21, 2014) Boerner Botanical Gardens will officially open for the season, Monday, April 28 at 8 a.m. The Botanical Gardens, "Milwaukee's Living Museum," is located in Whitnall Park at 9400 Boerner Drive.

"From skunk cabbage and buttercups along the Bog Walk, to crocuses and daffodils in the Perennial Borders, to Spring Beauty and other early wildflowers in the Rock Garden, the Gardens are coming alive!" said Shirley Dommer Walczak, Gardens Director.

April 28 also marks the opening of the Gift Shop, operated by the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens, Nells Café, operated by Zilli Hospitality Group, and the UW-Extension Horticultural Answer Hotline, staffed by Master Gardeners. Master Gardeners will be available to answer questions, in person, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

For the upcoming celebration of National Public Gardens Day, Friday, May 9, flowering shrubs and trees and additional early-blooming spring bulbs should be in bloom. The Botanical Gardens will participate in the celebration by offering a "buy one admission, get one free" promotion and a \$10 discount on Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens memberships.

During the celebration, plenty of learning opportunities will be available from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Horticultural staff at the Botanical Gardens will introduce the public to the Gardens through one-hour walks at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2 p.m. Master Gardeners will be available in the Education and Visitor Center Atrium to answer questions, and members of garden clubs and plant societies will have tables set up in the gardens near their plants of special interest.

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The purpose of National Public Gardens Day is to raise awareness of the important role botanical gardens and arboreta play in promoting environmental stewardship, plant and water conservation, green spaces, and education in communities nationwide. The event is presented by the American Public Gardens Association.

Regular admission to the Botanical Gardens is \$5 per adult; \$4 per person with disability, Milwaukee County Senior with ID (age 60+), or student of any age with ID; and \$3 per youth (age 6-17).

To receive the discounted admission on National Public Gardens Day, visitors to the Botanical Gardens must print the coupon available at <http://nationalpublicgardensday.org/content/boerner-botanical-gardens>

“There’s nothing like the bloom of forsythia to announce that spring has finally arrived!” said Dommer Walczak.

For more information, call Boerner Botanical Gardens at (414) 525-5601 or visit countyparks.com

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