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For Immediate Release:

## Mother's Day Weekend in the Milwaukee County Parks

Milwaukee, WI (April 29, 2015) – From birding to wildflower walks, the Milwaukee County Parks are offering a variety of activities with Mom in mind, Mother's Day Weekend, May 9 and 10.

### Wehr Nature Center

The weekend starts with the annual Mother's Day Native Plant Sale at Wehr Nature Center, located at 9701 W. College Ave. Plants from a local nursery will be on sale, both Saturday and Sunday, from 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Items for sale include spring ephemerals, prairie plants, woodland plants, and wetland plant species.

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 \$3 parking fee includes admission to the Nature Center and the programs. For more information, call Wehr at (414) 425-8550.

### Boerner Botanical Gardens

The Boerner Botanical Gardens is open for visitors to discover early spring blooms, from 8 a.m.-dusk, at 9400 Boerner Drive. Wildflowers, spring bulbs, magnolias, and daffodils are followed by forsythias, tulips, and flowering trees. Regular admission to the Botanical Gardens is \$5.50 for adults age 18 and up; \$4.50 for students of any age with IDs, Milwaukee County seniors age 60 and up with IDs, and people with disabilities; and \$3.50 for youths age 6-17. Admission to the gardens requires wearing the official daily wristband. For more information, call the Botanical Gardens at (414) 525-5601.

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Also on Sunday, from 10 a.m. –2 p.m., Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens invite the community to celebrate “Mother’s Day Family Event.” Children can make and take gifts for their mothers and grandmothers and enjoy live music by local vocalist/pianist, Julie Ruka. From 11 a.m. –1 p.m., children can listen to popular author, Lois Ehlert as she reads from *Ten Little Caterpillars* and *Waiting for Wings*. Children may also bring their books for Ehlert’s booksigning. The event fee is \$6 per child; free for the children of Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens members. Accompanying adults and children age 2 and under are admitted free. For more information, call the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens at (414) 525-5656.

### **The Mitchell Park Domes**

On Sunday, the Mitchell Park Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd., offers the spring floral show, “That’s Amore!” from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. The show features Mediterranean herbs and scented geraniums, surrounding a rustic courtyard in the Italian countryside. The setting provides a beautiful backdrop for casual family photos with Mom and Grandma. The Domes Resident Pianist, Jim William Mooney, will perform from 11 a.m. –1 p.m.

Also on Sunday is the “Jewelry is Fun Show,” a fundraising event of the Friends of the Domes. The fair features a selection of jewelry and accessories all 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 \$7; Milwaukee County senior age 60 and up with proof of residency, person or any age with disability or student photo ID, and ages 6–17, \$5. For more information, call the Mitchell Park Domes at (414) 257-5600.

### **Lake Park**

Mary Schley and other members of the Lake Park Friends will lead a free Mother’s Day wildflower walk on Sunday, from 1–2:30 p.m., through Lake Park. The park, designed by Frederick Law Olmsted—the same landscape architect who designed Central Park in New York—was voted Milwaukee’s favorite park two years in a row. The walk will start at the warming house located in the northern part of the park at 2975 N. Lake Park Road. Leaders will point out the reemergence of wildflowers and newly placed plants. For more information, call (414) 962-1680.

For more information about the Milwaukee County Parks, call (414) 257-PARK (7275) or visit [countyparks.com](http://countyparks.com).

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