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**MEDIA ALERT**  
**“First Tuesdays at The Gardens” Begins Tomorrow**  
*Free Day for Milwaukee County Residents with Proof of Residency*

WHO: Milwaukee County Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture

WHAT: “First Tuesdays at The Gardens,” a free day for Milwaukee County Residents with proof of residency.

WHEN: Tuesday, May 5, 2015, from 8 a.m.–6 p.m.

WHERE: Boerner Botanical Gardens – 9400 Boerner Drive, Hales Corners, WI

WHY: To encourage Milwaukee County residents to explore, free of charge, “Milwaukee County’s Living Museum.” This gem of the Park System is renowned as a horticultural showplace.

**BACKGROUND:**

Over 600 acres of the land which is Whitnall Park were purchased from 1929-30. During the Great Depression of the 1930s, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) had a great impact on the park, building roads and bridges, digging lagoons and a lake, clearing streams and building dams, moving and rearranging tons of earth, and planting thousands of trees and shrubs. Artisans and craftsmen of the Works Progress Administration (WPA) hand-split native fieldstone and hand-carved wood for the entrance lintel, beams, mantel, and furnishings for the Garden House. WPA workers also sculpted statuary found throughout the Botanical Gardens.

Garden Spaces: Annual Garden, Bog Walk, Daylily Path, Herb Garden, Peony Garden, Perennial Mall, Rock Garden, Rose Garden, Shrub Mall, Trial Garden, and Rain-Harvest Garden

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