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Turkish Cultural Festival Returns to The Domes Feb. 20

Milwaukee, WI (Feb. 3, 2016) – Turkey Under Glass, a family-friendly celebration of Turkish culture, will be presented Saturday, Feb. 20, from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. at the Mitchell Park Domes. The Domes, Milwaukee’s Living Landmark, is located at 524 S. Layton Blvd.

Traditional folk music, dance, food, exhibits, children’s activities, and a bazaar will come together in this celebration offering a glimpse into the wide array of customs in this southeastern European country.

“Turkish, Romanian, and Middle Eastern dance groups will perform in colorful costumes throughout the day,” said Curt Winterfeldt, organizer of Turkey Under Glass. “To give our audience the full flavor of ethnic folk dance, we’re inviting them to participate in some simple dances after the performances. This will be a fun day for families.”

Dances and costumes from the regions of Eastern and Central Europe and from Turkey will be explained. According to Winterfeldt, Turkey has over 2,000 different folk dances. Visitors will have the opportunity to participate in folk-dance workshops. In addition, videos of folk dances will be shown in the Education Center.

Authentic, savory and sweet Turkish foods will be available for purchase. Turkish borek, hummus and pita, dolma (stuffed grape leaves), baklava, revani (sweet cake), and seker pare (a syrupy cookie topped with a hazelnut) are among the culinary delights. Turkish coffee will be the beverage of choice. In addition to Turkish foods, hot dogs, chips, lemonade, and coffee will be available.

To complement the event, the Bazaar will offer a marketplace of items for purchase. The selection includes coin necklaces, jewelry, hats and other Turkish items.

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Turkey Under Glass is staged and coordinated by the Turam Turkish Folk Dance Group, the Romanian Folk Dancers, Pat Kellar's Oriental Dancers, the Chicago Math & Science Academy Turkish Dance Group, and the Elegant Gypsies.

During the festival, visitors may view the most popular show of the year—the garden train show. This year's theme is Attack of the Giant Monsters, a spoof of vintage monster movies, such as Godzilla and Mothra. Strange beasts are interspersed throughout the landscape created by thousands of small and miniature plants, while G-scale trains traverse 700 feet of track.

Turkey Under Glass is included in regular admission. Admission for adults age 18 and over is \$7; Milwaukee County Seniors with ID, persons with disabilities, students of any age with ID, and youth age 6-17 are \$5. Children 5 and under are admitted for free.

For more information, call The Mitchell Park Domes at (414) 257-5600.

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