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Valentine's Day Hop Returns to Boerner Botanical Gardens Feb. 13

Milwaukee, WI (Feb. 3, 2016) – Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens will present the 2nd Annual Valentine's Day Hop, a fundraising event featuring a Beatles tribute band, food, and drinks, Saturday, Feb. 13, from 7-11 p.m. at the Botanical Gardens. The Boerner Botanical Gardens, Milwaukee's Living Museum, is located at 9400 Boerner Drive, in Whitnall Park.

Two bands will perform. From 7-8:30 p.m., Close Enuf will play favorites from the '50s, '60s, and '70s. From 9-11 p.m., Liverpool '64, a Beatles tribute band, will play early-Beatles classics on authentic replica instruments. The band dresses in iconic '60s Beatles garb.

“Last year we had about 200 Beatles fans of all ages dancing the night away!” said Ellen Hayward, President and CEO for the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens. “We encourage guests to dress for the era, and of course, to wear their dancing shoes! We will have ample seating surrounding the dance floor as well as tables and chairs throughout Boerner Hall.”

Authentic Beatles memorabilia will be for sale. Paul Costanzo, a local photographer purchased negatives of photos taken at the Beatles 1964 Milwaukee Arena concert. Costanzo made prints from these negatives and will sell them along with other posters and memorabilia. A portion of the profits will be donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Also for sale will be candy arrangements from Candy Bouquet of Wauwatosa. Rather than using flowers in the arrangements, staff use all varieties of candy to create the edible gifts.

Door prizes will be given away throughout the evening. Prizes include Beatles memorabilia, a candy bouquet, memberships to the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens, passes to the Botanical Gardens, a goody bag from the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens Gift Shop, a massage gift certificate, and more.

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Zilli Hospitality Group will offer a cash bar (adult beverages as well as soda and coffee) and a variety of appetizers for cash purchase.

Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens has supported the Botanical Gardens through programming, education and fundraising since 1984. Proceeds from this event will be used to help sustain the Botanical Gardens and support nature-driven educational programs.

Admission to the Valentine's Day Beatles Hop is \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. There is no charge for parking. Advance purchase is suggested. Tickets may be purchased online at boernerbotanicalgardens.org, by phone, by mail, or in person. A limited number of tickets may be available for purchase at the door. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens by calling (414) 525-5661 or by visiting the website, boernerbotanicalgardens.org.

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