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Garden-Planning Workshop at The Domes Feb. 27

Milwaukee, WI (Feb. 4, 2016) – Planning Your Garden–Part I, a workshop designed for the home gardener or the home-gardener wannabe, will be presented Saturday, Feb. 27 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at The Domes. “Milwaukee’s Living Landmark” is located at 524 S. Layton Blvd.

Paula Zamiatowski, Conservatory Educator and Victory Garden Initiative Food Leader and Mentor, and Laura Burke, a Master Gardener in-training, will co-present the program.

“With cabin fever peaking, this is a great time for gardeners to think through what they want to grow in their own backyards,” said Zamiatowski. “In this program, we’ll cover all the things to consider when planning your garden. A successful garden requires much more than picking up a packet of seeds!”

Topics to be covered include assessing the light and shade of the yard, soil pH, and drainage; exploring seed sources, selection, and germination; determining planting density; and deciding on the appropriate watering and mulching techniques. Container and soil selection for starting plants as well as for container-gardening will also be discussed.

Participants will use the facilities in the new Greenhouse Complex to start a plant to take home. They’ll choose from eight varieties of vegetable and greens seeds that respond well to starting indoors and transplanting outdoors.

“We’ll even offer suggestions on getting your children involved in your garden,” said Zamiatowski. “Young children love to get their hands in the soil to explore for all the little critters.”

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Planning Your Garden–Part II will be offered May 14.

The workshop fee for each workshop, which includes admission to The Domes, is \$15 per person or \$8 for Friends of the Domes members.

Registration and pre-payment is required by Tuesday, Feb. 23. Registration is available online at milwaukeeedomes.org and at The Domes Gift Shop. For more information, call (414) 257-5600 during business hours.

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