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Mother's Day Weekend in the Milwaukee County Parks

Milwaukee, WI (April 22, 2016) – From birding to wildflower walks, the Milwaukee County Parks are offering a variety of activities with Mom in mind, Mother's Day Weekend, May 7 and 8.

Wehr Nature Center – 9701 W. College Ave.

The weekend starts with Wehr Nature Center's annual Mother's Day Native Plant Sale. 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 from 7:30–10 a.m., Birding with Paul will welcome beginning and experienced birders to a prime-time hike for viewing colorful migratory birds, such as the warblers.

The \$3 parking fee includes admission to the Nature Center and the birding program. The fee is waived for visitors who are shopping only. For more information, call Wehr at (414) 425-8550.

Boerner Botanical Gardens – 9400 Boerner Drive

Boerner Botanical Gardens is open for visitors to discover early spring blooms, from 8 a.m.-dusk. Blooms that may be seen include wildflowers, spring bulbs, magnolias, and daffodils, and, perhaps, forsythias, tulips, and flowering trees, depending on the weather.

Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens will bring out Mom's creative side through two workshops on Saturday and will offer the free Mother's Day Family Event on Sunday. The first workshop, Chinese brush painting, will be offered from 9 a.m. –noon. It is open to individuals (\$15) as well as families (\$25 for up to five family members). From 10 a.m.-noon, a second workshop, Whimsical Wind Chimes, will transform vintage china, silverware, glass, and beads into garden art (\$20). Discounts are available to Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens members. On Sunday, from 10 a.m.-noon, children can create make-and-take gifts for their mothers and grandmothers. Donations for the activities are appreciated. For more information, call the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens at (414) 525-5653.

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The Mother's Day Brunch by on-site caterer, Zilli Hospitality Group, has sold out.

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.

The Mitchell Park Domes – 524 S. Layton Blvd

On Sunday, the Mitchell Park Domes will be open with the spring floral show, Garden Impressions, from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. The show features a mix of seasonal plants that surround impressionistic paintings depicting the Mitchell Park Domes. The setting provides a beautiful backdrop for casual family photos with Mom and Grandma. The Domes Resident Pianist, Jim William Mooney, will perform from 10:30 a.m.–12:30 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.

Admission to The Domes includes the jewelry fair. General admission is \$3 per person. Children age 5 and under are admitted free. For more information, call the Mitchell Park Domes at (414) 257-5600.

Lake Park – 2975 N. Lake Park Road

Mary Schley and other members of the Lake Park Friends will lead a free Mother's Day wildflower walk on Sunday, at 1 p.m., through Lake Park. 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 planted spring wildflowers. For more information, call (414) 962-1680.

Golf in The Parks: Moms Play & Ride for Free

A free round and golf-car special, for moms accompanied by a paid golfer, will be offered at ten golf courses, Sunday, for tee times after 1 p.m. To receive the special offer, children, spouses, or friends purchase a round and single-rider golf car, and a mom golfs and rides for free. The offer is available at golf courses at Brown Deer, 7625 N. Range Line Rd.; Currie, 3535 N. Mayfair Rd.; Dretzka, 12020 W. Bradley Rd.; Grant, 100 E. Hawthorne Ave; Greenfield, 12035 W. Greenfield Ave.; Hansen, 9800 W. Underwood Creek Parkway; Lincoln, 1000 W. Hampton Ave.; Oakwood, 3600 W. Oakwood Rd.; Warnimont, 5400 S. Lake Drive; and Whitnall, 6751 S. 92 St.. For more information, call the Milwaukee County Parks Golf Office at (414) 257-8024. For reservations, call (414) 475-6222 or visit countyparks.com and follow the golf links.

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

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