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## **Herb Fair Returns to Boerner Botanical Gardens May 28**

Milwaukee, WI (May 12, 2016) – The Herb Society of America–Wisconsin Unit will present talks, demonstrations, and thousands of herb plants at the free 2016 Herb Fair, Saturday, May 28, from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. at Boerner Botanical Gardens. The Botanical Gardens, Milwaukee County’s “Living Museum,” is located in Whitnall Park, at 9400 Boerner Drive.

Celebrating pepper as the “Herb of the Year,” the event will feature two speakers. At 10 a.m., Louise Block, owner of Cuisine at Home, will present Peppers: Appetizers to Dessert, and at 11:15 a.m., Nino Ridgway, owner of Herbs & Everlastings at Barthel Fruit Farm, will present Growing Herbs in Containers.

From 10 a.m. –1 p.m., Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens will lead visitors, from age 3-93, in making seed paper. Participants will embed pepper seeds in the paper.

In the area surrounding the Education and Visitor Center, herb growers, artists, and vendors will present their wares. In addition to perennial and annual herb plants, jewelry, garden art, and other items with herb or gardening themes will be for sale. At “Thyme Square,” herbal items made by Wisconsin Unit members will be for sale. For weary shoppers, a tea room will serve herbal teas and sweet and savory treats.

The Botanical Gardens will be open for visitors to discover early spring blooms, including wildflowers, spring bulbs, and flowering trees.

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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. Members of the Herb Society of America receive free admission to the Botanical Gardens. Admission to the gardens requires wearing the official daily wristband.

All proceeds of the Herb Fair go toward grants and scholarships. Last year the Wisconsin Unit supported the herb garden at Boerner Botanical Gardens with a grant for a new boxwood hedge.

More information on the Herb Society of America–Wisconsin Unit is available at [www.herb-society-wisconsin.org](http://www.herb-society-wisconsin.org).

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