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Holiday Classes, Gift Fair at Boerner Botanical Gardens

MILWAUKEE (Nov. 11, 2016) – Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens is offering holiday-themed classes and a gift fair with Santa in early December at the Education and Visitor Center at Boerner Botanical Gardens, 9400 W. Boerner Drive in Hales Corners.

Bulbs for the Holidays

Dec. 1, from 6:30–8 p.m., Bulbs for the Holidays will explore growing bulbs such as hyacinth, paperwhite narcissus, and amaryllis for indoor enjoyment this winter. Tracy Hankwitz of the Burlington Garden Center will discuss methods to force bulbs to bloom for the holidays. Each participant will receive a pre-chilled bulb to try at home. The course fee for the general public is \$15 per person; members of Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens, \$10.

Holiday Gift Fair

Dec. 4, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Santa and Mrs. Claus will greet visitors at the free Holiday Gift Fair. Unique gift items, from quirky to elegant, will be available from area artists and businesses. Children can make-and-take holiday gifts at the Friends of Boerner Craft Table for a small donation. Local groups will perform seasonal music throughout the day.

During the event, the Zilli Sunday Brunch will be participating in Toys for Tots. Any guest who donates a new, unwrapped toy will receive a same-day, \$5 discount on brunch for their party. Limit one discount per party.

Holiday Décor Workshop

Dec. 6, from 6:30–8 p.m., Vicki Kunz of La Tulipe will lead the Holiday Décor Workshop. She will guide participants in creating “kissing balls.” These unique holiday accents can be hung indoors or outdoors, last for weeks, and offer the scent of the holidays. Registration by Nov. 29 is suggested. The program fee is \$35 per person (\$30 for members of Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens).

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