



MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

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What's growing on
at the Garden!

MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN LAUNCHES NEW BOOK, RENOWNED PHOTOGRAPHER SIGNS COPIES

'Missouri Botanical Garden: Green for 150 Years' Available from the Garden Gate Shop

- WHAT:** Book launch and Ian Adams book signing: *Missouri Botanical Garden: Green for 150 Years*
- WHEN:** Thursday, Oct. 16 from noon to 2 p.m.
- WHERE:** Garden Gate Shop, Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Blvd., south St. Louis
- COST:** Free to attend book signing (regular Garden admission applies to enter grounds)
- INFO:** www.mobot.org; (314) 577-5137

(ST. LOUIS): Meet nationally-known garden photographer Ian Adams at the Missouri Botanical Garden on Thursday, Oct. 16 for the launch of *Missouri Botanical Garden: Green for 150 Years*. The 214-page coffee table book commemorates the Garden's 150th anniversary in 2009 through rare, never-before-seen archival images and contemporary photographs shot by Adams over the course of 18 months. Adams will autograph copies of the book from noon to 2 p.m. in the Garden Gate Shop. Admission to the event is free.

Adams is a Midwest region photographer for Meredith Publishing Group, publisher of *Better Homes and Gardens* and numerous special interest publications. He is the author of 17 books, including the critically acclaimed *The Art of Garden Photography* by Timber Press. His magazine credits include *Fine Gardening*, *Horticulture*, *Midwest Living*, and *Organic Gardening*.

Founded in 1859, the Missouri Botanical Garden is the oldest botanical garden in continuous operation in the U. S. and one of the only gardens to achieve National Historic Landmark status. "Shaw's Garden," as it is often referred to locally, is the result of the vision of Henry Shaw, an

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English immigrant who made his fortune selling cutlery and general goods to the constant stream of fur traders, explorers, and settlers passing through the booming “Gateway to the West.” Shaw dreamed of creating a place of beauty and erudition every bit as impressive as those he had seen in England. Established “for all time for the public good,” the Missouri Botanical Garden was from the start seen as a refuge from the hustle of the city, as well as a place of research, conservation, and learning.

One hundred and fifty years later, the Garden is a beloved oasis in the city of St. Louis, with 79 acres of display gardens, historic conservatories, and rare collections of plants. It also serves as a sanctuary for plants whose natural habitats are shrinking at rapid rates. In the new era of global climate change, the Garden has outgrown Shaw’s old stone walls to become a world leader in botanical science, conservation, and the protection of biodiversity, with operations in 36 countries around the globe.

For the first time, the complete story of the Missouri Botanical Garden from past to present is told in *Missouri Botanical Garden: Green for 150 Years*. The oversized (12-inch-by-ten-inch), hard cover book is illustrated with over 400 photos and a foreword by Dr. Peter H. Raven, the Garden’s president and *Time* magazine’s “Hero for the Planet.”

Missouri Botanical Garden: Green for 150 Years (ISBN 978-0-615-24966-7) is available for \$29.95 from the Garden Gate Shop. Purchase a special commemorative edition with collector’s slipcase for \$39.95 and receive a limited edition eight-by-ten-inch print by Ian Adams, while supplies last. Books will be in stock by mid-October, in advance of the holiday shopping season.

The Missouri Botanical Garden is located at 4344 Shaw Blvd. in south St. Louis. The Garden Gate Shop is located on the lower level of the Ridgway visitors’ center.

There is no cost to visit the Shop. Garden admission (\$4-\$8) applies to enter the grounds.

For more information, call the Garden Gate Shop at (314) 577-5137 or visit www.mobot.org.

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The Missouri Botanical Garden’s mission is “to discover and share knowledge about plants and their environment, in order to preserve and enrich life.” Today, 149 years after opening, the Missouri Botanical Garden is a National Historic Landmark and a center for science, conservation, education and horticultural display.