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**BEAUTIFY YOUR GARDEN WITH DAYLILIES FROM
THE MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN**

WHAT: Missouri Botanical Garden Daylily Association sale
WHEN: Saturday, Aug. 8 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
WHERE: Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Blvd., south St. Louis
COST: Included with Garden admission (\$8 adults; \$4 St. Louis City/County residents) or membership. Free children ages 12 and under. St. Louis City and County residents are free until noon.
INFO: www.mobot.org; (314) 577-9400, 1 (800) 642-8842 toll free

(ST. LOUIS): Take home a piece of the Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG) during the **MBG Daylily Association sale** on Saturday, Aug. 8. All plants will come from the Garden's renowned daylily collection and will be available for purchase from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or while supplies last. All proceeds benefit the Garden.

Visitors can choose from **thousands of plants** representing hundreds of cultivars, including new varieties and old favorites. All the varying sizes and shapes of daylilies will be available, from plants with miniature to extra large blooms, double flowers, spiders and unusual forms. Selections available this year include the colorful 'Strawberry Candy,' 'Black Arrowhead,' 'Fooled Me,' 'Hold Your Horses,' 'Summer Fiesta,' 'Vi Dawson,' 'With All My Heart,' 'Bubbling Over,' 'Big Apple,' 'Cameroons,' and 'Watson Park Eyes.' Preview the daylilies for sale in full summer bloom by visiting the Jenkins Daylily Garden and Kemper Center for Home Gardening at the Missouri Botanical Garden.

Throughout the day experts from the MBG Daylily Association and the West County

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Daylily Club will be on hand to give plant care advice and answer questions about the cultivars. Visitors can also pick up information about the MBG Daylily Association, which has been hosting annual sales of the Garden's daylily divisions since 1989.

Admission to the Missouri Botanical Garden is \$8; St. Louis City and County residents enjoy discounted admission of \$4 and free admission on Wednesday and Saturday mornings until noon. Children ages 12 and under and Garden members are free.

The Missouri Botanical Garden is located at 4344 Shaw Blvd. in south St. Louis, easily accessible from Interstate 44 at the Vandeventer exit. Free parking is available on-site and at two blocks west at the corner of Shaw and Vandeventer.

For general information, visit www.mobot.org or call the recorded event line at (314) 577-9400 or toll-free 1 (800) 642-8842.

The Missouri Botanical Garden is the oldest continually operating botanical garden in the nation, celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2009. *Missouri Botanical Garden: Green for 150 Years*.

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NOTE: A digital color image is available by request. Download media materials at www.mobot.org/press.

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, 150 years after opening, the Missouri Botanical Garden is a National Historic Landmark and a center for science, conservation, education and horticultural display. *Missouri Botanical Garden: Green for 150 Years*.

The Missouri Botanical Garden is located at 4344 Shaw Blvd. in St. Louis, just south of I-44 at Vandeventer-Kingshighway (exit #287B). Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Dec. 25. Grounds open at 7 a.m. every Wednesday and Saturday. Admission is \$8; free children ages 12 and under and Garden members. St. Louis City and County residents are \$4 and free every Wednesday and Saturday until noon (exception: special admission rate events). Park for free on site and two blocks west at the Shaw-Vandeventer intersection. The Garden is easily accessible by taking the MetroLink commuter rail line to the Central West End station and picking up a Metro bus (www.metrostlouis.org). For general information, log on to www.mobot.org or call the 24-hour recording at (314) 577-9400 or 1-800-642-8842. For membership information, call (314) 577-5118 during weekday business hours. For volunteer opportunities, call (314)-577-5187 or visit www.mobot.org/volunteer. The Missouri Botanical Garden is a tobacco-free environment.

(Note: A section of the I-64/U.S. 40 highway is under construction through 2009. Before traveling, check www.thenewi64.org for updates or visit www.GetAroundStL.com for other helpful information.)