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**ADD SOME COLOR TO YOUR HOME GARDEN WITH IRISES FROM
THE MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN**

WHAT: Missouri Botanical Garden Iris Sale
WHEN: Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 22-23 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.
INFO: www.mobot.org; (314) 577-9400, 1 (800) 642-8842 toll free

(ST. LOUIS): Enjoy a rainbow of color in your home garden next year. Purchase iris cultivars from the Missouri Botanical Garden's displays and the Greater St. Louis Iris Society at the **Missouri Botanical Garden Iris Sale**, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 22 and 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Garden's Horticulture Division.

Choose from **hundreds of varieties of irises** in different colors, sizes and blooming season. The sale consists of iris plants from the Alice Goodman Iris Garden at the Missouri Botanical Garden, including all divisions within the bearded group (tall, border, intermediate, miniature and standard dwarf), including rebloomers, historic, and species. Each cultivar will be identified by name along with a color photo. Members of the **Greater St. Louis Iris Society** will also be on hand to give **plant care advice** and share information about their organization. Come early for best selection and get a **free plant** with every purchase!

Entry to the sale is included with Garden admission of \$8; St. Louis City and County residents enjoy discounted admission of \$4 and free admission on Wednesday and Saturday

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ADD ONE: Iris Sale

mornings until noon. Children ages 12 and under and Garden members are free.

The sale will be held in the Beaumont Room in the Ridgway Visitor Center at the Missouri Botanical Garden 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.)