



THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL BEST OF MISSOURI MARKET

The Eighteenth Annual **BEST OF MISSOURI MARKET** will take place at the Missouri Botanical Garden on Saturday and Sunday, **October 3 and 4, 2009** from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will feature over 30 new vendors, more than 120 outstanding Missouri food producers and artisans, and entertainment for the entire family. This year's Market will be especially exciting as the Missouri Botanical Garden celebrates its 150th Anniversary.

Every year, visitors enjoy browsing under large tents and discovering the best of Missouri's hidden treasures, including country stands filled with fresh produce, flowers, plants, herbs, nuts, candies, meats, mushrooms, seasonings, salsas, and baked goods from Missouri's finest farmers and producers. Artisans offer handcrafted items such as willow furniture, carved wooden birds, dried flowers and wreaths, decorative ironwork, soaps, handmade pottery, baskets, decorated gourds, custom jewelry, wooden toys and garden ornaments.

Entertainment will include live music, a food court and a special Kids Corner with popular activities for children, including pumpkin decorating, cow milking, craft projects and a petting farm.

Admission to the Best of Missouri Market is \$12 for adults, \$10 for visitors 65 and older, and \$5 for Garden members and children 3-12 years. Children under 3 are free. Admission prices cover both general Garden and Market admission and a copy of the Best of Missouri Souvenir Directory.

The Missouri Botanical Garden, located at 4344 Shaw Blvd., will present the Market under tents outdoors October 3 and 4, 2009, rain or shine. Abundant free parking is available on Garden grounds or on the lots one block east of the Garden at Vandeventer and Shaw, with continuous free shuttles to the Garden. For more convenient parking, arrange a carpool or use MetroLink and Metro Bus transportation. For directions or more details about this event, call (314) 577-9400 or 1-800-642-8842 toll free or visit www.mobot.org.

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