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**NEW CLASSES FROM THE MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN EXPLORE
GARDENING, COOKING, PHOTOGRAPHY AND MORE**
Registration Open Now For Fall and Winter Sessions

- WHAT:** Fall and winter adult education classes
WHEN: Classes held from September through December
WHERE: Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Blvd., south St. Louis. Off-site locations: Shaw Nature Reserve in Gray Summit; EarthWays Center in mid-town St. Louis; Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House in Chesterfield; St. Louis Community College in Wildwood
COST: Varies; single classes from \$15 to \$75; multi-session from \$75 to \$280
INFO: Pre-registration required; register online at www.mobot.org/classes or (314) 577-5140

(ST. LOUIS): Want to learn how to maintain your lawn without the use of chemicals? Wish you knew how to take beautiful photographs? Hoping to bake the perfect holiday cookie this year? If so, the Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG) has a class for you! Registration is now open for over **175 fall and winter classes** for adults at the Garden and its family attractions. Visit www.mobot.org/classes for a complete course lineup or to register.

Develop **Basic Photography** skills as you learn about composition, lighting, shutter speed and terminology crucial to taking exceptional pictures. If you've already grasped these basic skills, learn from a master in a **Travel Photography Workshop with Visiting Artist Ian Adams**. Adams is an environmental photographer and author of 17 photography books.

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ADD ONE: Adult Ed

Indulge your art savvy and beautify your garden at the same time. Make a beautiful mosaic glass stepping stone for your garden in **DIY: Mosaic Stepping Stone** or create a colorful papercut collage of leaves in different shapes and colors in **Papercutting Leaves**. Discover **Adventures in Watercolor** and **The Garden in Watercolor** and learn how to capture the beauty of the Missouri Botanical Garden while you learn new techniques and composition skills. Beginning and advanced students are welcome.

Learn the centuries old technique of Kalocscai style **Hungarian Embroidery**. Attend **Printmaking in the Service of Botany: Four centuries of Botanical Illustration** and study examples from the extraordinary collection of rare books and prints owned by the Missouri Botanical Garden. Students will also learn about printing processes used between 1500 and 1900.

Food lovers, learn **Homemade Bread Basics** or how to make a popular traditional dish from northern Hungary in **Hungarian Goulash – An International Classic**. Sample your favorite **White Wines: What is that Particular Flavor?**; sniff the sample and then see if you can pick out the flavor in commercial wine.

Get a jump start on the autumn season with **Fall Herbal Harvest**. Explore a multitude of ways to cook with herbs and create decorative masterpieces. Just in time for the holidays, discover new **Candy Making** recipes or the **Natural History of Chocolate**. Join celebrated pastry chef Julia Usher for **Holiday Cookies** as she demonstrates easy, yet inspiring cookie decorating techniques designed to take traditional cutout cookies over the top!

Beginning gardeners, learn how to grow important plants in your landscapes here in the St. Louis area with **Gardening 101: Natives**, or explore **Home Landscape Design**. Beginning with the basics of design, students will become acquainted with front plants, private areas, energy conservation, and plant selection. If you love to grow your own veggies, **Heirloom Vegetables** is the class for you. Discover which veggies grow well in the St. Louis area, where to find them, how they taste and delicious recipes.

A wide selection of gardening classes continues with proper techniques on **Pruning and Timing**, a discussion about small ornamental trees in **Small Trees for Your Garden** and how to avoid costly gardening booboos, save money, grow your own vegetables and add real pizzazz to your garden in **Fall Gardening Blitz**.

Join MBG experts and learn about the Garden and plant use through guided tours. Explore the rich cultural history of Native Americans in the Missouri region with a **Sacred Seeds Medicinal**

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ADD TWO: Adult Ed

Walking Tour. Students will learn about their traditions of medicinal plants use and the legacy that these cultures have left on medicine today. Or, discover the **Historic and Important Trees of the Garden** with Alan Stenz who has been researching and writing descriptions of such trees for the Garden's online PlantFinder database.

Visit the Garden's family attractions for more class offerings. **Catch the Beekeeping Buzz** at the Missouri Botanical Garden's EarthWays Center. An overview of beekeeping will introduce participants to the productive society of honeybees and the basic skills for humans who tend them.

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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.)