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**JOIN YOUNG FRIENDS OF THE MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN
FOR A FALL 'FEST-OF-ALE'**

WHAT: Fest-of-Ale, hosted by the Young Friends of the Missouri Botanical Garden
WHEN: Friday, Oct. 16 from 6 to 10 p.m.
WHERE: Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Blvd., south St. Louis
COST: \$30 per person; \$15 for Young Friends' Garden members
SPONSORS: Anheuser-Busch
INFO: Advance reservations required; (314) 577-9570 or www.mobot.org/membership

(ST. LOUIS): Mix and mingle with other twenty- and thirty-somethings during an autumn evening filled with live music, plentiful appetizers and fresh brews. The Young Friends of the Missouri Botanical Garden host the **Fest-of-Ale** on Friday, Oct. 16 from 6 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person, or \$15 for Young Friends' Garden members. Advance reservations are required by Oct. 9; call (314) 577-9570 or e-mail young_friends@mobot.org.

The Dusty Bottoms will entertain with a unique mix of American folk, classic rock and roll, and vintage country music. Enjoy an assortment of hors d'oeuvres or sample a variety of seasonal beers provided by Anheuser-Busch.

The Fest-of-Ale will be held inside the upper level of the Ridgway Visitor Center and outdoors on the Spoehrer Plaza at the Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Blvd. in south St. Louis. Free parking is available on site.

Young Friends is a program for professionals in their twenties and thirties which aims to advance the Missouri Botanical Garden's mission "to discover and share knowledge about plants and their environment, in order to preserve and enrich life." For more information on the

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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: 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.)