



Date: August 28, 2009

**WEEK OF FAMILY FUN HIGHLIGHTS SEASONAL CLOSE OF THE
DORIS I. SCHNUCK CHILDREN'S GARDEN**
Closes for the Season on Nov. 1; Reopens in April

- WHAT:** Doris I. Schnuck Children's Garden closes for the season
WHEN: Open daily through Sunday, Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Nov. through Mar.
Activities from Oct. 25 through Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
WHERE: Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Blvd., south St. Louis
COST: \$3 children (3-12); adults included with general Garden admission
(\$8 adults; \$4 St. Louis City/County residents).
INFO: www.mobot.org/finn; (314) 577-9400, 1 (800) 642-8842 toll free

(ST. LOUIS): The Missouri Botanical Garden is preparing to put its Doris I. Schnuck Children's Garden to bed for winter. Help close out its fourth season with one last week of fun, Sunday, Oct. 25 through Sunday, Nov. 1. The Children's Garden will reopen in April.

Enjoy the final fall days of adventure, learning and play in the two-acre Children's Garden. Tackle a rope climb, meander through a cave, steer riverboats through a series of locks, and hide inside an oversized pollinator's beehive. Uncover a secret garden, shop for pioneer goods in the town General Store, lock up invasive plant species in jail, and stack tree cookies into tall towers. Scale the stairs leading to the tree house, glide down Spelunker's Slide, and get doused by jumping jets in the Splash area.

Enjoy additional activities from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout the final week. Create your own Children's Garden souvenir button to wear. Assemble a seed packet to plant in your own home garden, or pot a fall bulb to take home. When it blooms next spring, you'll know it's time to visit the Children's Garden once again! Stop by the face painters table between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the

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ADD ONE: Children's Garden Close

weekend (Oct. 25, 31 and Nov. 1) to have your cheek colorfully decorated.

The Doris I. Schnuck Children's Garden is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Nov. 1. Closing week activities are included with Children's Garden admission of \$3 for children ages three to 12. Adult admission to the Missouri Botanical Garden is \$8 and \$4 for residents of St. Louis City and County, with no extra charge to enter the Children's Garden. St. Louis residents also receive free Garden and Children's Garden admission on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Missouri Botanical Garden is located at 4344 Shaw Blvd., easily accessible from Interstate 44 at the Vandeventer exit. Free parking is available on site.

For more information on the Children's Garden, visit www.mobot.org/finn. For general Garden information, visit www.mobot.org or call the recorded event hotline at (314) 577-9400.

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: Digital color images 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.)