



**Date:** October 26, 2009

## UNIQUE HOLIDAY WREATHS DECK THE HALLS OF THE MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

- WHAT:** Holiday Wreath Auction  
**WHEN:** Saturday, Nov. 21 through Sunday, Jan. 3 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](http://www.mobot.org); (314) 577-9400, 1 (800) 642-8842 toll free

(ST. LOUIS): The Missouri Botanical Garden ushers in the holiday season with the return of its popular **Holiday Wreath Auction**. View unique decorations custom-created by some of the area's finest floral designers, on display Saturday, Nov. 21 through Sunday, Jan. 3 in the upper level of the Ridgway Visitor Center.

A dozen designers are participating in this year's exhibit. Metro-area participants include Botanicals Design Studio, Focus on Design—Schnuck Markets, Inc., Kirkwood Florist, Ladue Florist, Magnolia's, Marianne Brown Floral Design, Mary Tuttle's Floral and Gifts, Rolling Ridge Nursery and Garden Center, St. Louis Herb Society and Twigs and Moss. Summerfield Landscaping and Garden Gifts from Columbia, Mo. and Troy Flower and Gift Shop from Troy, Mo. will also have wreaths on display.

All wreaths will be sold by silent auction bidding, with proceeds benefiting the Missouri Botanical Garden. Winning bidders will be notified after Monday, Jan. 4.

The Holiday Wreath Auction is included with Garden admission of \$8 adults, \$4 St. Louis City and County residents, and free children ages 12 and under and Garden members. St. Louis

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residents also enjoy free admission on Wednesday and Saturday mornings until noon.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The Garden closes early at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, and is closed on Christmas Day.

The Missouri Botanical Garden is 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 more information on the Garden's line up of holiday activities, including the Gardenland Express holiday flower and train show, visit [www.mobot.org/events/holidayevents](http://www.mobot.org/events/holidayevents) 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](http://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. Wednesdays and Saturdays. Admission is \$8; free children ages 12 and under and Garden members. St. Louis City and County residents are \$4 and free Wednesdays and Saturdays 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](http://www.metrostlouis.org)). For general information, log on to [www.mobot.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.thenewi64.org) for updates or visit [www.GetAroundStL.com](http://www.GetAroundStL.com) for other helpful information.)**