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**GREEN YOUR HOLIDAY WITH HELP FROM
'EARTHWAYS: LIVING THE GREEN LIFE'**

Missouri Botanical Garden Exhibit Extended, Enhanced for Holiday Season

- WHAT:** Greening your holiday with “EarthWays: Living the Green Life”
WHEN: Hands-on holiday activities, Nov. 23 through Jan. 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exhibit extended through Mar. 14, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily
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.
SPONSORS: Maritz
INFO: www.mobot.org; (314) 577-9400, 1 (800) 642-8842 toll free

(ST. LOUIS): Looking to add more “green” to your holidays? Let the Missouri Botanical Garden be your guide! Visit the “EarthWays: Living the Green Life” exhibit for helpful hints and tips to lead you down the eco-friendly path this season. Family-friendly, hands-on activities will be offered from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 23 through Jan. 3 (closed Dec. 25), and are included with Garden admission.

Discover ideas for simple, eco-friendly crafts and decor, and get green gift-giving inspiration. Learn where your favorite foods come from, and just how far some foods travel to make it to your holiday dinner plate. Connect with other Garden visitors at the interactive “Growing Greener” display. Don’t forget your camera! Snap a holiday memory in one of the “Festively Green Family Photo Scenes,” sustainably-created by local design firms HOK, RSI Kitchen and Bath and Arcturis.

“EarthWays: Living the Green Life,” created and sponsored by Maritz, explores technology and ideas for sustainable living. The Tree of Life and her friends Sun, Water, Air and Dirt serve as

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cheerful, animated character guides to the exhibit. Watch and listen as they tell the tale of their importance to the planet, the connections they share with one another, and the power of plants.

Browse vendor displays showcasing environmentally-friendly products and systems for home use, from sustainable flooring options and a green kitchen to a rainwater harvest system and composting demonstration. Let green screen technology transport you to a variety of holiday scenes around the globe, including the Missouri Botanical Garden in its winter beauty. Enjoy a video illustrating several easy, do-it-yourself green tips to incorporate at home, and more!

“EarthWays: Living the Green Life” has been extended through Sunday, Mar. 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily inside the Brookings Interpretive Center.

The exhibit and greening your holiday activities are included with general Garden admission (\$8 adults, \$4 St. Louis City and County residents, free children ages 12 and under and Garden members). St. Louis City and County residents enjoy free admission on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

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 at the west lot and at two blocks west at the corner of Shaw and Vandeventer. The exhibit is located inside the Brookings Interpretive Center, behind the Climatron® dome.

For general information, visit www.mobot.org 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. Emerson is the presenting sponsor of the year-long sesquicentennial celebration, *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*.