Current and Upcoming Events

**Spring Show in the Show Dome – “Miss Spider’s Garden Party”**
March 31st – May 28th
Explore this beloved classic tale and see the important role insects and other animals play in planning a successful garden.

**Mother’s Day at the Domes**
Sunday May 13th
Treat your mother or grandmother to a visit to the Conservatory and use the springtime backdrop to take a family photo for the memory book! Take time out for a cup of tea or coffee and something sweet to celebrate her day. Nominal fee for food and drink.

**Special Show Dome Preview Night for FOD members**
Friday June 8  5-8pm
Come and view the Summer Show before the general public. Free for members. No food served.

**Summer Show in the Show Dome – “Past Times in the Park”**
June 9th – Sept 9th
Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Milwaukee County Park Commission.

See how historically the parks have added value to our lives and communities and how that legacy continues today in the many memories we cherish.

**Father’s Day**
Sunday June 17
Come visit the Domes with your dad this year! What a great way for families to spend time together and enjoy the beautiful display of summer flowers.

**Desert Night**
Thursday June 21st 6-9 pm
Celebrate the summer solstice with exhibits that showcase the culture and art of those communities that have called the desert their home. Tour the Arid Dome and find out about the relevancy and healing powers of particular plants in other cultures. Special Event Fee applies. (to be announced)

**“Italian Night” at Mia Famiglia’s Restaurant**
Sunday September 16  5-8pm
An evening of fun, food and raffles.

**Special Show Dome Preview Night for FOD members**
Friday September 21  5-8pm
Come and view the Fall Show before the general public. Free for members.

**Fall Show in the Show Dome – “School Days”**
Sept 22nd – Nov. 4th
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**Spring Plant Sale**
The Friends will be selling plants to FOD members on June 2nd from 10:30am-3:00pm. These are plants that will be removed from the Show Dome when the spring plant show is closed. They are still hearty and viable to use in your garden. A limited supply is available so come early. Sale located inside Domes.
FROM THE DESK OF
THE FRIENDS OF THE
DOMES PRESIDENT:
Roger Krawiecki

Our new Director, Sandy Folaron, has been very busy working on several projects at the Domes. If you visited lately you will notice a new look in the lobby. There are new benches, planters, and pictures. One weekend I saw a couple photographing one of the pictures outside of the show domes. They must have really liked it. She is also working on plans for the lobby planter and a small stage in the show dome for weddings and entertainment. She has also several large projects in the works. Keep up the good work Sandy.

The Social Committee has also been busy planning out the year. We will have our first offsite Friends event this September. It will be a fundraiser for our organization. We had a spring show opening on Friday March 30th. It was advertised in our last newsletter. We had members come to the event. This is the first time we did not have anything extra planned with the opening. Previewing the show before the public has always been a benefit of being a member. We will be reevaluating the previews to determine if we should continue offering them.

Don’t forget about our spring show plant sale. The sale is on Saturday June 2nd at the Domes. This is when we sell plants that were used during the show that are hardy enough for you to plant at home. It gives us a chance to recoup some of the money used towards the Domes plant collection.

Help us celebrate the Parks 100th Anniversary. We will be helping Park People to sell raffle tickets to raise money for the Parks. More information on the 100th can be found at the Parks website. http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/100YearAnniversary21422.htm

I hope everyone has a very enjoyable summer. Every year they seem to get shorter and shorter.

Do you have any ideas for the Domes that you would like to share? I can be reached by phone, 414-384-0161, mail, Roger Krawiecki, 1020 S. Layton Boulevard, Milwaukee, WI 53215-1633, or by email, rkrawiecki@sbcglobal.net.

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100th Anniversary Raffle
Sponsored by: The Park People
1845 N. Farwell Ave., Suite 100 Milwaukee, WI
All proceeds to support Milwaukee County Parks

Grand Prize: 2007 Harley-Davidson Motorcycle
FLSTC Heritage Softail® Classic

Raffle Tickets: $5 each

• Must be 18 to purchase tickets.
• Drawing: Sept. 29, 2007, 8 p.m. at the Washington Park Bandshell, 1859 N. 40 St., Milwaukee
• Need not be present to win. Winners are responsible for all applicable taxes.

The Friends of the Domes will be selling raffle tickets in the Domes Gift Shop all summer long. Consider selling tickets at work or to your friends. Maybe purchase some as gifts. We are still working out the details so if you are interested contact the gift shop at domesgs@sbcglobal.net or 414-383-7769.

Mark your Calendars! New FOD Fundraising Event!

Another fun and entertaining Domes Event!

When: Sunday September 16th, 5 pm to 8 pm
Place: Mia Famiglia Restaurant at 10049 W.
Forest Home Avenue, Hales Corners
Price: $50 per person

This spectacular new event will include fine dining offerings from Chef Tom White Jr.’s kitchen. Italian cooking is part of the Mia Famiglia family tradition!

An outdoor patio is available that overlooks the County property known as Potter’s Woods. Combined with Italian marble tables, soft music and picturesque greenery, the outdoor patio offers a unique experience reminiscent of a European bistro.

Look for your sign-up information in the Fall 2007 FOD Newsletter published in August. As a F.O.D. member, you won’t want to miss this event. As part of this event, The Friends of the Domes (FOD) will host a benefit auction to raise additional operating funds. Proceeds from this exciting event will directly support the Friend’s efforts to keep the Domes, “Milwaukee’s Jewel,” open, vital, and available to local schoolchildren, residents, local groups and tourists.

Member donations for the Auction are especially welcome. This is a great way to promote your business or provide items for auction to the F.O.D. membership while helping our budget grow. Please consider donating an item! Call Diane Bucher 414-803-7910.

The FOD is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization whose purpose is to support the projects and programs of the Domes. All of your valuable donations are tax deductible.

For those of you that have attended recent Friends Events, you know how much fun this event will be!

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But wait, there’s more…Sandy was also a 2004 Mayoral Candidate and a long-time supporter of the arts including In Tandem Theatre as well as Artists Working in Education (AWE). Last summer the Education Center display an exhibit by local kids and AWE. She has been in partnerships with the leaders of the urban gardens and urban ecology movements. The staff of the Mitchell Park Domes would like to officially welcome Sandy. We’re glad you’re here!

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My Visit with the Domes
Architect, Donald Grieg

Due to some pleasant and fortuitous circumstances, my husband, Howard Aprill, and I traveled to Arizona, where we accepted the invitation of Donald and Nancy Grieb to come and “stop in” for a visit. Mr. Grieb was the architect who designed the Mitchell Park Domes. For over 25 years he had an architectural firm that was one of the most prolific in town. Consequently, he had his finger on the pulse of life in Milwaukee for a long time. We listened as Mr. Grieb provided a fascinating glimpse into local history as he effortlessly wove his stories and impressions of life in 1950’s and 60’s Milwaukee: the challenges of bringing his architectural vision to life, Mayors, racial and political unrest, and even Frank Lloyd Wright all crossed his path. Both of us were moved and inspired by the Grieb’s, who after almost 60 years of marriage, are still active in their community. Departing was very hard to do and we hope to return in the very near future.

Spring Show “Miss Spider’s Garden Party”
We welcome all the new Friends members who have joined since the last newsletter was published. We appreciate your support and hope you enjoy frequent visits to the Domes! Remember, your membership allows you to visit the Domes as often as you like during business hours, and free admission to many special evening events as well.

Anderson, Rita
Ariens, Melanie
Arndorfer, Michael & Judy
Bain, Janeen
Bednarski, Michele
Bielinski, Kathryn
Bilgo, Jamie
Bloomgarten, Sharon
Bonfiglio, Mary
Bonow, Ginger & John
Boyle, Thomas
Bragger-Kiltinen, Kathleen
Brotherhood, Mary Lynn & Randy
Brust, Chris
Buschhaus, Karl & Rosemary
Caceres, Susan Kellogg & Meril
Carlson, Steve & Linda
Charleston, Kristen
Ciulik, John
Clark, Laura
Cohen, Sarah
Cohn, Elizabeth & Bryan
Conrath, John & Linda
Cooley, Sarah & Jeff
Crocker, Kathleen & Randall
Cullen, Timothy
Curtis, Sharon & Tony
Dawson, Jane & Dave
Diesing, Barry & Pam
Ehicke, Anthony
Fischer, Rick
Fitch, Christine
Gentile, Anthony & Jane
Gorman, Susan Snyder & Ann
Gough, Michael & Saige
Gradowski, Anita
Granger, David
Gundrum, Jennifer Hess & Ralph
Haakenson, Carol
Habben, David
Hartwig, Mary Jo
Heimisch, Kim
Held, Ronald & Marian
Henry, Barbara Petanson & Dolores
Heuss, Bruce & Valeria
Hoelsken, Lynn
Hofe, Leslie
Hoffman, Jeffrey & Marie
Holman, Meagan
Hopfell, Joanna
Hum, John & Jennifer Vega
Jandrisevits, Matt & Amy
Janiszewski, Jim & Robin
Johnson, Mary
Klein-Tasman, Marc Tasman & Bonnie
Koziczowski, Carol
La Graves, Robert
Lane, Trish & Jeff
Lemoine, Cardinal & Jeff Treul
Limmer, Nicole
Liskowitz, Richard
Lucas, Lieselotte & Harry
Lyons, Jennifer & Anthony
Mauhar, Douglas & Deborah
Mayborne, B.
Mcroy, Syed Ali & Susan
Meeuwsen, Melissa
Monis, Karl & Kathy
Muckerheide, Deborah
Mulder, Rose Mary
Nye, Henry & Ursula
O’conner, Sharon
O’conner, Kris & Sarah
Oenick, Lauralee
Orlebeke, Scott
Perez-Valliere, Alana
Preston, Nancy & Bill
Ramirez, Mercedes & Victor
Richardson, Trevor & Mariana Farah
Riekoff, Rita
Rudmanis, Inara & Anita
Santiago, Julaine & Richard
Saugstad, Deborah & Gary
Schrank, Sylvia
Schroeder, James & Carol
Schwartz, Trudy & Tonia Cronce
Seneboutarath, Kathy
Shepard-Sidem, Jennifer
Skinner, Steve
Sobolewski, Kristie
Somers, Kristina & Richard Frohling
Swisher, Peter & Joyce
Tappa, Stanley
Theisen, Amy
Thornton, Margaret
Thur, Ron
Uyehara, Thomas
Veit, Kathy & David
Waddell, Jim & Deneen
Wade, Michael & Kristin
Ward, Karen
Waydick, Kathyrn & Eric
Weckman, Paula & Mike
Wollin, Sharon Boyd & Paula
Wyland, Eugene
Yakes, Aimée
Zachar, James
Zuehlke, Joan & Erwin

Photos by Kathy Weber
As I write these words, I am looking outside my office window at the spring storm that has generated several inches of snow outside. The pond has mini-icebergs floating in it and even our resident duck has taken flight! It only helps me to realize how wonderful it can be on a day like today to be right here in the Domes and smell and see the myriad of spring flowers in the Show Dome or experience the humid and fragrant atmosphere in the Tropical Dome. Very few people can boost that their jobs offer a climate change as well!

Spring is almost here. A good time of the year to re-energize, plan your garden, work on the house, plan your garden, spend more time outside and of course, plan your garden! Every year I look to improve my own small plot of land and introduce new colors and species, different planter arrangements and layouts to keep things interesting. Not everything works, nor does everything look the way I always visualize it, but the fun is in the shopping and of course, just being outside digging in the dirt and reconnecting with the neighbors. Of course, here in the Domes, everything is beautiful, everything comes up and the results are always Disney World quality! I often see visitors with sketchpads or camera’s looking to capture and emulate the same patterns, colors and plantings in their own gardens. Unfortunately, they don’t have the crew that we here at the Domes have! Led by Wayne Majerowski (who I am sure that many of you have already had the pleasure of meeting) and his great team; Pat Kehoe, Candy Mestayer, Chris Gaar, Lillian Torres and our own orchid specialist; Bil Nelson. Without their dedication, knowledge and passion to this facility and its mission, we would not have the wonderful showcase of flowers and plants that make this site the destination that it is!

That said, it is equally as important to look to the future and the long-term vision for the Conservatory. How will it relate to a new generation of users and offer the programs and educational opportunities that will engage and take us into the next century? Issues like global warming, sustainable energy and lack of natural resources are in the media daily. These are important issues and certainly apply to our working Conservatory. I hope to connect with other groups working on “green” initiatives and bring that element and energy to the Domes.

Stay tuned…

Sandy

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### Current & Upcoming Events

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**Green Career Day**  
Oct 2007 (tentative)

**Rainforest Night**  
Friday Oct. 12th 6-9:30 pm (details to follow)

**Ikebana Show, Japanese flower arranging**  
Oct. 19th – 21st

**Winter Show in the Show Dome – “Holiday on Village Square”**  
Nov. 17th – Jan 6th 2008

**Balloon-a-Palooza**  
Nov. 17th – 25th  
Come see and experience the largest balloon art exhibit in the USA. Cartoon characters, mazes, and unbelievable balloon creations await you and your family here at the Domes.

**Friends of the Domes Holiday Dinner Party *”**  
Thursday November 29 6-9pm  
Enjoy a fun filled evening with cocktails, dinner, and a raffle. Sit in the Show Dome for an elegant and colorful setting for your holiday meal.

**Senior Health Day**  
Dec. 2007 (tentative)

**New Year’s Eve at the Domes *”**  
Monday Dec. 31st 6-10 pm  
Join us at the Domes as we usher in the New Year with live music, magic, comedy and food at this family oriented event.

* indicates reduced admission cost for FOD members
Some Good Kinds of Tobacco in the Floral Dome!

The summer flower display (June 9-September 9) in the Floral Dome includes plants that are closely related to the tobacco used for smoking use. They all belong to the genus Nicotiana from which the term nicotine was derived. They are members of the nightshade family that includes tomato, potato, petunia, bell pepper, and eggplant. Nicotiana species originated in South America and like to grow in warm weather. They bloom profusely without deadheading (picking off the old flowers) and are great additions to the home garden. They have intense, fragrant scents and attract hawk moth and hummingbird pollinators.

Nicotiana sylvestris is sometimes given the name South American tobacco or wild tobacco. It is thought that smoking tobacco, N. tabacum, was derived from this species. In the garden, wild tobacco can be 3 to 4 feet tall with numerous trumpet-shaped, white flowers that hang down. The flowers open and release their fragrance at night. This attracts hawk moths, but it also great for people relaxing on their patios on a summer evening. Nicotiana x sanderae ‘Avalon’ is a Nicotiana hybrid that is short, compact, and covered with numerous colorful, tubular flowers. It is sometimes called “flowering tobacco,” and it too provides a lovely fragrance in the garden. It is a wonderful plant both in garden borders and in container plantings.

There are a couple of possible problems that face these plants. Tobacco mosaic virus causes the plants to have a mottled look in the leaves and may stunt their growth. This plant virus is spread primarily by touching, so wash your hands thoroughly before entering the vegetable garden after working with Nicotiana plants. The virus cannot harm people and other animals. Aphids are a common insect pest on tobacco. These sucking insects may be found in large numbers on the lower side of leaves. Reduce their numbers with water spray from a garden hose. Nicotiana plants are annuals in Wisconsin, so neither the virus nor the aphids will be a lasting problem.

Come see the beautiful variety of Nicotiana plants in the summer floral dome. Their beauty, scent, and easy care far outweigh any possible problems.
Membership Application

Name_____________________________________________________

Address ___________________________________________________

City ______________________________________________________

Phone___________________________ Date _____________________

☑ $20 Student    ☑ $25 Student & One Guest
☑ $30 Individual  ☑ $40 Individual & 3 Guests
☑ $40 Family      ☑ $100 Contributing

Make your check payable and mail to:
Friends of the Domes
524 S. Layton Blvd.
Milwaukee, WI 53215

☐ Please contact me about volunteering!

A Friends Membership makes a great gift!
If interested in a gift membership call 414-383-3818

Calendar of Events

March 31-May 27 ....................... Spring Floral Show “Miss Spider’s Garden”
May 5 ................................................................. Cinco De Mayo event
May 13 ............................................................. Mother’s Day Event
June 2 (10:30-3:00pm) ......................... FOD Spring Plant Sale
June 8 (5-8pm) ................................................ Summer Show preview night
June 9-Sept 9 ............................... Summer Floral Show “Past Times in the Park”
June 21 (6-9pm) ........................................ Desert Night
Sept 15-16 .................................................. FOD Spring Plant Sale
Sept 16 (5-8pm) ........................................... Italian Night Fundraiser
Sept 21 (5-8pm) ......................................... Fall Show preview night
Sept 22-Nov 4 ........................................ Fall Show “School Days”
October 12 ............................................... Rainforest Night
October 19-21 ........................................ Ikebana Japanese Floral Show
Nov 17- Jan 6 .................... Winter Floral Show “Holiday on Village Square”
Nov 17-25 ................................................ Balloon – a – Paloosa
November 29 .................................... FOD Holiday Dinner & Fundraiser
December 31 (6-10pm) .............. New Year’s Eve at the Domes

Admission Rates: Adults $5.00, Seniors $3.50, Children 6-17 $3.50, Free 5 and under. Milwaukee County Residents free on Mondays (excluding major holidays) 9am-11:30am.

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