Rainforest Night Returns  

Thursday, October 8  
By Paula J. Zamiatowski  
Interpretative Educator  

October will be a fun month in the Education Center. An oldie-but-goodie is back – Rainforest Night! This year, Rainforest Night will be a part of Music Under Glass on Thursday, October 8th, from 6 – 9:30 p.m. KT Rusch will be back to perform in the Show Dome; children are invited to join her with percussion instruments. Sampling of food will take place in the lobby and Desert Dome. Flashlight tours, back by popular demand, will take place every half-hour. Please call me at 414-649-9830 or e-mail paula.zamiatowski@milwcnty.com if you would like to volunteer for this event.

Halloween Hogwart’s Herbology!  

Friday, October 30  
By Paula J. Zamiatowski, Interpretative Educator  

Friends of the Domes will be hosting Halloween, and I’m excited to announce that the Education Center will be turned into Hogwart’s Herbology and Potion Lab. This is a program I developed for the Central Milwaukee County Library’s Harry Potter book premier in 2007. I’m excited to have a chance to do it again! If you are not familiar with Harry Potter it will resemble a classroom where students learn all about magical plants—which become more interesting and dangerous each year of study. Some of the plants will include Gillyweed, Mimbulus mimbletonia, Devil’s snare, Flitterbloom, Screechsnap, Whomping Willow, Dragon Dung and of course, Mandragora or Mandrake. There will be many surprises along with a chance to take the magical wand quiz, learn how to plant a Harry Potter Garden at home, and meet a few professors of witchcraft and wizardry. Along the way visitors will learn about plant conservation.

Annual Holiday Party  

Save the Date!  
Sunday, November 22  
By Liz Fehring  
Volunteer Coordinator  

On Sunday November 22nd, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. join us for the annual holiday party and fundraiser at The Domes. This year the Show Dome will have a children’s theme so we are considering a sundae bar with all the trimmings along with other “comfort food” items that both children and adults will enjoy.

So, save the date and join us for a wonderful holiday celebration for the whole family!

Our new Volunteer Coordinator is Liz Fehring. If you are interested in volunteering, or have questions about becoming a volunteer, call Liz at 414-453-1861 or on her cell phone at 414-322-7600. You can also contact her by e-mail at volunteer@milwdomes.org.

www.milwaukeedomes.org
By Sandy Folaron

Brrrrr… already a nip in the air and leaves rustling on the ground, which leaves me to wonder how the summer went by so quickly! Although historically, summer is a time to recoup and begin planning for the busy fall and holiday seasons, it seemed as if there were just not enough hours in the day to do all the things we had hoped to catch up on! Our visitor counts remain steady often still outpacing previous records. In June, slightly fewer than 12,000 visitors crossed our threshold and the July count came in at 12,472. So, we continue to attract visitors and set attendance records since our grand reopening of the facility last November.

Lot’s of irons in the fire so to speak, but let me share with you an overview of what we have been up to here at the Domes.

MPS Student Work Program

This summer our horticultural staff worked with two students from the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) Work Program. Both Po Kyaw and Shanequa Yarber had a very hands-on experience in weed pulling, mulching, raking bark, watering and planting exterior flower beds. They were a great asset to our team, providing that extra set of hands to keep one step ahead of the duties here.

Clarke Square Initiative

A neighborhood revitalization program funded by the Zilber Foundation has worked with the Domes staff to plan and help underwrite an Urban Agricultural project in Mitchell Park. “Urban Ag” (as it is called) generally looks to educate people about healthy food sources and diets. Growing and buying locally grown food benefits all of the community. And, in this particular case, it works to connect the Domes’ educational and botanical mission with a new generation and demographic of users. Teaching people how to grow food, whether for their consumption or to sell in green markets, is about as “green” and “sustainable” as you can get! This summer another community partner, Core El Centro, planted and grew a vegetable garden outside of the park pavilion as a stepping-stone to a larger project here next spring. We are on our way!

Tropical Bridge Replacement

The Friends of the Domes have commissioned a carpenter to replace the railings on the sorely deteriorated bridge to update and match the Tropical deck that was redone last year. This project will again be constructed with IPE the Brazilian sustainable hardwood that is an excellent fit for the tropical climate!

Education Center

At long last we are beginning to see the emergence of our new Educational Center! The larger and better location will give Paula some elbow room and allow us to add more visual and educational displays and exhibits to help with our onsite programming. As the space design evolves, we have begun to work with Sally Stanton and researched various grant opportunities and funding to support the student classes and educational tours. Stop in and say hi! (After the dust settles!)

Evergreen Project

Although delayed a bit, it is still hopeful that the Evergreen Project will be completed before the first snowflakes fly! This partnership with landscapers, nursery owners and contractors would redesign the front entry plaza to the Domes, adding more green space, permeable surfaces, trees and plantings which in turn will kick-start more improvements to include seating components and public art.

Music Under Glass Concert Series

This successful nighttime concert series returned October 1st and runs through March 18th with consecutive Tuesday and Thursday evening concerts from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Join us again for an eclectic mix of local musicians and bands for an evening of great entertainment and ambiance.

Almost a full year has passed since our great Grand Reopening last fall. So much has happened and we still have so far to go. Please join us and support our efforts by becoming a volunteer, a committee member or by joining the Friends of the Domes Board, all of which truly helps make so much of this happen.

The Domes Admission Rates

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9 a.m. – 1 a.m.
Autumn is here, and as usual, it seems to arrive too quickly for those of us who truly love summer. As we finish preparations to put our gardens to sleep for the winter, it’s easy to feel a bit melancholy about the passing of the seasons. Our Wisconsin winters can be long and often too harsh for our liking. On the “up side” we can enjoy endless summer – all year around. Nothing will lift your spirits faster during the dreary winter months than a visit to our lovely gardens. It may be snowing and blowing outside, but inside, just open the door to one of our gardens.

You will immediately smell the warm, moist earth and see an amazing, ever-changing array of plants, trees and flowers. Listen to the birds singing and hear the sound of the waterfall. Or experience the warm, dry air and see the wonderful desert plants. Nothing will transport you away from winter faster than a visit to the Domes. Don’t forget to peruse the items in the Friends of the Dome’s gift shop, Gifts Under Glass. You will find a wonderful selection of plants, books, local artwork, jewelry, toys and gifts. Come for a short visit, or stay for hours. You will leave feeling refreshed – with a renewed sense that spring is just around the corner!

And, as if that weren’t enough, we have many wonderful events and shows planned.

Check the back of this newsletter or visit our website: www.milwaukeedomes.org for more information on upcoming events. We have many opportunities for you to participate as a volunteer. Our events committee is active and appreciates new ideas to bring something extra to our fund raising efforts. We would like to provide adult educational activities through our education committee. There is also room for you on the Board of Directors. You can make a difference.

It may be autumn in Wisconsin, but at the Domes, it is always warm and inviting. We hope to see you here soon. Enjoy!

Your Garden Can Be a Butterfly Haven!

It may be Autumn and we are busy preparing our gardens for winter, but most home gardeners can’t help but dream about next year’s garden. If you want to increase the number of butterflies in your garden, plan to include some of the following flowers to attract them: common yarrow, New York aster, Shasta daisy, coreopsis, horsemint, lavender, rosemary, thyme, butterfly bush, butterfly weed, verbena, lupine, and delphinium. To be “butterfly-friendly, also consider that they need wind protection, a quiet place to lay eggs, and water to drink.

The Gift Shop at the Domes has an amazing collection of books about gardening. Treat yourself to one or more – and read, learn, dream, plan to your heart’s content!
By Paula J. Zamiatowski
Interpretative Educator

Our Education Center lost a long-time friend and supporter last year, Norma Voorhorst. Norma was a member of the Friends of the Domes Board of Directors as well as Chair of almost every Friends committee at one time or another. She was always involved in all special events and volunteer recruitment. In keeping with Norma’s generosity, she left the Education Center funds to be used to provide environmental education for “underserved” girls. The Norma Voorhorst Internship Program will support internships in the Education Center where potential students will apply once a year to do a project for the Center. Projects will be chosen based on the best match of the student’s goals and the needs of the Education Department. This memorial reflects Norma’s involvement with her other volunteer work for Women in Science Scholarships at Zonta International. This organization is comprised of professionals who work to improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women through service and advocacy. Norma was a longtime member of Zonta International, Friends of the Domes, and a volunteer usher at the Marcus Center. I still miss seeing her at the Domes. If you would like to contribute to the internship fund, please contact the Friends of the Domes at 414-383-7769.

New Education Center to Open Soon

By Paula J. Zamiatowski
Interpretative Educator

On June 20, 2008, I taught my last class in the old Education Center. Fifteen months later, it looks like I will have a new home soon. Looking back, I do not know how we did it. Because the center’s classroom space was not available, it was often difficult to ensure that our desired quality and required standards could be met with each class. Classes were held anywhere we could find a quiet space and a teachable moment. As a result, many schools opted out of coming to the Domes for their annual field trip in the 2008-09 school year. This school year will be exciting with all my returning schools, senior centers, clubs, scout troops and tour groups along with many additions that will include workshops, and a master volunteer program. Once the center opens, the animal ambassadors of the Mitchell Park Domes will return as well. Please stop in and say hello!

Harrison Henry Environmental Education Fund

By Paula J. Zamiatowski
Interpretative Educator

Harrison and Margaret Henry were long-time supporters of the Domes. Harrison served as greeter for many years as well as volunteering with his wife, Margaret, at special events and on various committees. I did not have the privilege of working with Margaret but I did work with Harrison during Rainforest Night and it was always great to work with him. The Henrys were very involved with the Domes and it is no surprise that they would leave a memorial to the Education Center to support low-cost programming for schools that have no funding for environmental education-focused field trips to the Domes. There will be an application process in place, working through the school principals, to make the best use of funds each year. If you would like to donate to the Harrison Henry Environmental Education Fund, please contact the Friends of the Domes at 414-383-7769.
Spring Sale a Success

By Steve Libbey, Board Member

This past spring, as Wisconsin was breaking the icy grip of winter, and green was starting to overwhelm grey, the Friends held our annual plant sale. This year the plant sale was a triple impact fundraiser for our beloved Mitchell Park Horticultural conservancy.

Sandy cleaned out the labyrinthine basement of the domes, supplying items for the sale one might not expect to see at the Friends of the Domes plant and rummage sale. I still regret not buying that easel for $20. Sure it was huge, kind of rustic and I don’t paint; but it was cool. The cement mixer seriously tormented one lady who knew a great deal when she saw it but couldn’t convince her husband on the cell phone, or neighbor or aunt or cousin twice removed. Even a nice old pencil drawing of the Domes by a talented anonymous artist was had by some lucky sale attendee. Plastic Christmas tree decorations and old gift shop inventory rounded out the rummage sale facet of the spring sale nicely. You have to hope Sandy finds a corner of The Domes basement untouched since the days of JFK’s presidency to clean out for next year’s sale.

The second impact of the sale was the primary focus of the annual event. The Spring Show plants and bulbs have a loyal following. Talking to the many people who come to the annual Friends Plant and Rummage Sale every year was a lot of fun. A mother with a young lady in was tow picking out lilies and bulbs for their new home. They have been attending the sale every year for nearly a decade and have hundreds of official Domes plants in their “old” yard. The estate dealer who came back twice for more plants, telling stories of the treasures he and his wife had found over the years was a blast. The young couple from central Wisconsin who couldn’t decide what to buy because they have so many flowers but then came to the agreement, “you can’t ever have too many flowers,” so they bought a car full.

So many great people came out in the blistering wind on the cold spring day to get a horticultural memento of The Domes and support the Friends. I personally bought a ton of the show bulbs. I have no idea what will be popping out of the dozen areas of our yard where dozens of bulbs slumber waiting for April showers. I’m looking forward to finding out this coming spring. I made a healthy purchase of bulbs at the end of the day Saturday, figuring I would plant some and give some away. It would be great. At the end of my tour of duty Sunday I asked what it would take to put the Friends out of the bulb business. A few minutes later I left with hundreds of daffodil bulbs. What a deal! I visited two brothers and four friends on the way home leaving hundreds of bulbs with each of them.

The third impact is the catalyst for this little flashback to the rummage sale. I came on as a member of the Friends’ Board with a mission of helping the Friends of the Domes. “Helping” for a guy with a three year old, a one year old and a baby due in early October simply can’t be twenty hours a week after work. Once on the board, I realized I could help with building corporate partnerships. One of my business’s clients happens to be Jung Seed of Randolph, Wisconsin. We asked the owner of Jung Seed, Dick Zondag, if he would consider making a donation for the rummage sale to help support Milwaukee’s Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservancy. Dick graciously said yes. As the sale continued on page 7

Garden Wisdom

Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns.

~George Eliot
Why Do Leaves Change Color in Autumn?

- The green color in leaves helps them to absorb or hold sunlight.
- Leaves make a kind of sugar that is the tree’s food.
- Sunlight, water and air all help the leaves to make this food.
- Leaves work to feed the tree all summer long.
- In autumn, there are fewer hours of sunlight and cooler temperatures.
- Inside the leaves there will be many changes too.
- Autumn’s cooler days tell the trees to get ready for winter.
- These changes bring about the beautiful colors of autumn.
- Sunlight now causes the stored sugar in the leaves to change color.
- The more sugar there is, the brighter the colors will be.
- Leaves can turn various shades of yellow, orange, red, purple, rust – and different trees produce different colors.

- Bright sunny days and crisp, cool night seem to bring out the best autumn colors.
- Too much rain may make colors dull; an early frost may kill the leaves too soon.
- Winter will be a time of rest for the tree; it will need very little food.
- The leaves have done their job and will stop their work, and fall from the trees.

Learn more in Why Do Leaves Change Color? a children’s book filled with more great information, beautiful illustrations and several easy craft ideas!

This wonderful book is just one of many available for children of all ages in the Gift Shop at the Domes. We have books about worms, clouds, dinosaurs, flowers and so much more. We also have games, toys and hands-on learning items. Come see us today!

2010 Floral Shows Announced

“A Children’s Christmas” Floral Holiday Show runs through January 3, 2010
See larger than life displays set among a field of poinsettias.
Show Dome closed January 4 – January 15 for new show installation

“Westward Ho” Annual Train Show January 16 – March 14
Show Dome closed March 15 – 26 for new show installation

“JUNG at Heart Spring Show” March 27 – June 5
Show Dome closed June 7 – 18 for new show installation

“Riverboat Tales Summer Show” June 19 – September 12
Show Dome closed September 13 – 24 for new show installation

“American Ghost Stories Fall Mum Show” September 25 – November 7
Show Dome closed November 8 – 19 for new show installation

“Frosty Fable Holiday Show” November 20 – January 2, 2011

Did You Know?

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Photograph by Bridget O’Donnell

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approached with no details worked out, no real idea of how the donation would be made or even what it would be, Dick showed up like Santa Clause in a huge truck with 200 bare root rose plants from Jung’s Edmunds Roses division. Dick dropped them off at iNET in Waukesha the day before the Domes rummage sale. Before the sale began the Friends had raised $340 at iNET with employees and customers buying donated bare root Edmunds Roses plants out of the huge plastic bags Dick delivered them in. $340 is nearly half of what the spring bulb sale typically raises! The roses were a hit at $10 a piece and accounted for more than $1,000 of revenue to support The Domes.

The economy is tough. Everyone is looking to conserve funds. As a friends group we need good corporate citizens like Jung Seed to help us any way they can and/or are willing. In that light, I ask you as a member of the Friends to consider buying your spring bulbs and garden seeds from Jung Seed. Maybe even that hedge you have been considering planting or a bare root tree, perhaps additional bare root roses to go with the ones you bought at the spring sale. If you do shop Jung Seed please thank them for supporting the Milwaukee Domes and make sure you tell them to let Dick Zondag personally know that you appreciate Jung Seed supporting The Domes. You can order online 24/7 365 days a year at www.jungseed.com. The Jung family of horticultural sales is one of the greats – a Wisconsin based company that participates in our mission of supporting the Domes. Please help Jung help The Domes. As a new member of the Friends of the Domes I had no idea what the sale would be like. The day after the sale I started looking forward to the spring bulb and rummage sale 2010. Thanks to everyone who showed up and said, “Hello.” I feel like I made at least a few friends that day. Thank you Jung Seed for supporting The Domes!

**Featured PLANT**

*by Gail Schumann*

**The Ponytail Plant in the Arid Dome**

The ponytail plant grows in the Arid Dome. It is sometimes wrongly called the ponytail palm, but it is more closely related to agave or yucca than palm trees. These related plants are native to Mexico. They used to be in the same botanical family, but recent reclassification has separated them into different families. The scientific name is *Beaucarnea recurvata*.

The common name ponytail plant comes from the thick mop of long, strap-like leaves that are in a cluster at the top of the plant. The tree keeps its leaves and replaces them only when they are removed by a storm or other injury. This plant is something like a camel because it can survive for long dry periods using the water that is stored in its swollen trunk. The bark of the swollen base of the plant looks very much like the rough skin of an elephant, so another common name for this plant is “elephant foot.”

Ponytail plants can grow to 6 feet in a container, but grow to 30 feet outdoors. They grow very slowly. This makes them good house plants because they do not need a lot of care and do not outgrow their pots for a long time. Seeds and plants are available at many commercial websites, such as gflora.com which provided the image accompanying this article.

Mature plants produce many, small, creamy-white flowers on long panicles. You can sometimes see them in bloom at the Domes. They may flower two or three times a year. Ponytail plants are dioecious which means that some plants are male and produce only pollen, and some plants are female and produce seeds after pollination. A number of insects, and possibly bats, pollinate the flowers.

Next time you visit the Arid Dome, look for the ponytail plant. How many can you find? Do you think that Dr. Seuss was inspired by this plant when he drew some of the imaginative creatures in his book *If I Ran the Zoo?*
Your one-year sponsorship will provide your chosen animal(s) a higher quality of life. Our resident animals live in the education center and our birds live in the tropical dome. Some of the items you will help provide include full spectrum lighting, basking lamps, specialty foods, supplements, veterinary care and more. Your sponsorship is vital to continue the best care for these animal educators.

In return, you will receive a recognition certificate acknowledging your donation and a natural history profile of your sponsored animal(s).

HERE IS YOUR CHOICE LIST:

Three-toed Box Turtle ........................................ $40
Spiny-tailed Lizard .............................................$40
White's Tree Frog .............................................$30
Green Singing Finch .........................................$20
Java Finch ......................................................$20
Pekin Robin ....................................................$20
Spice Finch .....................................................$20
Society Finch ...................................................$20
Koi Fish in Tropical Pond .................................$25

Please cut at dotted line and mail to: Mitchell Park Domes,
Attn: Gift Shop/Animal Sponsor
524 S Layton Blvd.
Milwaukee WI 53215

ADOPT AN ANIMAL REGISTRATION

Name ____________________________________________
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Pick ‘N Save “We Care”

When you shop at Pick ‘N Save, a percentage of your total grocery bill can be contributed as “We Care” dollars for the Friends of the Domes. Just stop and register one time at the service desk and ask them to designate our charity code (#243900) on your advantage card. Then every time you shop, you will support the educational and cultural programs offered at the Domes.

A tiny feathered resident charms visitors at The Domes. Photo by Bridget O’Donnell
The more you learn about taking small steps to improve our precious environment, the more you often learn about keeping your family safe as well. Check your home for hazardous products. Be sure to keep them away from children and pets. Never pour them down a sink, drain, toilet or sewer - or pour them directly on the ground! They can end up going into our drinking water source. You may be surprised to find some commonly used items in your home that are quite dangerous in the wrong hands – or if used and disposed of improperly. Hazardous products may contain some of the following words on the label:

- **Toxic** – poisonous or cancer causing ingredients
- **Reactive** – can explode during routine handling.
- **Danger or Poison** – contains highly toxic ingredients and may be flammable or corrosive
- **Warning** – contains moderately toxic ingredients
- **Caution** – contains slightly toxic ingredients
- **Flammable or Ignitable** – burns or ignites easily with contact to heat or flame
- **Corrosive** – an acid or alkaline that eats through many surfaces

Never burn or bury hazardous waste or re-use pesticide or chemical containers. Never mix chemicals that are not intended to be used that way – this can create highly toxic gases.

Do what you can. Start today. Even small changes can lead to a healthier community!

Mitchell Park Domes is proud to share easy, healthier ways to “live greener.”
Mark Your Calendar for the Third Weekend of August 2010

While we may not be the largest metropolitan area in North America, Milwaukee has unprecedented options in the arts and entertainment arena. Milwaukeeans are known for supporting artists and the arts. With so many choices available, a high level of input and focus is required to keep a venue like The Domes on the minds of the public.

After what has been a period of reformation at the hand of shrinking county budgets for the Domes (thankfully offset a bit by generous philanthropic support from Michael Cudahy, Chris Abele and others), our Domes are emerging out of the forgotten bluster, back to their rightful place atop Milwaukee’s southern skyline. Recognizing an opportunity to help create a brighter future, the Friends of the Domes are bringing back our Milwaukee Domes art show after a long hiatus.

The new Milwaukee Domes Art Festival will be an art event of the highest magnitude, featuring a juried art show, an outdoor “plein aire” painting contest on the Mitchell Park Grounds, live music, great food, a cornerstone art exhibit and our Domes. The Domes art show will be, “a cultural event unlike any other.”

Our plein aire event will feature serious cash prizes for participating artists. With the right artists attending, the festival will be a great place to tour contemporary art for Milwaukeeans who have no intention of buying art. As much an art exhibit as an art sale, the show will have widespread appeal for southeastern Wisconsin residents.

Bringing back the show with availability for 100 artists, including ten or fifteen plein aire painters to participate is roughly the scale conceptualized for our “first annual.” Corporate sponsorship needs to be a major part of this production. In reintroducing the Milwaukee Domes Art Festival, sustainability through corporate partnership is a big piece of the plan. Through in-kind and cash donation, businesses get to give back to the community in a very public manner. For a business the show provides exposure. For the Friends, business sponsorship provides the ability to put on a world-class cultural event at a price the general public can comfortably afford. With the help of local business, The Domes Art Festival will quickly become a “must attend” event for a growing percentage of southeastern Wisconsin residents.

A serious cultural event will take a lot of effort. To make the Milwaukee Domes Art Festival a blue chip event as summer winds down year after year, The Friends need volunteers to support different aspects of the festival. Please consider volunteering to direct parking cars, clean the grounds, watch an artist’s booth during breaks, help setup or help breakdown. Even if you have never volunteered and don’t think you have much to contribute we will find a way for you to help. Volunteer opportunities abound with the art event. To get on the volunteers list please contact our volunteer coordinator Liz Fehringer at volunteer@milwdomes.org. The show is in the planning process right now. If you have ideas you would like considered for The Domes Art Festival 2010 or future events please contact me at steve@inet-pc.com.

Corporate members of the Friends please consider sponsorship. Tents, advertising, marketing, a cornerstone art exhibit all require funding up front. The Friends of the Domes are glad to consider in kind sponsorships. Local businesses already committed to participating include: iNET Computer and Web with an informational and auction website for the silent auction. Milwaukee Live Bands with coordination of live entertainment and sponsorship of live music. Benno’s Concessions with coordination of soda, water and beverages as well as sponsorship. The Law Offices of Habush, Habush & Rottier, with a $3,000 general contribution. Please support these sponsors when you have the opportunity, and let us know what you can do to help make the Milwaukee Domes Art Festival a cornerstone annual event at Mitchell Park.

If by chance the place you work is interested in being a founding sponsor for The Domes annual Art Festival please contact me at steve@inet-pc.com. The Domes art event is an opportunity to give back to our community enriching the cultural fabric, creating lasting memories and impressions.
Enjoy Beautiful Colors and Interesting Shapes Throughout the Domes!

Photos by Bridget O’Donnell

What’s New in the Gift Shop?

By Sarah Philipp

Since an art class assignment as an undergraduate, Phyllis Bankier has been fascinated with capturing moments and freezing time through photography. After this first assignment, Phyllis was amazed by the effect these captured images had on her. She is especially inspired by natural scenery, urban landscapes and people.

“While composing the world through the camera lens and capturing those special moments or scenes, I knew the camera would become a part of my life.”

Phyllis’ work showcases the natural structures and composition of her subjects. She attempts to not only observe her surroundings, but engage and connect with them, and continues to use photography to share the colors and action she experiences in her subject.

For more information, or to see Phyllis’ photography, visit www.scenescapes.us. Visit us in person to experience Phyllis’ work and the work of other local artists featured at the Domes Gift Shop. Take their art home, while doing your part to support The Domes.
2009/2010 Calendar of Events

October 8.................................................................Rain Forest Night
October 17 & 18............................Ikebana Show (Japanese Floral Arranging)
October 30 .................................................................Halloween Event
November 9...............................................................Fall Haunts Show Closes
November 21.............................................................A Children’s Holiday Show Opens
November 22.............................................................Holiday Party and Fundraiser
December 31 ..............................................New Years Eve Family Celebration (FOD*)
February 6 .................................................................Chinese New Years Celebration
January 29...............................................................Restaurants Under Glass (FOD*)
February 14...........................................................Valentines Evening (FOD*)
February 20 .............................................................Turkish Festival
Date To Be Announced ................................Collectible Train Layout & Displays
March 14.................................................................St. Pat’s Family Day Celebration
March 20.................................................................Dare to be Aware Holistic Health Fair
April 3 .................................................................Green Living Festival
September 18 & 19 ......................................................Orchid Show
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Music Under Glass Concert Series Enjoy live music and concessions
October – March 2011 Tuesday & Thursday evenings (except for December), 6:30-8:30 p.m., Show Dome Stage, Call for details.

Friends of the Domes Annual Fund-raiser Dinner Support the Domes & enjoy an evening of entertainment & camaraderie. December 5, 6-8:30 p.m. Special rates apply
*Friends of the Domes

DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE