Current and Upcoming Events

2nd Annual Dare to be Aware
Saturday, March 28th, 9am-5pm

Spring in Yorkshire – Show Dome
April 4th through May 25th
An English cottage surrounded by a fragrant floral setting.

Bird Fest Migrates to the Domes
Saturday, April 18th, 9 am-4 pm
The Domes will show the importance of birds in our world. (Parks partnership with Wehr Nature Center, Wisconsin Audubon Society and Mitchell Park Domes.) Enjoy appearances by “Tufts” the Owl from Wehr Nature Center, “Bart” the Crow from Hawthorne Glenn, “Joey” the Cockatoo from the Center for Avian Rehabilitation and Education, raptors from Pineview Wildlife Rehabilitation Center and tropical rainforest birds.

There will be family activities; talks by bird experts as well as bird watching hobbyists. Mariette Nowak will show how to grow a bird-friendly garden. Art exhibitors will be present along with Wild Birds Unlimited. Enjoy bird hikes in Mitchell Park and much more. Fill out your survey before you leave the Domes for a chance to win a door prize at the end of the event! General admission applies.

Green Vehicle Fair
Saturday, April 25th, 9 am-3 pm
Alternative fuels for tomorrow’s vehicles. (Parks partnership with Wisconsin Clean Cities, MATC and Mitchell Park Domes.) This event takes place in the parking lot of Mitchell Park Domes. Admission into the facility is not necessary to view the vehicles.

Birdfest Migrates to the Domes
Saturday, April 18, 2009
524 S. Layton Blvd. Milwaukee 414-649-9830
General Admission Applies

Green Living Festival
Sat. May 2, 2009
9 am to 9 pm
Find ways to save your green!
Celebrate EASY Green Living
Learn fun, easy ways to live greener—helping people and our planet!

MitcheLL Park Domes
524 S. Layton Blvd. Milwaukee 414-649-9830
Regular Domes Admission Applies

2nd Annual Green Living Festival
Saturday, May 2nd, 9am-9 pm
Celebrating easy green living for our health, family, budget and the planet. On-going green talks throughout the day along with family activities, desert

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Congratulations to both Paula Zamiatowski and Bil Nelson for their noteworthy work, which has also brought national recognition to the Mitchell Park Conservatory.

Paula, our Educator, is the recipient of the National Association for Interpretation (NAI) Outstanding New Interpreter Award for 2008. Paula’s innovative and inclusive programming has made her a mentor and role model for college and high school students alike. Her ability to develop and foster relationships among community and environmental organizations has cultivated strong viable relationships with leaders in the surrounding neighborhoods including the Hispanic, Asian and Native American cultures. Her innovative classes and workshops have set a new tone for the interpretive fields. The NAI is a professional organization for park historians and naturalists, zoo and museum educators, heritage interpreters and others affiliated with interpreting the natural, historical and cultural environment to the public. The organization boasts over 4,000 members! Good for you, Paula! We are so proud of your accomplishments and endeavors to bring the Domes into the national spotlight!

Bil, on the other hand, has been busy growing and showcasing our orchid collection, winning a myriad of awards and recognition as well. Recently at the 2009 Orchid Quest Show, Bil was honored with the Fred Hillerman Angraecoid Award. This prestigious award was granted to the grower of the most outstanding species or hybrid within the subtribe Aerangidinae or Angraecinae and is one of the highest honors this organization can bestow upon an orchidist!

WOW! We are so lucky to have Mr. Nelson representing the Conservatory and showcasing our collection at its best!

From the Directors Chair
by Sandy Folaron

What’s New in the Gift Shop
Series by Sarah Philipp

For Dottie Diggs’ family, artistic talent most definitely is in the genes. Dottie inherited her visually artistic side from her father, and her musical talents from her mother. Dottie’s “day job” is with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, but when she is not expressing herself through her music, she creates exquisite floral and landscape photography. This photography is a welcome and popular addition to the gift shop. As a child, Dottie was particularly interested in black and white photography. She took her passion abroad, and began photographing cathedrals and chateaux. It was, however, a domestic event that moved Dottie most. In 2005, Hurricane Katrina turned Dottie’s passion into a vehicle for change. In addition to being a personal outlet, photography enabled Dottie to remind others of life’s fragility.

“I’m learning the power of photos, how healing they can be, just as I continue to learn the power of music,” reflects Dottie.

Dottie has generously donated some of her pieces to be featured in the gift shop, and continues to be a cherished friend and supporter of The Domes. Come visit the shop, and take a look at Dottie’s matted photos, and photo note cards. As always, you will find many local artists, like Dottie, and have the opportunity to take their work home, while doing your part to support The Domes.
FROM THE DESK OF THE FRIENDS OF THE DOMES PRESIDENT:
Deanna Andre

At the Annual Election of Officers of the Friends of the Domes in February, I, Deanna Andre, was elected President and would like to give you some insight as to who I am and my interests.

I would like to thank Roger Krawiecki, past president of the FOD, for his devotion and energy in this position. Roger was elected to the Fourth Vice Presidency and this includes leadership of the Friends’ gift shop.

My background includes my experience as a paralegal, manager of patient safety and risk management at Columbia St. Mary’s, Inc, past president of the Wisconsin Orchid Society, where I was instrumental in bringing the orchid show to the Domes in 1995, Third Vice President, Gift Shop of the FOD.

My hobbies include gardening, cultivation of orchids and ferns, birding, reading, and traveling with my husband and friends.

The mission of the Friends is to support and enhance projects and programs in Milwaukee’s Mitchell Park Conservatory. The FOD’s primary support comes through its events and volunteers. With the re-opening of the Domes in November, great positive publicity and record crowds have helped make the Friends’ events more popular and successful.

I look forward to working with the FOD Board and the Milwaukee County managers to provide the programs and events that you want to support with family and friends.

Stay tuned for upcoming events by checking the FOD website: www.milwaukeedomes.org and the Park’s website: www.county.milwaukee.gov/Parks.

Volunteers Needed

Bring your smiles, and join the excitement of The Domes. We are in need of people to work in the gift shop. Meet new friends and become a greeter. Whatever your interest is, we will work with you to utilize your talents.

Thanks to our January and February volunteers.
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David Miracle
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Jackie O’ Claire
Jinna Wallermen
John Lampi
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Special Thanks to Sandy Folaron, Peter Lepkowski, Roger Krawiecki, Deanna Andre, and Richard Risch.

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Were You There?

By Deanna Andre

On January 30, 2009, the Friends held the third annual “Restaurants Under Glass” event. We had a record number of restaurants participating, record crowd (980) and record amount of donations for this event. We also had a large number of volunteers, including the chairman of the event, Board member Gail Schumann. The committee worked many months to plan and coordinate all aspects of this event.

Let’s acknowledge all of the participants by visiting the restaurants throughout the year. All of the food tastes, tableware and staff were provided free of charge. We were also very fortunate to have the cost of the band, AhVant Soul, underwritten by the Milwaukee law firm of Kranitz and Philipp.

Supporters of Restaurants Under Glass include:
Bartolotta’s Lake Park Bistro
Beans and Barley
Bickler’s Coachlight Inn
Bonefish Grill
Chancery Restaurant
County Clare
Dream Dance
Edgar’s Calypso Restaurant
Intercontinental plus dinner at Kil@Wat
Lake City Restaurant
Mader’s Restaurant
Maxie’s Southern Comfort
Melding Pot
Meritage Restaurant
Miss Katie’s Diner
Osterio del Mondo
Rich’s House of Cakes
Rip Tide Seafood Bar and Grill
Roots Restaurant and Cellar
Sake Tumi
Watts Tea Shop
Zilli Hospitality Group

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Gift Shop News

by Mary Philipp

What’s new with the gift shop? Almost everything! We are now located next to the main entrance. In addition to the location, much of our inventory is new, as well. Something that has not changed about the gift shop; however, is our appreciation for local talent. We are proud to carry the work of many local artists, and for this reason, The Friends of the Domes will be featuring a different artist in each of the upcoming newsletters.

As you know, The Domes just underwent major renovation, including the replacement of over 700 glass panels. Fortunately, these panels have been transformed by Michelle Andre into smaller tiles bearing the Friends of the Domes logo. Now you can enjoy a piece of the domes at home, or give them to someone special. This is why Michelle was January’s featured artist.

Michelle Andre started her glass career at Schlitz Studios where she learned the copper foil technique used for creating lampshades and windows. After a few years at Schlitz Studios, Michelle decided to head west to Seattle, the unofficial capital of glass blowing in the U.S. There, she took a job at an architectural art glass studio making everything from glass sinks to lighting fixtures. Michelle’s education and experience in Seattle eventually led her back home to Wisconsin. She set up a studio in her basement, and began a business producing custom designs.

“I enjoy glass … for its contrasting qualities. It can be fragile or strong, harsh or subtle, sharp or soft, with these contrasts come balance.”

In 2007, Michelle moved her successful studio out of the house and into Bay View. You can now find Studio Q Art Glass on Howell Ave (414) 403-5557.

In addition to supporting local arts, all proceeds from your purchase will go toward the education department and the enhancement of the Domes. Thank you and we will hope to see you in the shop soon!
Paula Zamiatowski Receives National Award

Paula Zamiatowski, Interpretive Educator at the Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory in Milwaukee, is the recipient of the National Association for Interpretation (NAI) Outstanding New Interpreter Award for 2008. The award was presented at NAI’s national workshop on November 15th in Portland OR. The workshop provides participants with professional skills and ideas and networking opportunities with others in the fields of environmental, cultural, historical and recreational resources interpretation. This year’s workshop focuses on the theme of “Sustaining the Circle.”

The Outstanding New Interpreter Award is presented to an NAI member who has worked fewer than five years in the profession, full- or part-time, and who demonstrates a recognized potential in interpretation, assumption of leadership roles, creativity in programming or facility development, and a commitment to the profession and NAI.

Paula Zamiatowski has improved and expanded the interpretive programming in her community. But, Paula’s innovative and inclusive programming is not the complete story. She has quickly become a mentor and role model for college and high school students alike.

Paula’s ability to develop and foster relationships among community and environmental organizations is simply superb. In just a few years she has cultivated outstanding and lasting relationships with leaders in the neighborhood’s Hispanic, Asian (Hmong, Vietnamese Chinese, Filipino, Taiwanese, Thai, Indian) and Native American community. As another result of her leadership, she has fostered and promoted a more livable and sustainable community through innovative classes and workshops. Paula truly is an emerging leader in the interpretive field.

The National Association for Interpretation is a professional organization for park historians & naturalists, heritage interpreters, zoo and museum educators, park managers, and others affiliated with interpreting the natural, historical and cultural environment to the public. The organization has over 4,000 members. For more information about the November workshop or the organization, contact NAI Executive Director, Dr. Tim Merriman in Ft. Collins, Colorado. (1-888-900-8283) or visit our website: www.interpnet.org.

Historic Art Returns to the Domes

It is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity to show my deep appreciation to our Domes Director, Sandy Folaron, for bringing back our historical lion fountainhead to the Show Dome. This marvelous lion and his seven companions watched over the Mitchell Park Sunken Garden and Water Mirror from 1904 until 1966. The eight animal fountainheads were carved by Frank Stevens. The artist’s vision will stay alive in our beloved Domes. Without art, life does not exist.

Monique Hewitt, Gift Shop
Welcome New Members

Rafael & Eloiza Acevedo
Zachary Aiuppa
Mohammad Akhter
Jeff M. Amundson
Karl & Shawn Anderson
Andrew & Marybeth Arena
Pam & Mark Ariens
Melanie Ariens
Beryl Aschenberg
John & Kim Bacik
Kent Baker
Becky Bauer
Ian & Elsa Bautista
James & Michelle Bednarski
Ean & Jane Behr
William Bessert
Andrew & Areeya Borgstrom
Marc Boucher
Michael Bowen
Doris Brosnan-Sullivan
Debbie Broyles
Kathy Bruecker
Donald Bundy-Poklar
Dan Bunstein
Robert Burgess
Lisa Burkhardt
Frank Campenni
Jon & Jennifer Canavan
Ellen Chase
Jennifer Citti
Margaret Clippert
Barbara Cooley
Nick Crylen
Nathan & Theresa Danzer
Dave & Julie Dawson
Raoul Deal
Eric Deaton
Julie Deyoung
Todd & Kara Doneff
Karen & Jordyn Drescher
Susan Dries
Tom Eddinger
Michael Ellsworth
Allen & Rita Fahney
Tanya Findlay
Tonya & Richard Fordham
Jeff & Marg Fornear
Benjamin Funk
Donna Gager
Jenny Galloway
Ralph Gashoian
Anthony & Jane Gentile
Mark Georg
Linda Gingras
Gary Gordon
Anita & Laura Gradowski
Jessica Graesser
Gloria Greene
Patrick & Karen Grey
Tami Griffin
Lisa & Alan Grodey
Ralph Gundrum
Aimee Guzman
Tammy Gvardioli
Mindy Habel
Marcus Harris
Mary Hayes
John & Judy Heller
Katy Henhen
Mara & David Henningsen
Cathy Hitchcock
David Hjortnaes
Howard Hoffman
Maren Hofmann-Larsen
Christine Hogan
Jillian Holy
Gene & Laurie Huebner
John Humm
Johnny Hurtado
Gary & Suzanne Jagodzinski
Jean & George Jankovich
Kevin & Peggy Jensen
Carol Johnson
Debbie & Rod Johnson
Roger Jones
Robert & Kathrine Karr
Anne Kearney
Patricia Kelly
Laura Kennedy
Russell Kesery
Carrie Ketcham
James King
Eric & Victoria Knutson
Chris Knutson
Michael Kohnman
Evgeni Kovriguine
John & Juanita Kowalkowski
Jason Kreitlow
Ellery Kreitlow
Thomas Kroll
Carol Kroscher
Delia Kuschel
Nancy P Lalla
Jennifer Larson
April Leberfing
Alan & Stephanie Lebering
Rodney & Nancy Lee
Dorene Lightton
Diane Lembeck
Rosemary & Richard Lennertz
Nancy Linz
Mary Lord
Mathew & Elise Lorenz
Mary Macadam
Sarah Macak
Beverly Mahloch
Jeffery & Leann Mantes
Mark Markeiwicz
Dinorah Marquez
Steve Marshall
Jeanette Mcathur
Michael McCurdy
Ray & Rhonda Mckenna
Diane Mcmahon
William & Eileen Meinecke
Howard & Barb Mendenhall
Amy Merkel
Kathrine Meyers
David Miracle
Mary Myers
Ha & Phuong Nguyen
Tein Nguyen
Aeks Nikolich
Edward J O’keefe
Jon & Mary Omernick
Thomas Osburn
Vladmir Osipov
James Paetsch
Mary Ellen Paul
Eric Paulsen
Scott & Carol Paulson
Elizabeth Peltier
Fenifer Pelvin
Andrew & Beth Pesch
Doug Pessefall
Terrance Peterson
Thad Phtteplace
Doug & Lori Podzilni
William & Judith Pomes
Rip & Mary Pretat
Terry & Kathrine Previtt
Judith Przybyl
Heather Quist
Ronald & Charlene Rasmussen
Amy Reumann
Miriana Rincon
Lyn Rivera
Dean Rockstad
Kathleen Romfoe
Katlyn Ross
Natalia Rubanov
Sydin Ruebin
Roman & Victoria Rufenov
Steve & Elaine Schlager
James Schogn
Sherie Schuster
Bob & Dawn Schwartz
Susan Seeling
Michael Senise
John & Camille Shaw
Andrea Shiraish Mullen
Felicia Sible
Scott & Andrea Smetana
Mary A Smith
Rick & Sahara Sovitzky
Samual Spain
Mathew Spain
Francis Spencer
Donetza E Stannard
Michael Stark
Eva Stefanski
Bob & Sandra Stemaszewski
William Stoneback
Kristine Streblow
Carolyn Strueder
Carolyn J Sweers
Barry Szymanski
Gus & Rebecca Taalbi
Ann Terloin
Elizabeth Theil
Dr.John & Mrs Thomas Jr.
Tim & Pam Tyson
Jeff Vanderbilt
Jennifer Vega
Amy Verhaalr
David & Cheryl Walker
Jon & Leslie Waltz
Jim & Gini Waltz
Murray & Teri Weiss
Allison Westbrook
Robert & Irene Wetzel
Venice Williams
Nola & Ginger Witzlib
Julie Wood
Kristi Worth
Luke Yanny
Michael Zielinski
James & Sue Zwaldo
A single-stemmed saguaro cactus (Carnegiea gigantea) lives in the Arid Dome. In the wild, it is found only in the Sonoran Desert (in the southwestern U.S. and northern Mexico), but its range is limited even there because it cannot tolerate freezing temperatures in the winter. The genus name Carnegiea honors Andrew Carnegie who funded some of the early research. No other plant species is in this genus.

Saguaro cacti grow very slowly. A seedling begins its life under other desert plants where it is somewhat protected. It may grow only 1 to 1.5 inches in the first eight years of its life. It does not begin to branch until it is 50 to 70 years of age, but this varies depending on water supply. Despite this slow start, an average adult saguaro may weigh 6 tons, be 50 feet tall, and probably will live 150-175 years.

The trunk of the saguaro is pleated (ribbed) and spiny. The pleats expand and contract depending on the availability of water. There are also woody ribs inside the cactus, but 90% of a saguaro is water. Like trees in a forest, saguaros are home to many birds. Woodpeckers may excavate nest cavities which may later be used by elf owls, screech owls, purple martins, and other birds. Hawks may nest on the branches and use them to spy potential prey animals.

Once saguaros reach about 35 years of age, they produce large, creamy white flowers which are the state flower of Arizona. Flowering occurs from late April to early June. Like many white flowers, they open at night and close the next afternoon. Nectar-feeding bats, birds and insects are pollinators. In the summer, the red fruit are an important source of food energy and moisture for many birds and animals. The numerous, tiny, black seeds pass through the digestive system of some animals and birds which helps distribute them to new growing sites. Some animals also eat the flesh of the saguaro cactus itself.

If you travel to Arizona in the winter to escape the cold or to enjoy baseball spring training, plan to visit the Saguaro National Park near Tucson to see these impressive giants. The greatest threat to the survival of the saguaro is the growing human population in the Southwest. With more people comes expanding areas of home building and an increase in exotic plants that compete with the native saguaro.
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

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March 15........................................St Patrick’s Family Day Celebration
March 23...........................................Winter Show Closes
April 4........................................Spring in Yorkshire (English Garden)
April 12..............................................Easter
May 10............................................Mother’s Day Event
May 24..........................................Spring Show Closes
June 6........................................Summer in Provence (French Countryside)
June 21..........................................Father’s Day Event
September 13..............................Summer Show Closes
September 19-20..........................Wisconsin Orchid Society Show
September 26..............................Fall Show Closes
October 9.......................................Rain Forest Night
October 17-18.................................Ikebana Show
November 8.................................Fall Show Closes
November 21...............................Holiday Show Opens
November 22..............................Holiday Party and Fundraiser
December 31...............................New Year’s Eve

DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE
Admission Rates: Adults $5.50, Seniors $4.00, Children 6-17 $4.00, Free 5 and under. Milwaukee County Residents free on Mondays (excluding major holidays) 9am-11:30am.

2009 Calendar of Events