Meet creative genius artists who will be known as the greatest of our time. Watch as genius artists create works of art on the Mitchell Park Grounds Friday and Saturday. Celebrate life experiencing fine art while listening to live acoustic music. Watch performance artists. Kids creating amateur masterworks in the future artist pavilion. Great food, adult and soft beverages in a Gold Medal winning Milwaukee County Park. The first annual Milwaukee Domes Art festival is THE must attend event of summer 2010!

More than an art shopping event The First Annual Milwaukee Domes Art Festival is a chance to see this onetime assembly of elite contemporary artists and their creations. A stroll through the park, a stroll through a contemporary fine art gallery on a beautiful summer day… Could life get any more relaxing and enjoyable? Does life get any more intriguing and gratifying?

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For more information:
www.MilwaukeeDomesArtFestival.com
We began the summer season a bit early this year. Flowers, plants and grasses had a great start. It is a busy time for the birds and bees as well. Ordinarily, summer is a relatively dormant season for The Domes. This year, however, in addition to the bulb and plant sale, the FOD is sponsoring a three-day outdoor art festival from August 20-22. We hope to make this an annual event. Don’t miss it.

Renovations, updates and new projects for the Domes are going forward. The bark pathway in the Show Dome is to be replaced with pavers this month. The pavers and installation have been paid for. The FOD is beginning a fund raising project to complement the plan for a greenhouse and community meeting center to begin construction in 2011. These structures will be attached to the Domes.

Engraved pavers will be available for purchase. The pavers are approximately 8” x 4” and will accommodate three lines with 13 letters available per line. The donation is $125 per paver. The installed pavers will be replaced with engraved pavers in batches. The Friends anticipate having forms and samples available in July. This will be a way for individuals, families, friends and organizations to leave their mark at the Domes. More information will be available in July, online as well as in the Gift Shop, “Gifts Under Glass.” These will make great gifts and also show your support of the Domes.

“Jung at Heart” Spring Show

Special thanks to the Jung Seed Company for their generous donation of nursery stock for our show, “Jung At Heart!”

Photos by Bridget O’Donnell
2011 Floral Shows Announced!

Storybook Tales (Train Show)  
January 15 - April 3  
A floral design showcases familiar tales such as, Jack & the Beanstalk, Snow White, Tubby the Tugboat and the Princess & the Pea and offers a botanical backdrop to our most popular G-scale Train Show.

Rocky Mountain Spring  
(Spring Show)  
April 16 - May 30  
Enjoy a mountain cabin setting amid hundreds of fragrant spring flowers. A great photo opportunity!

Up, Up And Away  
(Summer Show)  
June 11 - September 11  
A house, an old man and a boy scout all ready to take off on an adventure of a lifetime. Join us for the ride and take in our whimsical floral display of summer favorites!

Little House On The Plains  
(Fall Show)  
September 24 - November 6  
Experience the feeling of living on an open prairie as a homesteader would! A floral design exhibits a colorful assortment of mums for the fall season.

Holly, Jolly Holidays  
(Holiday Show)  
November 19 - January 1, 2012  
This popular show will pay tribute to the many ways in which cultural and ethnic customs define “Santa.” Set against a backdrop of thousands of poinsettias. Another great “family photo” opportunity awaits you.

Milwaukee Domes Art Festival

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Book the weekend… Mark your calendar NOW… There has never been such a celebratory, cultural, family friendly, fun event in a Milwaukee County Park. There won’t be another until the third week of August 2011.

- 83 juried fine artists
- JUST $5 admittance!
- Dozens of live performance artists
- Silent art auction
- One of a kind affordable art gifts
- Investment quality art for sale
- Meet creative genius artists
- Watch incredible painters in action
- Enjoy the day in a Gold Medal winning Milwaukee County Park
- Support the bright shining jewel of Milwaukee’s Southern Skyline
- Future artist’s/children’s pavilion

The First Annual MDAF is a prodigious event in Milwaukee County’s historic Mitchell Park in the shadow of The Milwaukee Domes. Make a day of it, make great memories and have a fantastic time re-discovering the shining jewel of Milwaukee’s Southern Skyline; Your Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory Domes. See you there! Steve

Young Artists

Saint John Vianney School celebrated their fourth year showing student art at the Mitchell Park Domes. This year they took part in a gardening class and saw their fellow classmates’ artwork up close and personal! Artwork, created when the fourth graders toured the domes during an Art and Science class in March, was shown from April 15th through Memorial Day weekend.
From the Director

By Sandy Folaron

Summer Updates

As the weather begins to warm up we have turned our attention to the Domes exterior, in particular, the plaza that fronts the Conservatory entrance. This summer will accommodate a revitalization of that entrance incorporating tinted concrete, tree and plant installations, a new inlaid sun dial, resurfacing of the ponds and the addition of a water feature that reuses water through a permeable paver system that is both visually fun and sustainable. This project has been two years in the planning and incorporates County funding along with a partnership with an EverGreen initiative that provides materials and labor to support and acknowledge green practices used in landscaping design. This wonderful complementary project will not only be a great addition to the Domes, but will serve as a benchmark for good green development in Milwaukee and the Milwaukee County Parks Department.

Also, another long overdue project will be accomplished: the installation of a permanent pathway on the Show Dome perimeter. This work will be done during our Summer Show change in June and, when completed, will allow better and easier access to the Show Dome for visitors in wheelchairs, with walkers or those who have difficulty when using the current uneven bark pathways. We thank Halquist Stone and Unilock for their help in determining the right material to use and for the discounted materials for the project. The bulk of the project was underwritten by the sales of sponsorship train cars, designed and built by John Folaron (Friends Of the Domes member), over the course of the last two years. The Friends of the Domes added additional funding to insure that the project could be accomplished this year rather than waiting. This is a great collaborative effort that impacts all future visitors to our Conservatory.

Gifts Under Glass  By Sarah Philipp

Brian Wolf and Judith Dancing’s book ”Lingering...Soulful Reflections” has won the 2010 Pinnacle Book Achievement Award. You can find this book, as well as other items from Wolf Vision Photography, in the Domes Gift Shop. The book features outdoor images of landscapes, birds and animals from parks and wildlife refuges around the country.

The hardcover coffee table book showcases Brian’s photography. Judie Dancing has written verses that were generated directly by these photos. The book is to be the first in a series of “Soulful Reflections.”

“It is a real thrill for me as a photographer to have someone look at your photo and put it into words,” says Wolf.

Originally from Kenosha, Wisconsin, Wolf has photographed the country’s national parks and won the Wisconsin Association of Lakes photo contest, and was a semi-finalist in the National Wildlife Refuge photo contest.

Wolf switched from film to digital several years ago, greatly expanding his photography. To accomplish the many aspects of nature photography he regularly uses wide angle, telephoto, and macro lenses. Simply changing a lens for the same scene can dramatically alter the perspective.

Visit the Domes’ Gift Shop, “Gifts Under Glass,” to experience Brian Wolf’s photography in person and, as always, the work of other local artists. Take their art home, while doing your part to support the Friends of the Domes.
Fun Family Activities
International Year of Biodiversity

The United Nations proclaimed 2010 to be the International Year of Biodiversity. Also, Governor Jim Doyle declared June 21-27 as Pollinator Week in the State of Wisconsin. So what does this mean? More opportunities to do nature-related activities together!

We rely on the diversity of life to provide us with food, medicine and other essentials we cannot live without. Our fate is tightly linked with biodiversity. This includes a wide variety of living organisms, the places they live and their surrounding environments all over the world. Now is the time to increase our understanding of the vital role biodiversity (including our pollinators) plays in sustaining life on earth. So what can we do?

First we have to understand biodiversity in order to take action! There is a fun website to explore (www.biodiversity911.org), created by the World Wildlife Federation. You can make a sustainable fish stew, find your soil IQ with Bernie who is made up of soil components, match up the rainforest animals in the layers of life, sing along with Billy B. and more! Try some of these activities with your kids or grandkids.

Join the Great Sunflower Project! First sign up at www.greatsunflower.org and plant some sunflower seeds. Then, describe your garden in a journal. Time how long it takes for 5 bees to visit your sunflower plant and record it in your journal. Enter your information online or send in the form. This information will be part of a national study you can be a part of each year! If you have questions, please e-mail me at paula.zamiatowski@milwcnty.com.

Draw Your Garden!

Draw a picture of your garden with a bird or insect on a flower. If you would like to show your picture, send it to me at Mitchell Park Domes Education Center, 524 South Layton Boulevard, Milwaukee, WI 53215. Your art will be posted on the window of the education center in July and August. Please use pencil, crayon or paint on an 8-1/2” x 11” piece of paper. Write your first name only on the front of your artwork. If you want your artwork returned in September, please include a note with your phone number.

Plant a Pollinator Garden! Help make habitats for pollinators. Go to www.pollinator.org/resources for step-by-step instructions on planting your garden. This can be a fun, summer-long family project. When you see a butterfly, bee, beetle or hummingbird, look, but don’t touch so they can continue to do their work, pollinating your flowers.

Summer Green Workshops
Saturday, July 17

The Education Center and Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful (KGMB) have teamed up again this year to bring you the Summer Green Workshop Series. There are two remaining classes this season. Each costs $15. Both take place on Saturday, July 17th in the Education Center at Mitchell Park Domes.

Register with KGMB at 414-272-5462 x 105 or use the on-line form, http://kgmb.org/adult programs.html.

Composting:
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Learn how to turn kitchen scraps and yard waste into a nutrient-rich soil amendment. You will have an opportunity to purchase a composter as well.

Vermicomposting:
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Turn your kitchen scraps into "gold" for your garden! Learn how to build a simple indoor worm bin using common household items!
Art + Nature = Fun

Be an Artist!

Growing Art: Put a damp napkin on a dish. Place seeds on the napkin in the shape of a heart, star, face or even your name. Keep the napkin slightly wet and warm. As the days pass, watch your artwork come alive!

Pine Cone Creatures: Find pine cones of various shapes and sizes. Add simple craft supplies like pipe cleaners (for arms and legs), feathers, leaves, real or plastic flowers to make any creature you can imagine. You can even name your creature and write a story about it.

Painted Rocks: Look for smooth rocks that you can easily paint. Then use your imagination. Create a colorful design or pattern, or paint a picture of an animal, tree, or stars. You are the artist. Paint what you love.

Leaf rubbings: Place a leaf on a sheet of plain paper – with the vein side up. Put another sheet of paper over the top of the leaf. Pick a crayon color you like. Color gently over the top sheet of paper. The leaf image will magically appear. Use one leaf or several of different sizes and shapes. Use one color or as many as you like.

Visit the Gift Shop, “Gifts Under Glass,” for all kinds of wonderful children’s books and specialty items to help you learn more about nature and bring out the artist in you!

Did You Know?
You Might Already be an Artist?

If you ever made a sand castle or a snowman, then you made a “sculpture.” Some common materials used by artists include bronze, clay and wood. Artists who make “three dimensional” work like this are called a “sculptors.”

Did you know that some artists are famous for painting people? The art they create is called a “portrait.” Others paint outdoor scenery, called a “landscape” painting. If you like to paint, which type of artist are you?

There are many more types of artists and the art they create will surprise and delight you. They may even inspire you create new and different kinds of art.

Have you ever heard of “fiber art” or “print making?” Do you know the difference between “watercolor” and “acrylic” painting? What do you know about photography? Did you know that some artists use glass to create art?

Have you ever watched an artist paint a picture – right before your eyes? At the Domes Art Festival, August 20-22, you will see all kinds of art and meet the artists who created them. Also, be sure to visit the “Future Artist Pavilion” to create your own artistic masterpiece.

Garden Wisdom

Great art picks up where nature ends.

~Marc Chagall
By Gail Schumann

Many ornamental plants are grown for their beautiful flowers, but others are grown for their foliage. Copperleaf (*Acalypha wilkesiana*) is one of those plants, and you can see this in summer in the Show Dome. One advantage of foliage color is that there is continuous color rather than only when the plant is flowering. The colors vary from leaf to leaf in shades of red much like the familiar coleus plant. Because of the variegated coloring in the leaves, this plant also is known as the beefsteak plant and Jacob’s coat, as in “the coat of many colors” described in the Bible story. The leaves have a toothed edge and are generally heart-shaped. Even though the leaves will attract your eyes, look closely later in the summer for the inconspicuous greenish-white flowers that hang down in catkins from 4 to 8 inches long.

Unlike coleus, copperleaf grows into a bush in warm climates that can be more than ten feet high and quite wide. It is a fast growing and popular landscape plant in Florida and other warmer states. Here in Wisconsin, it must be grown as an annual or a houseplant because it cannot tolerate our cold winters.

Copperleaf is native to Fiji and belongs to the Euphorbiaceae plant family. The flowers of this family are unusual in that they have no petals or sepals. There are hundreds of species of plants in this family that grow in a wide variety of climates. Some examples that are probably familiar are poinsettia, crown of thorns, various spurge, cassava (or manioc), castor bean, and the *Hevea* species that provide natural rubber. These plants all have a milky sap and many, including copperleaf, are poisonous. Some members of this family are adapted to desert living similar to the cactus family of the Western Hemisphere. Many of those adapted to the desert are succulent and have thorns. You can see examples in the Arid Dome. Look for labels with the Euphorbiaceae family name.

Image courtesy of Reiman Gardens, Iowa State University.

Volunteers Needed

The **First Annual Milwaukee Domes Art Festival** is in need of volunteers for grounds, setup and maintenance August 19th through the 22nd. If you or someone you know is willing to give back to the community by supporting this incredible event, please visit [www.milwaukeedomesartfestival.com](http://www.milwaukeedomesartfestival.com) to fill out the volunteer application.

**Please Do Not Share FOD Membership Cards**

Most members appreciate their Friends of the Domes membership and feel that it is a real bargain for the many free visits and activities that they can attend each year. It is important, however, to help support the Domes by not sharing your “members free” card with other visitors who should be paying an entry fee at the door. You may be asked to show identification along with your FOD membership card to help assure the future of the Domes.

**THE DOMES ADMISSION RATES**

- Adults $6.50
- Children 6-17 $5.00, Under 5, Free
- Milwaukee County Seniors $5.00
- Students $5.00
- Handicap $5.00
- Adult group rates $6.00
- Childs group rate $4.50
- Milwaukee County Residents free on Mondays (excluding major holidays)

9 a.m. – Noon

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**DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Visit our website [www.milwaukeedomes.org](http://www.milwaukeedomes.org) for additional information and upcoming events scheduled after publication of this newsletter.