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Powell Gardens Spring Forecast: New Events and Better Member Benefits

Kansas City, Mo. April 11, 2017—Powell Gardens offers exciting new reasons to visit the Gardens this spring. Two new events have been added: Doggies & Dogwoods Days, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 29-30 and the Fungi & Fermentation Festival, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 6-7. Also during may is the “Join Our Family Tree” membership drive, which offers new levels and heightened benefits in 2017 including free general and festival admissions year-round.

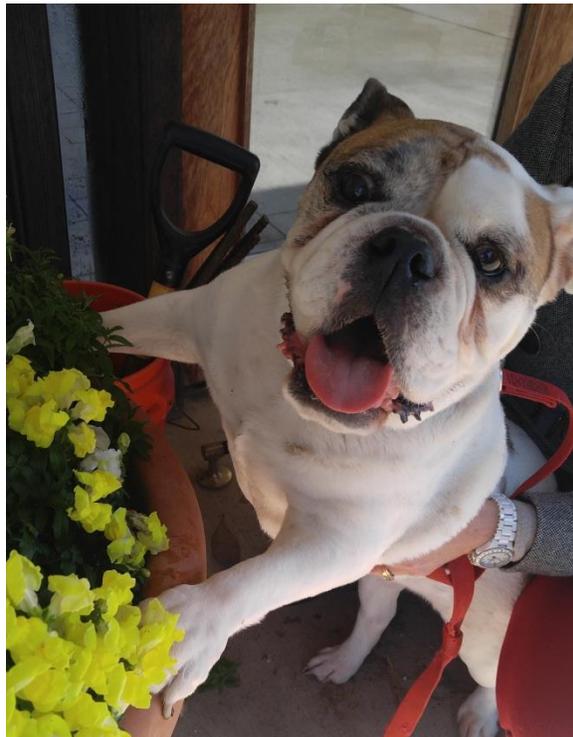
“2017 already has been a very exciting year at Powell Gardens,” said Tabitha Schmidt, president and executive director of Powell Gardens. “Our visitors will see new events as well as value-added membership opportunities and benefits, and we are kicking off the season with new and exciting ways to experience the Gardens.”

Doggies & Dogwoods Days

April 29-30: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For the first time ever, Powell Gardens is inviting guests to bring their four-legged friends and enjoy pet-friendly programming and blooming dogwood trees in the Gardens. This fur-friendly event features “tasty or toxic” pet information, pet adoptions, a dog-kissing booth, dog-training demos by Elite dog training and more.

Both days will feature special awards given out for categories such as best doggie costume, best tail-wagger, owner/dog look-alikes and best kissers (dogs and owners). General admission applies.



Join Our Powell Gardens Family Tree Membership Drive

Beginning May 1, the first 300 new or gift memberships purchased will receive extras that are in addition to all of their Gardens benefits, including free one-time use passes to the National World War I

Museum, Union Station's Arvin Gottlieb Planetarium, Paradise Park, Kansas City Zoo, Missouri Botanical Gardens and a book from The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. The month-long push for visitors to renew and purchase memberships ensures that visitors take advantage of the heightened benefits and exclusives offered through Powell Gardens' membership in 2017.

Fungi & Fermentation Festival

May 6-7: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Foray into the world of toadstools and tasty beverages with the new Fungi & Fermentation Festival. Guests can enjoy mushroom and kombucha tea samples, live music, a mushroom hunt on the Byron Shutz Nature Trail, beer tastings, food vendors and mushroom cultivation techniques explained. Festival admission applies.

Annual Plant Sale

May 6-7: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Powell Gardens invites the public to the most anticipated gardening event of the season, the Annual Plant Sale. Guests can pick from the best new plant introductions, the tried-and-true reliable performers, rare heirloom and specialty vegetables that can't be found at the average retail garden center. This year's selection includes unique edibles and herbs along with plants for pollinators, butterflies and insectaries. Powell Gardens staff members are always on-hand to answer questions and make recommendations. This year's admission cost includes entry into the Fungi & Fermentation Festival. The Friends of Powell Gardens exclusive Annual Plant Sale for members only is from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 5. Purchase a membership prior to May 4 to attend.

Powell Gardens

Powell Gardens, Kansas City's botanical garden, resides on 970 acres of lush, rolling hills just east of Kansas City. Known for its world-class architecture and stunning display gardens, Powell Gardens offers classes, performances and festivals year-round. In 2009, the Heartland Harvest Garden, a 12-acre expansion that encompasses the nation's largest edible landscapes, was opened to the public.

Thirty miles east of Kansas City on U.S. Hwy. 50, Powell Gardens is open seven days a week year-round (except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Days). For more information about admission, seasonal hours, special events, classes, rentals and memberships call 816-697-2600 or visit powellgardens.org.