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POWELL GARDENS ANNOUNCES 1st ANNUAL HARVEST DAYS

Fall brings new ways to gather in the gardens.

KINGSVILLE, Missouri – On September 23, Powell Gardens, Kansas City's Botanical Garden, will launch its inaugural fall festival, *Harvest Days: Gather in the Garden*. A celebration of coming together, this family-friendly festival brings fall favorites to the Gardens and introduces two new tours highlighting the unique art and architecture of Powell Gardens. Styled yurts provide private outdoor spaces for loved ones to gather as the seasons shift. Families and friends are invited to explore both historical and modern harvest practices in a picturesque Midwest setting. *Harvest Days: Gather in the Garden* takes place 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. from September 23 to October 3, 2021 (Thursday-Sunday) with new Festival After Hours on Fridays and Saturdays from 5-8 p.m.

“As the world continues to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, we see an increasing need in our community to connect with others and embrace the importance of plants in our lives”, said Tabitha Schmidt, CEO and President of Powell Gardens. “At Powell Gardens, we believe outdoor spaces are a continuation of our indoor lives. Our hope is that *Harvest Days: Gather in the Garden* provides Kansas City with a safe, outdoor venue and plenty of activities to spend a full day together.”

To start, grab a hot apple cider and take a stroll through autumnal displays while shopping Powell Gardens' artisan market (October 2-3). Join other festivalgoers in harvesting fresh produce from the edible landscape of the Heartland Harvest Garden. Listen to live music while playing larger-than-life lawn games like corn hole, pumpkin checkers, and garden twister. Yurts on the East Lawn, styled by local designers Golden and Pine and Nell Hill's, are poised as rentable outdoor living rooms, allowing visitors to gather together.

After a hayride, cozy up to a fire pit with a glass of wine, s'mores kit, and better conversation. Wander the Villandry Garden, sample bites of the fall harvest, and enjoy the fall foliage as you settle in for shorter days and cooler weather. This inaugural fall festival invites visitors of all ages to celebrate the harvest and welcome a new season.

The festival will be activated by educational events and activities for the whole family: daily hayrides, a bird hike, discovery workbooks, native plant symposium, new self-guided tours, and the chance to see the sun set over the Gardens during Festival After Hours (Fridays, 5-8 p.m.). For tickets and more information, please visit www.powellgardens.org/harvestdays.

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About Powell Gardens

As Kansas City's Botanical Garden, Powell Gardens plays a vital role in the community as a space for release, rejuvenation, and the celebration of the fleeting nature of nature itself. Visitors enjoy eight themed display gardens, a three-mile nature trail, seasonal festivals, rotating exhibitions, exceptional architecture, and dining options featuring ingredients grown in our Heartland Harvest Garden, one of the nation's premier edible landscapes. Established in 1988, Powell Gardens is a non-profit, public garden, maintaining 970 acres of lush, rolling hills and windswept meadows, with more than 175 acres and a large collection of plants open to the public for education, exploration, and recreation. Many of the plants in the Gardens are regionally native, and all highlight the changing seasons and Midwest spirit of place.