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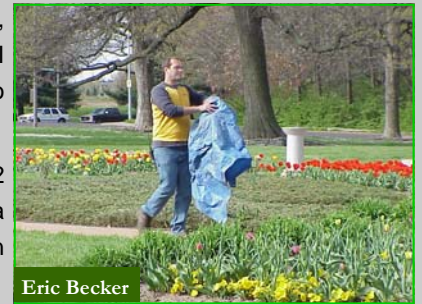
Bowood Farms is now open in St. Louis. They are located at 4605 Olive, which is one block west of Taylor in the West End. Their phone number is 454-6868 and their hours at this time are 9 am- 6 pm, Monday-Saturday and 10 am-5 pm, Sunday.

John McPheeters reports they have a full range of plant material, including shrubs, perennials, annuals and tropicals. They also are carrying accessories, such as containers, books, tools and many items which are suitable as gifts.

Meet ERIC BECKER

This issue our volunteer profile isn't really a volunteer, but our greenhouse guru, Eric Becker. Last Saturday, I pinned Eric to the wall at the greenhouse and managed to glean some small bits of information out of him.

Eric has been with the Parks Department for around 7 1/2 years. He came in as a gardener, moved to a position as a tree trimmer, during some downsizing at the Park and then came back to the greenhouse.



Eric Becker

Although he grew up here, I couldn't get him to elaborate on where he went to high school. All he would say was that it was south.

When he isn't working at the greenhouse, he enjoys movies and eating out. At his next big travel adventure, he would like to go to the Azores.

The French hybrid Anemones de Caen is his favorite plant "this year". Having looked them up on the internet, I can agree that they are very colorful and don't look too hard to grow.



Spring Dig

The first collaboration between the Flora Conservancy and the Missouri Botanical Garden bringing in Dr. Dirt and Felder Rushing to speak at the annual Spring Dig went on without a hitch. While there was not a crush, the weather did cooperate and there was a good crowd there to listen to the informative lectures and wander through the peaceful displays of spring bulbs and pansies out in the garden. Felder and Dr. Dirt gave a very entertaining presentation and reminded gardeners to enjoy the magic of their gardens without stressing about the science behind its success. A big THANK YOU goes out to all who volunteered and gave up part of their Saturday.



Dr. Dirt & Felder Rushing at the Jewel Box

Tree Hugger Project

If you have not already seen the Tree Huggers do not despair, they will hugging the trees in front of the Jewel Box all summer long. Artist Wiktor Szostalo, Agnieszka Gradzik and Joe Papendick have created five amazing Tree Huggers that will be on display throughout the summer months for all to admire. For more information about the project and the artists, please visit www.treehuggerproject.com.



Joe Papendick



Agnieszka Gradzik



Wiktor Szostalo

Tulip Festival

The weather gods smiled on us again this year. We had great weather—at least the rain held off until the later in the afternoon. A group of Saturday volunteers headed by Jack, Pam and Tom, planned a container sale that was a huge success. The plant container group worked diligently taking cuttings, organizing units and transporting the plant material to the sale. The entire group deserves congratulations and thanks for their time and effort. Flora Volunteers spent April 15th working the wildly popular Children's Table, passing out plant information and recruiting new volunteers. Artist and fellow FC Volunteer, Doris Krueger displayed and sold beautiful floral themed watercolors. If you missed her work, it is being displayed in the Jewel Box now. Young and old alike enjoyed the entertainment from Nerinx Hall High School Jazz Band and the St. Louis University High School Circus Club; both groups cannot wait to return next year. And speaking of next year, discussions have already taken place on how to improve on our success next year. If you have any suggestions, please bring your ideas to Anabeth or Karen.



Nerinx Hall High School Jazz Band



Children's Planting Table

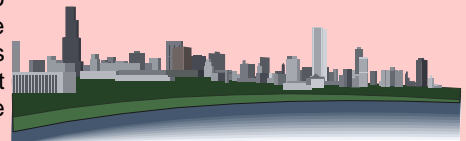


St. Louis University High School Circus Club



Chicago Trip

The Southwest has now published their fares through August, so it is possible to project what a two-day trip will cost. The cost with airfare, one night at the Palmer House Hilton with tax and two days of coach transportation should be about \$385 per person. It is important that we book air with Southwest as soon as possible, in order to get the discount fare. Saturdays in August are the 5th, 12 and 26th. The Cardinals are in Chicago on the 19th, so that weekend will not be the best for either low airfares or rates at hotels.



The above prices are contingent on getting the promotional fares on Southwest, so if anyone is interested in going to Chicago, we need to know how many are going as soon as possible.

For those who have asked about going with Mega bus, this is how that would work. They only publish their fares and schedules 45 days prior to departure. Anyone who is interested in this trip could certainly take advantage of their fares, however, you would have to plan on going to Chicago on one of their departures Friday. They have a bus that leaves Union Station at 8:45 am, arriving in Chicago at 2:05 pm. They also have a 4 pm departure, which gets into Chicago at 9:20 pm. This would mean an extra hotel night and you would need to arrange to get to Midway Airport for the arrival of the flight from St. Louis.



Winners of Photo Contest

Adult Category: Shara J. Storm
Photo: "Red Hat Amongst the Tulips"



Children's Category: Kelly Ahrens
Photo: "Cotton Candy"



The winning photos along with other great entries are on display in the Jewel Box.

The return times are similar with a departure from Chicago Union Station at 4 pm, arriving back in St. Louis at 9:20 pm.

Upcoming Events

- June 10 - Gateway Greening Garden Tour
- June 25 - Garden Party at Karen's House



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