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GROUNDS COVER

Volunteer Newsletter

April/May 2014

**Annual Volunteer Update Meeting
with Sophia Siskel, Garden President
& Chief Executive Officer
Regenstein Center Alsdorf Auditorium
Thursday, May 1 at 10 a.m.**

As a valued member of the Garden family, you will be among the first to learn exciting news and plans for 2014. Please plan to attend this important meeting held exclusively for Garden volunteers.

Please RSVP to the Volunteer Services Office at (847) 835-8392 or volunteer@chicagobotanic.org.

**Antiques & Garden Fair
Preview Evening: Thursday, April 10
Fair: Friday – Sunday, April 11-13**

This is the 14th Antiques & Garden Fair at the Chicago Botanic Garden, featuring over 120 vendors from the US and Europe. The Fair is Friday, April 11 – Sunday, April 13, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily, and Preview Evening is Thursday, April 10 from 6 – 10 p.m.

Honorary Chair and guest speaker Miles Redd, interior designer and past creative director of Oscar de la Renta Home, will present a lecture on Friday, April 11 at 11 a.m. Guest speaker Danielle Rollins, preeminent hostess and tastemaker will present a lecture on Saturday, April 12 at 11 a.m. Both lectures will be held in Alsdorf Auditorium and books signings will follow. Please visit our website at www.chicagobotanic.org/antiques/ for event and ticket information.

Reminder for volunteers scheduled to assist; the mandatory event Orientation will be Wednesday, April 2 from 1 – 2 p.m.

World Environment Day

Saturday, June 7, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Originally organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), this is the 7th year the Garden is celebrating World Environment Day (WED). WED aims to increase the awareness and understanding of the Garden's conservation work and sustainable practices by offering programs and activities that highlight the importance of protecting and preserving plants and the environment. Activities are designed to teach visitors to apply conservation behaviors in their daily lives. A special theme for 2014 is pollinators—especially monarch butterflies. The Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Plant Conservation Science Center will be one of the WED hubs with lab demonstrations, how to create a rain garden and opportunities to meet the Garden's scientists. Free *Asclepias tuberosa* (butterfly weed) will be available for visitors to take home and grow. Horticulture demonstrations, family activities and displays by WED sponsors and other groups will take place on the Esplanade. A selection of interpretive programs will also take place at the Fruit and Vegetable Garden. New for this year will be a presentation at 10:30 a.m. led by Tom Skilling and Don Wuebbles on the latest information about climate change. A Chicago Botanic Garden scientist will join the speaker line up. Plastic plant container recycling continues this year and a new electronics recycling opportunity will be offered – both recycling programs run 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At 1 p.m. at the Plant Science Center, Scott Hoffman Black, executive director of the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation presents a free lecture, "The Monarch Butterfly: How You Can Help Save this Iconic Species." Many volunteers will be needed to assist with morning and afternoon shifts as greeters, with family drop-in activities and recycling. Please contact the Volunteer Services Office at (847) 835-8392 for details or visit the Garden's website: <http://www.chicagobotanic.org/wed>

CAN YOU HELP?

SIGN UP OR CALL JUDY CASHEN (847) 835-6800 or MEAGHAN FARRELL (847) 835-6803

E-mail jcashen@chicagobotanic.org or mfarrell@chicagobotanic.org

We'll try to match your interests and availability for assignments.



Easter Egg Brunch

Pre-set up

Monday, April 7

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Check pre-assembled plastic eggs and sort into three separate plastic containers (one for each brunch sitting).



Scouting Workshop

Saturday, April 19

9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. or 12:30 – 3 p.m.

Help with a scout seasonal program workshop by helping children plant or make crafts.



2014 Butterflies & Blooms

May 24 – September 1

9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. or 1 – 5 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to assist at the Butterflies & Blooms Exhibition. Training will be provided.



Malott Japanese Garden

Children's Festival

Saturday & Sunday, May 17 & 18

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (with break for lunch)

Assist with hands-on activities and crafts programming focused on Japanese culture.



Camp CBG

June 16 – August 15

Monday – Friday, half or full days

Volunteers are needed to assist Camp staff as campers investigate the Garden. This is an outdoor science camp program for 2 – 12 years old. Training is required.



Family Drop-In Activities

May 31 – September 1

Saturday & Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Monday – Friday 12 – 4 p.m.

Assist with set-up, clean up & instruction of hands-on activities.



World Environment Day

Saturday, June 7

Greeters & Way-finders

10:30 am – 1:30 p.m. & 1 – 4 p.m.

Assist with welcoming visitors and general way-finding around the Garden.

Assist with Keynote Panel

9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Assist as ushers, ticket takers/door operators or as greeters during the Keynote Panel session.

Assist with Visitor Surveys

10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Ability to approach visitors in a friendly manner and ask questions concerning World Environment Day programming. Standing is required for the duration of the shift.

Plant Container and Electronics Recycling

9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. & 12:30 – 4 p.m.

Assist with the collection of plastic plant containers in a parking lot. Ability to lift up to 30 pounds, lower pots or electronic items into cardboard boxes.



Interpretive Programs –

Malott Japanese Garden

May – October

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Saturday or Sunday

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Volunteers greet visitors, spark curiosity and interpret aspects of the garden.



Folding Luminary Bags for Annual Summer Dinner Dance

May 8, 9, 15 & 16

9 a.m. – 12 p.m. or 1 – 4 p.m.

Assist with folding the bags used for luminaries at the Summer Dinner Dance.



Summer Concerts

June 9 – September 1

Carillon Concert

Each Monday, 5 – 8 p.m.

Tuesday Morning Music

Each Tuesday, 9:30 – 11 a.m.

Music on the Esplanade

Each Tuesday, 5:30 – 8 p.m.

Dancin' Sprouts

Each Wednesday, 5 – 7:30 p.m.

Hot Summer Nights

Each Thursday, 5:30 – 8 p.m.



English Oak Meadow Planting

Tuesday & Wednesday

April 15 & 16, June 3 & 4

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Help plant the English Oak Meadow. Must be able to plant on steep hill & walk up & down the hill.



Plant Container Recycling

Mondays

June 9, 16 & 23, July 14, 21 & 28,

August 11, 18 & 25

8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Assist with washing and scrubbing plastic plant containers to be recycled.



Farmer's Market

May – October

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. or 12 – 3 p.m.

Supervise a table at the Farmer's Market where customers will store purchases.



Art Festival

Saturday & Sunday, July 5 & 6

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., 12 – 3 p.m. or

2:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Greet guests, give directions, answer questions or help with family drop-in activities.

Spotlight on the Entrance Garden

Soon we will see the colorful “hello” conveyed by the soft pink and white tulips and violas as you enter the Chicago Botanic Garden on Lake Cook Road this spring. This grand introduction is presented by the beautiful Entrance Garden.

Geranium beds line the entrance road, which curves around all the way to the Gatehouse and provides a surprise view at every bend. On the Mary Mix McDonald Woods side of the road, red oaks, white oaks and swamp white oaks abound, providing much of the overhead framework and habitat for small animals and birds. In addition to the approach and road, the Garden includes a beautiful, sinuous hawthorn and crab apple bed that surrounds the Barbara Carr Administrative Center and its courtyard. Norway spruce and chinkapin oak line the path to the adjoining Grunsfeld Children’s Growing Garden.

The gardens include hawthorns displaying magnificent horizontal branching that mimics the lines of the Administrative Center, a maple allée that is especially colorful in the fall, majestic Austrian pines, Norway spruce, crab apples, serviceberry, and swamp white oaks. Ginkgos provide shade in the courtyard and are surrounded by seasonal annuals. “Trees are my passion,” said **Ed Ernst, assistant horticulturist**. “And I really enjoy the fact that they are a large presence in the Entrance Garden.”

This summer, the tulips and violas at the approach will make way for dahlias, hibiscus, verbena, and lantana in shades of gold, red, and blue. “There is a beautiful variety of annual flowers, bulbs, deciduous trees, and conifers in this garden. Something is changing all the time,” said **Ed**.

Ed would like to form a crew of volunteers with members that work at least one morning a week in the Entrance Garden, on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. “The Entrance Garden is the first area seen by all who enter the Chicago Botanic Garden, and it is important that it be kept pristine and welcoming to visitors,” **Ed** explained. “There is something to do in every season, making these ideal positions for volunteers who enjoy working in the garden just about all year round. The annual beds and bulbs require planting, mulching, weeding, grooming and various other gardening tasks as the season requires. The trees need pruning, especially in late winter and early spring.” Additionally, volunteers may be asked to help with labeling and record keeping. Indoor projects may be

assigned, including event setup and takedown, depending on Garden needs and when weather is too harsh to work outside.

The Entrance Garden needs you! So if you are interested in joining the Entrance Garden volunteer team, please contact **Judy Cashen**, director, volunteer services at (847) 835-6800 or email jcashen@chicagobotanic.org

Barbara Sirovatka

Where Do All the Plant Labels Come From?

Gabriela Rocha Alvarez is the labeling technician in charge of producing the display labels and the embossed accession tags. Her story is quite interesting. **Gabriela**, before coming to the United States seven years ago, was an agronomist (the science of soil management, land cultivation, and crop production) in her home country of Mexico. Horticulture was new to her, so one of her teachers in Mexico suggested that she volunteer at the Garden to learn English and horticulture. The first person she met in the department six years ago was **Penny Kohlmeyer**, whom **Gabriela** credits for her success in the labeling department. She volunteered for two years in the department while learning English and became head of the labeling team three and one half years ago when the position became available. Since **Gabriela** has been in charge of the team, they have expedited the procedure to produce the labels faster, doubled the output of labels produced and set-up the procedure to file the labels properly for easy retrieval.

She has seven long-time volunteers that work with her on a weekly basis: **Sil Argentin, Kathy Buckley, Michael Sackheim, Bob Olson, Doris Wagner, Patricia Naughton** and **Theo Watanabe**. She also has four additional volunteers that work directly with the horticultural staff: **Toby Koch** (volunteer team leader), **Robin Anstaett, Nina Jacobsen** and **Anne Vanderbilt**.

In addition to her position as labeling technician, she has also translated information from the Garden’s website into Spanish for the Garden App. **Gabriela**, along with **Moshe Pinargote**, Kleinman Family Cove/ Grunsfeld Children’s Growing Garden horticulturist; represent the Garden on a talk show broadcast in Spanish on Radio Moody. They answer questions from the audience about plants and participated in this broadcast four times in 2013.

Creating plant labels sounds easy enough but this year-round effort takes coordination between the Plant Production Department, the horticulture staff, volunteers and the labeling team. In December the Production team provides a list of labels needed for spring annuals and the

label process begins. The labeling team needs at least three months to assemble the labels for the upcoming season. They supply a list with the scientific and common plant names to the vendors after they have been validated by **Celeste VanderMey**, plant records supervisor. It takes six weeks for the two vendors to produce the metal and plastic display labels used by the Chicago Botanic Garden. When the display labels are received at the Garden, the labeling team rivets them to powder coated black aluminum stakes ranging in height from one to four feet using an electric riveter. A manual riveter is used to make repairs on site in the Garden. Rivets are removed by either using a modified arbor press or punched using a nail set and hammer. This way stakes and labels can be reused year-round and moved from garden to garden. All materials are recycled and reused when possible depending on the condition of the old stakes and labels.

Metalphoto (a photographic process) labels are used for perennials and the permanent collection. Silver letters are printed on black anodized aluminum to prevent glare. These labels should not need replacing for the life of the plant, though some are eventually replaced. Plastic labels are used for annual plants and usually last two to three seasons. The standard label size is 2"x4", and for larger trees or shrubs a 3"x5" or 3"x6" label might be used. These are newer labels so many of the older, smaller ones are being replaced. **Kris Jarantoski**, executive vice-president and garden director, **Tim Johnson**, director of horticulture and **Boyce Tankersley**, director of living plant documentation, have label 'walk throughs' to determine what needs to be remade or replaced. This is not a one time job. Labels need to be changed when scientific names change, a common occurrence. The discarded signage is then recycled to use for temporary displays. A specific program, ArcGIS, which is used for maps, is used to print waterproof temporary paper labels, such as those in Wonderland Express, that number approximately 200. Once printed they need to be cut out manually and mounted with double sided tape to the old display labels. Lead time is approximately one week to produce the labels and they will last approximately three months. Different types of display labels are used in the greenhouses: 1.5"x4" for the orchid trees, .5"x3" in the glass case, and 1.25"x4" for special exhibitions in small containers.

The information provided on the labels depends on the Garden area but generally it includes the genus, species, 'cultivar', common name and family name. The labels produced in 2013 for annual, perennials, temporary exhibits and the plant breeding program were in excess of 9,500. Numerous labels were re-staked on site (stake

and label replacements), and stake size changed.

Many display labels are created in advance and stored in the Label Room in recycled library card catalog cabinets. Labels are filed by the plant nomenclature names, genus, species, and cultivar, not by the common name. Approximately 25 to 30 percent of the labels are in stock when a label request comes in.

In addition to the display labels, the labeling team produces the embossed accession tags that are tied onto the woody plants and trees. These labels are produced at the Garden using a metal embosser machine. Accession tags include the scientific name, cultivar, origin, type (cutting, plant, etc.) number of plants and accession number.

There is a tremendous effort that goes into labeling the plants efficiently and accurately. This helps to educate our visitors about the Garden's living plant collection.

Ken Krebs



Members of the Plant Labeling team (from left to right) Pat Naughton, Sil Argentin, Michael Sackheim, Bob Olson, Doris Wagner and Labeling Technician Gabriela Rocha Alvarez,

Photo courtesy of Ken Krebs

Volunteer Safety Reminder

In case of a Garden emergency or emergency closing, staff and volunteers are notified via our Honeywell Instant Alert system. This system will notify staff and volunteers of these situations by a phone call, text message, or e-mail. If you need to update your contact information, please call the Volunteer Services Office at (847) 835-8392.

New Tree Nursery

Now that Mother Nature has finally said goodbye to one of the coldest winters of recent memory and the ground is warming up, work is starting on the moving of over 400 trees from the Plant Production in-ground nursery. These trees will be moved from their current tree nursery to a new location which will be constructed near the Garden's Landscape Waste Facility just off of Dundee Road. The nursery area will encompass just less than an acre. Over the next month or so, the new site will be graded, irrigation and drainage installed, and two feet of new soil put down. When this work is completed sometime in June, the 400+ trees, minus what is planted in various gardens, will be transplanted to this new location.

The existing trees which include oaks, maples, pines, firs, birches and apples are currently being dug up. The optimum time to dig them up is while the trees are still dormant, so there is a narrow window of time in the spring to do this before they leaf out. This puts less stress on the trees while undergoing transplanting. The trees' root balls will be wrapped in burlap, heeled in and covered with wood chip mulch until they can be planted in the new nursery. While they are awaiting their new home, regular watering will be necessary. The tree roots will begin to grow again so keeping them moist is essential.

The selection of trees in the nursery comes from a variety of sources. Some are propagated from seed, others from cuttings or brought in as small plants from other institutions. The Chicago Botanic Garden has received trees from as far away as Russia and as close as the Morton Arboretum. Other arboreta in the U.S. have also provided trees including the Morris Arboretum in Pennsylvania, the Arnold Arboretum in Massachusetts and the Holden Arboretum in Ohio. The National Arboretum in Washington, DC has also been a source. One of the goals of the Chicago Botanic Garden is to have a number of taxa and diversity within the collection.

The size of the trees to be transplanted ranges from root balls of three gallons up to about 15 gallons. Most trees spend three to ten years in the tree nursery, and every spring trees are selected from the nursery to either replace or add to the collections already in the gardens. So next time you see new tree plantings in the gardens, know that the specimens have been carefully collected from all over the world, maintained and nurtured in the tree nursery and specifically selected for that spot.

Carolyn Kuechler



Office volunteers Elaine Juhl and Marnee Kenny registering attendees at the Spring Volunteer Opportunity Fair held in March

Photo courtesy of Judy Cashen

Security 1,500 Initiative

There were over 1 million visitors to the Garden last year, as most of us have heard. At our peak, the Security Department employed 25 security officers. That's one officer for every 40,000 visitors, for safety, security and parking. Does this growing ratio adversely affect the Garden's safety and security? In 2013, incidents of theft went up by 33%, and that does not count incidences of unreported theft. The bottom line is that we need more eyes and ears out there reporting to security when a crime or hazardous situation is taking place.

To offset this deficiency, the Security Department needs to do the same thing that the Grounds Department, the Collections Department, the Visitor Services Department and others in the Garden --enlist the aid of volunteers and staff from other departments. There are more than 1,300 volunteers and nearly 500 employees working for the Garden at peak—that's 1,800 extra pairs of eyes and ears to help the Security team.

What do we expect you to do? If you see something, say something. That's it. It is that simple. If you see a criminal act, an injury, suspicious behavior, a safety hazard or anything you think Security should be aware of, call us on channel 2, call the Membership & Information Desk at extension 8208 or tell your supervisor. We will take it from there. There is no need to intervene. We will respond to the call, evaluate the situation and generate a written report which is used to fine-tune patrol patterns and make additional staffing requests, among other things. With your help, we can make the Garden a safer and more secure place, whether we welcome 1 million visitors, 1.5 million or even 2 million.

Who's Who In The Garden? A profile of someone you should know



Mark Guth
Garden Greeter
Volunteer Team Leader

Mark Guth is among the Garden's extraordinary volunteers who contribute hundreds of volunteer hours each year. Even more extraordinary, **Mark** has given more than 600 hours of service since 2010 while he continues to work full-time as an independent insurance agent.

Before coming to the Garden, **Mark** was a volunteer at Advocate Condell Medical Center. He says, "I really enjoyed the people there, greeting patients and visitors, helping patients to their rooms and bringing them flowers and newspapers. However, I love nature and thought that at the Chicago Botanic Garden I could combine my volunteer time with my love of the outdoors and bird watching." Although **Mark** has 240 birds on his "life list," having added 13 in San Antonio last year, he distinguishes himself as an avid "bird watcher" not a "birder." **Mark** says he would definitely like to spend more time at the Garden's Barbara Brown Nature Reserve.

Due to his upbeat demeanor, friendly person-to-person interactions, and willingness to commit to weekly volunteer service, in 2012 **Mark** was selected to be the Garden Greeter Volunteer Team Leader. **Mark** explains

his responsibilities, "I receive a list of volunteers and provide a program orientation. I have organized a Greeter team information sheet and print out the Garden's event calendar each month to help Greeters with wayfinding and answering visitors' questions. I like to be proactive." In addition, **Mark** has assisted at many of the popular special events. One of his favorites is Wonderland Express.

Although **Mark** was born in Houston while his dad was in the military service, he is basically a local boy, growing up and attending school in Glenview and earning a psychology degree from Loyola University. **Mark** speaks fondly of the nine years, when from the age of 16, he worked at McDonalds, leaving the company as a General Manager. He says, "Some of my lifelong friendships come from those days."

Mark and his wife, Mary Ellen, and their two cats currently live in Mundelein, where **Mark** says, "Our small but colorful flower garden attracts the bees, birds, and butterflies we love watching." Another pleasure is local family. **Mark** says, "We are fortunate to have all of my immediate family and some of Mary Ellen's living in the nearby Chicago suburbs. And, in 2014, we are proud to celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary."

With his love of nature, **Mark** adds yet another activity—bicycling. If you are on the Des Plaines River Trail, you just might see him biking his weekly 35-mile ride. 2014 will mark the 10th year **Mark** has taken the Canadian Rockies Icefields Parkway Bike Tour between Banff, Lake Louise, and Jasper, in Alberta, Canada, a five-day trip covering 200-250 miles. **Mark** says, "Once I saw the Canadian Rockies, I just fell in love with them. The tour includes enough time for hiking so I take my binoculars and enjoy bird watching as well."

Looking forward to the future when he has more time to spend at the Garden, **Mark** says he would like to do walking tours or, perhaps, drive the tram. "There is so much to tell about the Garden. I would love to talk about its areas of interest and, of course, point out the different types of birds."

Jennifer Groskopf, manager of visitor operations says "Mark is naturally positive and outgoing. Visitors he comes in contact with have a better experience because of him. **Mark** does everything with a smile! In the past few years, **Mark** has become more involved in our events. We're all very grateful for his dedicated volunteer service."

Joan Brown
Photo courtesy of Judy Casben



Master Gardener Update

Order Your Master Gardener Apparel

The annual Master Gardener merchandise sale is now open. You can find the sell sheet and order form on the Master Gardener website listed under 'News and Updates'. Orders will be taken online only until Friday, April 11th. No late orders will be accepted. Merchandise will be shipped to the Garden about eight weeks after April 11. You will be contacted when it arrives for pick-up information. Follow this link to the web page: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/mg/>

Save the date! Master Gardener Recognition Event & Potluck – Tuesday, April 22

The Master Gardener Recognition Event and Potluck will be held on April 22, noon – 2:30 p.m. in Burnstein Hall. Good food will be enjoyed, the keynote speaker will inspire, certificates will be awarded, and raffle prizes abound, plus you can earn one hour of education update credit!

The Garden will offer the following educational update opportunities for University of Illinois extension Master Gardeners. Register by phone (847) 835-8261 or at the Registrar's office. If you have any questions, please contact **Jill Selinger** at (847) 835-6849 or jselinger@chicagobotanic.org. The number italicized in parentheses at the end of the listing denotes the number of hours applicable toward the required ten hours of education credit.

Moths as Pollinators

Moths, the lesser loved Lepidoptera, play an important role in our environment as pollinators and as a food source. Attracting moths to your yard with the right plant selection and yard décor can be a benefit to you as a horticulturalist, entomologist, and ornithologist. An added bonus is that moths have a subtle, yet stunning beauty full of intricate patterns, soft color palettes, and fuzzy bodies. Moths are also *much* easier to approach, and therefore identify, than their fast-flying cousins, butterflies. Join us to learn how to attract, identify, and appreciate moths in our local area. After class we will be viewing a brand new exhibit in Joutras gallery entitled, "The Hidden Beauty of Moths."

Courtney Quigley, Horticulturist & Exhibition Manager
Chicago Botanic Garden

Tuesday, April 29, 1- 2:30 p.m.

Linnaeus Room

Fee: \$8 (1.5 hrs)

Save the Date! Volunteer Awards & Recognition Reception McGinley Pavilion

Wednesday, June 11, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served. RSVP is required. Please RSVP in the Volunteer Services Office or call (847) 835-8392 by Wednesday, June 4.

DID YOU KNOW...

🌸 National Volunteer Week is April 6 – 13, 2014. In celebration during the month of April many Chicago area cultural institutions offer free tours for volunteers throughout the month. Registration is required and detailed information is posted in the Volunteer Services Office.

🌸 To nominate a volunteer for Volunteer of the Year, please contact **Judy Cashen**, director, volunteer services at (847) 835-6800 or jcashen@chicagobotanic.org

🌸 Parking regulations will change with the start of the spring season. Please enter and park on the south end of the Garden on Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13 and all Sundays with select Saturdays starting May 4.

🌸 Missed an issue of the *Grounds Cover* newsletter? You can view the latest issue of *Grounds Cover* in PDF format on the garden website, <http://www.chicagobotanic.org/volunteer/newsletter>

🌸 Plant Information Service has moved to the Regenstein Center. Their new location is next to the Lenhardt Library, with phone services and offices located in Regenstein Center Lower Level.



Members of the Plant Information team helping staff members Peg Busard and Kathie Hayden unpack the new office located in the Regenstein Center.

Calendar of Garden Events and Volunteer Activities

April 2014		
Wed.	2	Antiques & Garden Fair Volunteer Orientation, Alsdorf Auditorium, 1 – 2 p.m.
Fri.	18	Nominations for 2013 Volunteer of the Year due
Th. – Sun.	10 - 13	Antiques & Garden Fair, Preview, Thursday, 6 - 10 p.m.; Fair, Friday - Sunday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., event fees apply, visit chicagobotanic.org/antiques/ for more information
Tues.	22	Master Gardener Recognition Potluck, Burnstein Hall, 12 – 2:30 p.m.
May 2014		
Thurs.	1	Annual Volunteer Update Meeting with Sophia Siskel, Garden President & CEO, Alsdorf Auditorium, 10 a.m. RSVP to the Volunteer Services Office at (847) 835-8392
Sat.	10	Model Railroad Garden opens, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily, fees apply
Sat. & Sun.	17 & 18	Malott Japanese Garden Children’s Festival, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Thurs.	22	Grapevines & Wines, McGinley Pavilion, 6 – 8 p.m., fees apply
Sat.	24	Butterflies & Blooms opens, open daily through Sept. 1, weather permitting, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Fees apply
Coming June 2014		
Sat.	7	World Environment Day, Garden-wide, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Recycling program 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Mon.	9	Summer concerts begin, visit chicagobotanic.org/evenings for a schedule of performances
Wed.	11	Volunteer Awards and Recognition Reception, 1:30 p.m., McGinley Pavilion. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP is required by June 4; please call (847) 835-8392 today!

☞ The Grounds Cover Committee ☞

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