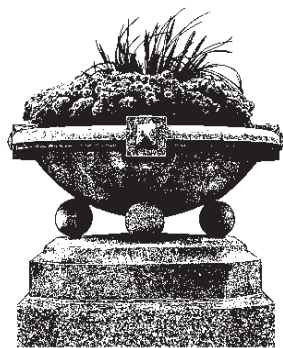


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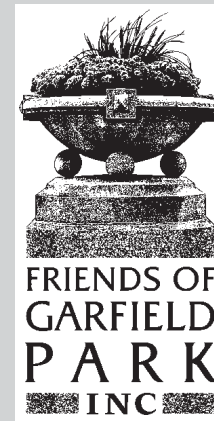
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SECOND ANNUAL GARFIELD GATE 2 GATE 5K RUN/WALK

The Second Annual Garfield Gate 2 Gate 5k Run/Walk will take place Saturday June 18 at 8am. The 2011 race will be held on Father's Day weekend and add to the successes of

the inaugural race last year. This family friendly event is a great way to spend some much-appreciated time with Dad on his weekend. Don't you think he has enough ties? Runners and walkers of all ages, shapes, and speeds can participate on this shaded and relatively flat racecourse completely contained in beautiful Garfield Park. This year's course starts and

ends at the Sunken Gardens historic gates and has been improved by adding the stretch of Pleasant Run Parkway between Conservatory Drive and Pagoda Drive to improve the overall race flow.

If you are a competitive runner, The Friends of Garfield Park are once again incorporating a \$100 cash prize to the top male and female finisher as well as medals for the top 5 finishers in the Men's, Women's, and Under 18

category. This year we will also provide a special award for the top finisher over the age of 50. The registration fee of \$20 includes a t-shirt and race bib, along with fresh

fruit and refreshments and the understanding that 100% of the proceeds will go to support the programs, maintenance, and beautification of Garfield Park. The event which is brought to you by The Friends of Garfield Park, starts at with t-shirt/packet pickup and late registration at 6:45am at the Garfield Park Conservatory. Late registration

(anytime after June 10) costs an additional \$5 and does not guarantee that a t-shirt will be available. Register online at GarfieldParkIndy.org and click on the Gate 2 Gate logo. Before you light the barbeque and throw on the burgers why don't you burn a few calories and celebrate the holiday in a fun and healthy way. Give Dad the best gift you can; the gift of health.

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OVER THE GARDEN GATE

By Jo Ellen Meyers Sharp

GARFIELD PARK ARTS CENTER SITE OF AMERICAN GARDEN AWARD

The Garfield Park Arts Center will participate in the 2011 American Garden Award program, a unique opportunity for the gardening public to visit the center and vote on a specific flower or plant that they think has the most appealing garden characteristics

In 2011, seven types plants — most of them newer introductions — will be planted along the hills in front of the Garfield Park Arts Center. Several Master Gardeners, led by Thomas Graham and Jay Hagenow, have prepared the hills with a high quality planter's mix from Indiana Mulch, provided by the Friends of Garfield Park.

By mid June, the beds at the arts center will be planted and ready for the public to vote.

Some of the world's most prestigious flower breeders have chosen their best varieties to enter into this competition. Then, in cooperation with 18 highly respected public gardens throughout the United States, All-America Selections presents the four entries so consumers can view the plants in person, then vote on their favorite. For those consumers and home gardeners who are unable to make it to view these flowers in person, the above link allows voting on this Web site

The plants that are part of this year's award program are:

Here are the number of plants we need, if possible:
 Dahlia Dahlinova Hypnotica Lavender, Dianthus Kahori, Petunia Easy Wave Neon Rose, Petunia milliflora Picobella Rose Star, Scaevola Surdiva Light Blue, SunPatens Variegated Spreading White and Ornamental Pepper Uchu

We hope you will visit the park this summer and vote for your favorite plant at the arts center. Here's more info:

americangardenaward.com/display_gardens.cfm

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS SUMMER AT GARFIELD PARK?

Summer is just around the corner and Garfield Park is getting ready to shine in all its glory. The trees are beginning to show their leaves, tulips are blooming at the Conservatory and Sunken Garden, the spring photography show is up at the Arts Center and they are starting to clean out the pool at the Family Center. The staff here at Garfield Park can't wait to show you what we have planned for summer!

The Conservatory and Sunken Gardens will host the Bonsai Show (June 4, 5), Rose Show (June 12), and Family Scavenger Hunts on Thursday's in July from 3-4:30 pm! Family Nature Days, workshops for adults in beekeeping and bonsai, for children on the Trees of Indiana or Rainforest Carnivores and tours of the Conservatory are just a tiny slice of what there is to do at one of Indianapolis'

IN THE SUNKEN GARDENS

In the Sunken Garden this summer, some old favorite annuals will return with a few new ones to keep it interesting. Angelonia Angel Face Blue and Angel Face White are great examples of annuals that can take as much heat and sun as Mother Nature wants to provide. Joining these plants are heat-loving canna Dwarf Tropical Rose, coleus Kiwi, Tidal Wave Hot Pink petunia and Lavender-Rose periwiinkle/vinca. True Blue Carpet petunia and Superbena Lilac, a verbena, and the fragrant Opal Innocence nemesia will round out the color.

2011 GARDEN WRITERS SYMPOSIUM

Aug. 26 through 29, hundreds of garden writers from throughout the world will gather in Indianapolis for the 63rd annual Garden Writers Association symposium. This is the first time the group has met in Indiana.

Always a highlight of the meeting are tours of public and private gardens in the host city. Conference attendees will be visiting Garfield Park during the symposium to tour the gardens, conservatory and arts center garden. We also will have lunch in the garden.

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hidden treasures. As always, daily admission to the Conservatory is \$1 and the Gardens are FREE. Special events fees and registration may apply so be sure to call 327-7184 to find out.

The Garfield Park Arts Center (GPAC) will host two cultural exhibits - An Exhibition of Asian Arts and Artists (June) and the Native American Heritage Day Exhibit (August). Both exhibitions are inspired by unique cultural events here at Garfield Park and will feature local and regional talent. Don't miss the Annual Exhibition of Student Work (August). Each exhibition will be complemented by a new and exciting Arts for All art-making project that anyone can do for FREE Wednesday - Sunday.

The Arts Center will be offering its first Performing (July)

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and Visual Arts (June) Discovery Camps this summer. Campers ages 7-12 will work with professional teaching artists in daily class sessions. Music lectures, performances, Vintage Base Ball games, drum circles, Vintage Movie Nights and Saturday A.M. Art Kids classes are just a sampling of what the Arts Center will offer. Call 327-7135 for learn more.

At the Burrello Family Center you know it is all about WATER! The Aquatic Center will be open May 28th and stay open through August 7th. Hours are 11am-7pm Monday - Saturday and Noon - 6pm Sunday. Both group and private swim lessons are available this year and pool entry fees vary based on day and age. Come out and join the swim team or take a

water aerobics class! Call 327-7327 for exact pricing and swim lesson information

Don't forget Indy parks concerts and movies! The MacAllister Center will host Thursday Night Pops concerts, the return of Celebrate the Greats with all new acts and Shakespeare in the Park in September! Oh, and Indy Parks is celebrating its 100 year anniversary in 2011 and has many exciting activities planned for you as well - from geocaching to the Indy Parks Challenge. (100years.indyparks.org or 327-PARK)

How can you NOT find something to love in beautiful Garfield Park this summer? Ask any Indy Parks staff - we will be sure to show you how to have fun!

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