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## Explore 80 Years of History and Archives on the Botanical Garden Website

**Montréal, July 14, 2011** – To mark its 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, the Montréal Botanical Garden, a Space for Life, invites everyone to visit the all-new virtual exhibition on its website, **80 Years of History and Archives at the Montréal Botanical Garden** ([ville.montreal.qc.ca/jardin/archives](http://ville.montreal.qc.ca/jardin/archives)).

For Gilles Vincent, Director of the Botanical Garden, the exhibition “takes us back in time to discover the soul of the Botanical Garden and meet the people who created it, in particular Brother Marie-Victorin and landscape architect Henry Teuscher.”

The virtual exhibition is organized into three sections. The *History of the Botanical Garden* section takes visitors on a 24-stop historical path, through more than 300 archival images and documents. The *Archives and photo albums* section presents various historical collections: 723 black and white photographs of the construction and early days of the Garden, 67 plans and sketches of the gardens, 39 posters for floral exhibitions, 9 souvenir albums from the floral exhibitions, 37 letters drawn from the correspondence between Brother Marie-Victorin and Henry Teuscher, 14 excerpts from the guest book, 351 photos of the floral exhibitions, 68 newspaper clippings and 3 films. Lastly, the *Publications* section includes the first twenty issues of *Mémoires du Jardin botanique*.

The Montréal Botanical Garden, founded 80 years ago, in 1931, is a museum, scientific and educational institution recognized as a member institution of the Canadian Heritage Information Network (Canadian Heritage) and as a National Historic Site of Canada by Environment Canada.

This virtual exhibition was made possible by financial support from the Government of Canada, through Library and Archives Canada.

*The Montréal Biodôme, Insectarium, Botanical Garden and Planetarium are launching a daring, creative urban movement, urging everyone to rethink the bonds between humankind and nature. The **Space for Life** is also a place where people come together to create, one that cultivates a new way of living, shaped by Montrealers and people from around the world.*

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