



Gardening and Biodiversity at the Great Gardening Weekend 2010

Montréal, May 28, 2010 – Montréal's Nature Museums present the 13th Great Gardening Weekend, at the Montréal Botanical Garden, from Friday, May 28 to Sunday, May 30. In this International Year of Biodiversity, get your gardening season off to a great start in a festive atmosphere, as our experts share some valuable tips on how to diversify your plantings. Pick up some unusual plants, too, at this key ornamental horticulture event in Quebec, where over 100 exhibitors are waiting to greet you.

ON THE PROGRAM

- **Exceptional sale of plants grown at the Botanical Garden**
A special selection of over 10,000 often little-known plants from 242 different species, grown right here at the Botanical Garden. Pick up vegetables, annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs, conifers and tropical plants. It's a great way to add an exotic touch to your garden.
- **Lectures**
A series of fascinating lectures by well-known figures from the gardening world, on the theme of environmentally friendly gardening (biological pest control, water management, stabilizing shores, home composting, etc.)
- **Big sale of garden products and accessories**
Specialized tools, decorative items and original creations for beautifying your garden.
- **Biodiversity Centre and IRBV booth**
The Biodiversity Centre and the Institut de recherche en biologie végétale (IRBV) will be presenting their objectives and research activities. The Biodiversity Centre, in a new building to open this fall, is a partnership between the Université de Montréal and two of Montréal's Nature Museums (the Botanical Garden and Insectarium).
- **Meet our partner organizations**
Some of the Montréal Botanical Garden's partner organizations will be sharing their expertise and enthusiasm with visitors. Come learn about rhododendrons, bonsai, penjings, roses, hostas and more.

Important

As in previous years, the Botanical Garden and the Insectarium **will not be participating in Montréal Museums Day**, since it coincides with the Great Gardening Weekend.

This event is organized in collaboration with the Friends of the Montréal Botanical Garden and representatives of the horticultural industry in Quebec. We wish to thank our sponsors: Pro-Mix, our official partner, and Fleurs, Plantes et Jardins magazine.



Montréal's Nature Museums – the Biodôme, Insectarium, Botanical Garden and Planetarium – helping people enjoy nature to the fullest. For more information: museumsnature.ca

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