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Holiday Light Show: new name, new route, more

December 13— 31, 5pm to 8:30pm (closed Christmas Eve and Day)

Rotary Botanical Gardens premiere holiday event returns this season with a new name and more.

Formerly known as the Winter Wonderland Walk since its inception, this year the event will be known as Rotary Botanical Gardens' Holiday Light Show. The new, descriptive name was chosen to say what it is.

Additional changes include a route expansion through the color room sections of the Gardens. The new route will go through the Reception Garden where you can view the Sunken Garden, into the Scottish Garden, through the color rooms and into the arboretum then continue along the original path.

The event will be every evening, December 13 through 31, except for Christmas Eve and Christmas day.

Admission has been reduced by \$1 per ticket and early-bird and group ticket discounts are available at the Gardens' Gift Shop..

Admission at the door the night of the show will be \$5 adults, \$3 youth (2 to 12).

Early-bird tickets are currently available in Cottage Garden gift shop at the visitor's center. Early-bird tickets are \$4 adult, \$2 children. Friends who purchase their tickets early also receive one refreshment coupon per ticket.

Group discounts are also available this season. Please contact Rod or Mike for

details or visit rotarygardens.org and click on the HLS section of to download the group ticket order form. Group discounts are available for 8 or more tickets purchased at least 2 weeks in advance of your visit.

Tickets are good for any night of the event.

Returning this season will be the Wisconsin Garden Railway Society with their model trains running in the atrium. Members of the Rock Valley Quilters guild will have "Evergreen" quilts on display. Quilt raffle tickets will be available each night of the event for \$1. (page 2). Nightly entertainment rounds out the event.

The Holiday Light show is a major fundraising event for the Gardens during the winter months. Your volunteer assistance is appreciated as well as encouraging attendance to this wonderful family event.

Call (608) 752-3885 to volunteer today!

Breakfast with Santa

9 AM—12 Noon
Saturday, December 6
Visit with Santa—Crafts—Chocolate pancakes and milk

Dinner & Chocolate Buffet

5:30 PM—9:00 PM
Light Show Premiere at 8:00 PM



This year's show will again feature nearly a quarter-million lights, nightly trains by the Wisconsin Garden Railway Society, creations by the Rock Valley Quilter's Guild and much more!



Thank you to the Holiday Light Show Sponsors:

- Sam's Club
- M&I Bank
- Lycon, Inc.
- LP Tree Service
- Sauk County Master Gardeners Association
- Rollie & Audrey McClellan
- Anchor Bank
- The Pampered Chef/Linda Brandt
- Rock Prairie Master Gardener Association
- Blackhawk Community Credit Union
- E&D Waterworks
- Damrow Chiropractic Office
- Sullivan Signs
- Janesville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

Tickets on sale now.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities at Rotary Botanical Gardens

For more information pertaining to any of these events, please call (608) 752-3885 or visit www.rotarygardens.org. All events subject to change or cancellation.

January

- ⊗ 1-Visitors Center Closed
- ⊗ 15-"Horticulture IS Therapy" Program: 7-8 p.m.

February

- ⊗ 12- "Water Quality and the Landscape" Program: 7-8 p.m.
- ⊗ 14-Sweetheart Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

March

- ⊗ 12- "Compost Teas" Program: 7-8 p.m.
- ⊗ 28- 6th Annual Garden Symposium: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

April

- ⊗ 16- "Spring Clean Up/Preparing Your Garden for Another Garden Season" Program: 7-8 p.m.
- ⊗ 20-Earth Week activities begin at The Gardens
- ⊗ 22-Eco-Luncheon: 11:30 a.m.
- ⊗ 22-Earth Day
- ⊗ 24-Wine & Tapas Night: 6:30 p.m.
- ⊗ 25-Volunteer Workday at The Gardens: 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

May

- ⊗ 6-Free Admission Day
- ⊗ 10-Mother's Day Brunch: 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
- ⊗ 11-Free admission through May 15
- ⊗ 14- "Parks & Gardens of Paris" Program: 7-8 p.m.
- ⊗ 15-Spring Plant Sale through May 17
- ⊗ 23- Volunteer Workday at The Gardens: 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
- ⊗ 30-Volunteer Workday at The Gardens: 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Quilt Raffle at Holiday Light Show

\$1 tickets available nightly

Since 2006, members of the Rock Valley Quilters Guild have coordinated the quilt display as part of the Holiday Light Show. Each year, up to 50 handmade quilts are arranged in the rafters of the atrium, creating a colorful and festive décor for the event.

This year, members of the guild donated their time to create a twin-sized carpenter's wheel quilt that is available as the grand prize of a raffle drawing this year. Tickets are available nightly at the show for \$1 each. The drawing will be 8pm on December 31 (need not be present to win). A runner up wall hanging will also be drawn for that night.

Please help support the Gardens and purchase a raffle ticket when you visit the show this year!

Thanks to the members of the Rock Valley Quilter's Guild for their hard work on this project.



Twin-sized carpenter's wheel quilt by members of the Rock Valley Quilter's Guild.

State of the Gardens

Although the gardens have been put to bed, planning for 2009 is well underway. In addition to planning to celebrate its 20th anniversary, volunteers and staff are busy throughout the winter budgeting, designing and dreaming of the look and feel of the gardens for next year. To make these plans a reality, your year-end gift offers financial health to Rotary Botanical Gardens.

Please consider Rotary Botanical Gardens when planning your year-end gifting. There are many opportunities for sponsorships in 2009 for a variety of programs and events. There is one to fit any budget! Please contact Rod Jones at 608.752.3885, Extension 19 for more information.

Thank you for thinking of Rotary Botanical Gardens when planning your 2008 year-end giving and for supporting the Gardens next year.

Wish List

As the year winds down, please consider giving the gift of *Friends* memberships to your family and friends to Rotary Botanical Gardens and consider a year-end donation to help us through the lean months.

Another option for support includes the wish list items below. The estimated value of these wish list items is given to help you consider your donation. Many of these are items that will be difficult or impossible to purchase next year within the contest of our lean annual budget.

- Garden Utility Cart (\$6,000)
- Riding Mower (\$5,000)
- Seasonal Bed Sponsorship (\$2,000)
- Spring Fertilizer (\$1,000)
- Heavy-Duty Wet-Dry Vac (\$250)
- Gas Cards (\$100 gift cards)
- Reference Materials (\$100 donation)

Holiday Light Show Volunteer Opportunities

People-power needed for electric light show

Volunteer positions are available nightly during the Holiday Light Show. Shifts run from 4:30 to 7pm and 6:30 to 9pm. Also, we'd be glad to have you the entire night, too.

Greeter: Welcome guests to the show and facilitate crowd control at entrance/exit; aid admission volunteers and staff with other tasks as needed. (1 per shift)

Admissions: ability to make change quickly a necessity; record number of visitors coming to show; friendly demeanor a plus. (2 per shift)

Concessions: Prep and sell hot refreshments and treats to visitors; ability to make change useful but not necessary; frequent hand washing required. (2-4 per shift)

Trail Walkers: Dress for the weather as duties include walking paths for the

not-so-good boys and girls who visit the show; ability to change light bulbs in a team setting required (2-4 per shift).

Gift Shop: Extra assistance may be needed in the gift shop to aid in sales or package handling. Experience with cash register required or you'll be paired with someone with experience. (1 per shift).

Make it a family affair! Bring your spouse, kids, or other holiday household members to the show to volunteer! Have an uncle in town? Sign him up for trail walking! Need a quiet moment away from the in-laws? Put them to work in the concession stand!

For current availabilities or to sign up, call the gift shop during regular business hours.


THANK YOU

Please help us show our appreciation to the following in-kind sponsors who have recently contributed to RBG.

- L.P. Tree Service
- The Flower Factory
- Carol Cartwright
- Dick Peck
- Skelly's Farm Market
- Meyer's Farm Market
- Reilly's Farm Market
- Paul's Tree Farm
- Milorganite
- Joe Rebout
- Central Vending
- Blain's Farm & Fleet

Taste of Chocolate

**Saturday
December 6, 2008**



Chocolate Breakfast with Santa
featuring **chocolate pancakes & milk**
Kids visit with Santa
Make gifts for mom & dad in Santa's Toyshop
9 AM - 12 Noon
\$7/16 and older, \$6/9-15, \$4/3-8

Dinner & Chocolate Buffet
featuring **pork tenderloin dinner and chocolate buffet**
5:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Cash Bar available
\$45 per person

Holiday Light Show Premiere
8 PM

Call today
for tickets!

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rotary botanical gardens
annual summer bus trip

august 28-30, 2009
more info at www.rotarygardens.org

