



MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

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What's growing on
at the Garden!

MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN'S DINOQUEST EXHIBIT STAYS OPEN LATE ON THURSDAYS FOR 'JURASSIC DARK'

- WHAT:** Jurassic Dark - evening DinoQuest exhibit experience
WHEN: Thursdays, May through September from 6 to 10 p.m. (last entry at 9:30 p.m.)
WHERE: Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Blvd., south St. Louis
COST: \$9 adults, \$7 children (ages three to 12); \$5 Garden members, \$3 members' children
INFO: www.mobot.org/dinoquest; (314) 577-5100, 1 (800) 642-8842 toll free

(ST. LOUIS): Bring your family to experience the wonder of the Missouri Botanical Garden and its new "DinoQuest: A Tropical Trek Through Time" exhibition—after hours! Dramatic lighting and fog elements enhance the habitat of the lifelike dinosaurs and other reptiles taking up temporary residence in the Climatron[®] tropical rain forest on **Jurassic Dark** nights, **Thursdays from 6 to 10 p.m., May through September**. Cost for the special evening experience is \$9 for adults, \$7 for children ages three to 12 and includes Garden, Children's Garden and DinoQuest exhibit admission.

Take an evening trek through the lush, verdant Climatron to witness more than a dozen scenes of dinosaurs and other reptiles from the Cretaceous, Jurassic, Triassic and Permian periods "frozen in time" amid the living flora. Encounter a toothy T. Rex, a pair of hungry Heterodontosaurus herbivores, a flock of bird-like Bambiraptors and more. Visit the Brookings Interpretive Center for hands-on activities exploring the common thread between dinosaurs and people: their lives both depend on plants. Children can climb inside a dino nest and use palm fronds and other plant material to protect eggs, just like dinosaur parents did. Dress up in explorer gear and use tools like real scientists in a pretend fossil field lab.

Marvel at the 65-million-year-old

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ADD ONE: Jurassic Dark

sandstone slab filled with dinosaur, turtle, fish and bird fossils.

The two-acre Doris I. Schnuck Children's Garden: A Missouri Adventure will remain open late from 6 to 8 p.m. for outdoor exploration, learning and fun. A roaming balloon artist will make colorful dinosaur souvenirs appear with the twist of a wrist.

Sassafras, the Garden's café, will be serving their full menu until 8 p.m. Treat your young paleontologist to a special DinoQuest kids menu featuring dino mac and cheese and raptor nuggets (dino-shaped chicken nuggets) with petrified potato sticks.

Free parking is available on site and two blocks west of the Garden at the intersection of Shaw and Vandeventer. Inquire at the ticket counter for stroller, wheelchair or scooter rental, available on a first come, first served basis.

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For more information about the DinoQuest exhibition, visit www.mobot.org/dinoquest. For general Garden information, visit www.mobot.org or call (314) 577-5100.

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The Missouri Botanical Garden's mission is "to discover and share knowledge about plants and their environment, in order to preserve and enrich life." Today, 151 years after opening, the Missouri Botanical Garden is a National Historic Landmark and a center for science, conservation, education and horticultural display.

The Missouri Botanical Garden is located at 4344 Shaw Blvd. in St. Louis, just south of I-44 at Vandeventer-Kingshighway (exit #287B). Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Dec. 25. Grounds open at 7 a.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays (exception: special admission rate events). Admission is \$8; free children ages 12 and under and Garden members. St. Louis City and County residents are \$4 and free Wednesdays and Saturdays until noon (exception: special admission rate events - third weekend of May, Labor Day weekend, and first weekend of October). Park for free on site and two blocks west at the Shaw-Vandeventer intersection. The Garden is easily accessible by taking the MetroLink commuter rail line to the Central West End station and picking up a Metro bus (www.metrostlouis.org). For general information, log on to www.mobot.org or call the 24-hour recording at (314) 577-9400 or 1 (800) 642-8842. For membership information, visit www.mobot.org/membership call (314) 577-5118 during weekday business hours. For volunteer opportunities, visit www.mobot.org/volunteer or call (314) 577-5187. The Missouri Botanical Garden is a tobacco-free environment.