



# MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

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at the Garden!

## PREHISTORIC EXHIBITIONS SET TO DEBUT AT THE MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN AND BUTTERFLY HOUSE

*Enjoy 'DinoQuest' at the Garden and 'Jurassic Bugs' at the Butterfly House, May 1-Oct. 3*

**WHAT:** "DinoQuest: A Tropical Trek Through Time" dinosaur exhibition  
**WHEN:** May 1 through Oct. 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily  
**WHERE:** Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Blvd., south St. Louis, Mo.  
**COST:** Exhibit admission: \$5 adults, \$3 children (ages 3 to 12), in addition to Garden admission.  
 Garden admission: \$8 adults, \$4 St. Louis City/County residents, free children.  
**SPONSORS:** Cardinals Care; Charles and June Gallagher; Insituform Technologies, Inc.; Macy's; Cheryl and Dave Morley; and an anonymous contributor  
**INFO:** [www.mobot.org/dinoquest](http://www.mobot.org/dinoquest); (314) 577-5100

**WHAT:** "Jurassic Bugs" exhibition  
**WHEN:** May 1 through Oct. 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed Mondays);  
 Memorial Day through Labor Day, open 9 a.m. to 5 pm. daily  
**WHERE:** Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House, 15193 Olive Blvd. at Faust Park in Chesterfield, Mo.  
**COST:** Included with Butterfly House admission: \$6 adults, \$4 children (ages 3 to 12)  
**INFO:** [www.butterflyhouse.org/events/jurassicbugs.aspx](http://www.butterflyhouse.org/events/jurassicbugs.aspx); (636) 530-0076

(ST. LOUIS): The Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis and the Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House in Chesterfield are set to debut two new exhibitions of prehistoric proportions this year! Visit the Garden's Climatron® dome to encounter dozens of life-size dinosaurs and reptiles hidden within a thriving tropical rainforest during "DinoQuest: A Tropical Trek Through Time." Venture to the Butterfly House to witness giant replicas of prehistoric arthropods alongside their creeping, crawling living relatives during "Jurassic Bugs." Both exhibitions open Saturday, May 1 and run through Sunday, Oct. 3.

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## **ADD ONE: Exhibitions**

### **DinoQuest**

In celebration of Climatron's golden anniversary, visitors to the Missouri Botanical Garden's DinoQuest exhibition will be transported back in time to the golden age of dinosaurs, discovering the important connections between living creatures and Earth's ecosystems in the past, present—and future. Wind through the 24,000-square-foot conservatory on the “trek through time” 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. Discoveries continue inside the Brookings Interpretive Center, where visitors of all ages can engage in hands-on exploration to learn about a common reality that humans share with dinosaurs: our lives depend on plants.

“DinoQuest: A Tropical Trek Through Time” is on display May 1 through Oct. 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Exhibition admission (which includes entry to the Climatron, Shoenberg Temperate House and Brookings Interpretive Center) is \$5 for adults (ages 13 and over) and \$3 for children (ages 3 to 12), in addition to Garden admission. Exhibition admission is free to St. Louis City and County residents on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m.

Regular Garden admission is \$8 for adults and free for children ages 12 and under. St. Louis City and County resident admission is \$4 for adults (ages 13 to 64) and free on most Wednesday and Saturday mornings before noon. Special admission rates apply during the third weekend of May, Labor Day weekend and the first weekend of October.

The DinoQuest exhibition is open late for **Jurassic Dark** evenings, Thursdays, May 6 through Sept. 30 from 6 to 10 p.m. (last entry at 9:30 p.m.). Take an evening trek through the Climatron rainforest, where dramatic lighting and fog elements enhance the dinosaurs' habitat. Explore the Doris I. Schnuck Children's Garden, open from 6 to 8 p.m., enjoy family fun and experience dino-mite dining in the Sassafras cafe, serving a full menu until 8 p.m. Jurassic Dark evenings are \$9 for adults and \$7 for children (ages 3 to 12) and include Garden, Children's Garden and DinoQuest admission.

The Missouri Botanical Garden is located at 4344 Shaw Blvd. in south St. Louis. For more information, visit [www.mobot.org/dinoquest](http://www.mobot.org/dinoquest) or call (314) 577-5100. Purchase tickets on site or in advance at [www.mobot.org/tickets.asp](http://www.mobot.org/tickets.asp).

Exhibit sponsorship of “DinoQuest: A Tropical Trek Through Time” is generously provided by Cardinals Care; Charles and June Gallagher; Insituform Technologies, Inc.; Macy's; Cheryl and Dave Morley; and an anonymous contributor.

### **Jurassic Bugs**

Enormous, ancient creatures are invading the Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House! See life-size replicas of prehistoric arthropods, explore displays of their living relatives and learn about how these animals have changed over millions of years when the Jurassic Bugs exhibition crawls into town.

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## **ADD TWO: Exhibitions**

Fossil records indicate that some animals were enormous as compared to today's specimens. Encounter five of these oversized species taking up temporary residence inside the central exhibit hallway: Brontoscorpio, a meter-long scorpion; Meganeura, the enormous dragonfly; Arthropleura, the giant millipede, Pterygotus, a ten-foot-long sea scorpion; and foot-long giant cockroaches. These prehistoric bugs will join the permanent residents of the Butterfly House: living beetles, roaches, tarantulas, spiders, scorpions and other insects and arachnids. Compare these smaller creatures of today to their larger prehistoric relatives to learn how they have evolved over eons. Examine important fossil records on display that date back to nearly 70 million years ago.

"Jurassic Bugs" is on display May 1 through Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays (closed Mondays); Memorial Day to Labor Day, open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The last ticket is sold 30 min. prior to closing each day. The exhibit is included with Butterfly House admission of \$6 for adults (ages 13 to 64) and \$4 for children (ages 3 to 12). Children ages 2 and under and Missouri Botanical Garden members are free.

The Butterfly House is located at 15193 Olive Blvd. at Faust Park in Chesterfield, Mo. For more information, visit [www.butterflyhouse.org/events/jurassicbugs.aspx](http://www.butterflyhouse.org/events/jurassicbugs.aspx) or call (636) 530-0076.

The realistic dinosaurs, reptiles and bugs featured at the Garden and Butterfly House are the creations of Guy Darrough of Lost World Studios in Arnold, Mo. Darrough has been devoted to building life-sized models of these extinct creatures for nearly 15 years. For more information, visit [www.lostworldstudios.com](http://www.lostworldstudios.com).

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**NOTE: Digital images available by request. Download media materials at [www.mobot.org/press](http://www.mobot.org/press).**

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 mission of the Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House is to foster a greater understanding of plant and animal relationships in the environment in order to promote the conservation and restoration of natural habitats.