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at the Garden!

## **MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN OPENS NEWLY-RENOVATED SPINK PAVILION** *Sustainable Practices Incorporated In Upgrade of Private Event Facility*

(ST. LOUIS): Experience the newly renovated Spink Pavilion at the Missouri Botanical Garden! The historic building has been renovated not only to preserve the architectural integrity of the original entrance, but also to provide the consummate visitor experience. Floor-to-ceiling glass windows allow guests to experience the Garden's spectacular beauty any time, day or evening. A new three-season awning, new lighting, and other features enhance its beauty and functionality. The increased capacity of the building can host larger groups. Spink Pavilion boasts many new sustainable features that not only enhance the experience for those holding events, but also showcase the Garden's commitment to advancing sustainability.

Among the new features are renovated restrooms and the addition of a large family restroom meeting the design standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a spacious new bride's room, and an upgraded sophisticated video/sound system. New floor-to-ceiling glass windows replace the old mullion style windows and doors and offer an inspiring panoramic view into the Garden for those enjoying the space. New HVAC systems insure comfortable room temperatures all year long. New lighting has been added in the interior and exterior of the building, along with a permanent three-season awning. The awning provides an enhanced pre-function area perfect for mingling before moving indoors.

Completed on Earth Day and staying true to the Garden's mission to "preserve and enrich life," the new Spink Pavilion incorporates many sustainable features including energy saving light

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controls, energy efficient kitchen equipment, a water bottle filling station, and renewable mesquite flooring. During the renovation all construction waste was recycled. In the near future, the Garden plans to seek LEED certification of the upgraded event space.

Spink Pavilion, originally known as the Flora Gate, was built by Garden founder Henry Shaw to serve as the main entrance to the Garden. The pavilion is situated on the grand plaza overlooking the three large reflecting lily pools, the Milles Sculpture Garden and the world-renowned Climatron<sup>®</sup>. Display beds along all sides of the lily pools brighten the area with flowers, including tulips, pansies, and unusual summer annuals.

Contact Catering St. Louis at (314) 961-7588 for additional information or to book a private event.

The Missouri Botanical Garden is located at 4344 Shaw Blvd. in south St. Louis, accessible from Interstate 44 at the Vandeventer exit and from Interstate 64 at the Kingshighway North & South exit. Free parking is available on-site and two blocks west at the corner of Shaw and Vandeventer. For general information, visit [www.mobot.org](http://www.mobot.org) or call (314) 577-5100 (toll-free, 1-800-642-8842).

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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](http://www.metrostlouis.org)). For general information, log on to [www.mobot.org](http://www.mobot.org) or call the 24-hour recording at (314) 577-5100 or 1-800-642-8842. For membership information, visit [www.mobot.org/membership](http://www.mobot.org/membership) call (314) 577-5118 during weekday business hours. For volunteer opportunities, visit [www.mobot.org/volunteer](http://www.mobot.org/volunteer) or call (314) 577-5187. The Missouri Botanical Garden is a tobacco-free environment.**