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FRIENDS OF MANITO ANNUAL TROPICAL PLANT SALE

Throw Off Your Winter Weariness With A Little Retail Plant Therapy

The Friends of Manito (TFM) will offer their annual Tropical Plant Sale Saturday, February 27, 2010, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. The sale will take place just east of the Gaiser Conservatory in Manito Park, 1702 S. Grand Blvd. (17th & Grand).

Prior to the plant sale Brian Green, plant expert, professor and greenhouse manager at Spokane Community College will talk about the care, cultural requirements, pests and diseases of tropical plants. Admission to the lecture is **FREE**. Seating is limited; please make reservations early by calling 456-8038.



Date: Saturday, February 27, 2010

Where: Manito Meeting Room, east of Gaiser Conservatory

Lecture: 10:00 am with plant sale immediately following

Plant Sale hours: 12 noon – 3:00 pm

Following the presentation, check out the wonderful plant selections at TFM's Tropical Plant Sale. Throw off your winter weariness with a little retail plant therapy!

About The Friends of Manito

The Friends of Manito (TFM) is a non-profit group that supports Manito Park by providing funds to improve the park. Since 1990, the group has raised more than \$500,000.00, and provided funding for over 35 projects, including the lower playground equipment, the Duncan Garden gazebo, the Rose Garden pergolas,

the upper park sprinkler system, the "Walk of Hope" sidewalk, and most of the park signage. Funds are raised through three major plant sales beginning in the spring with this year's **Tropical Plant Sale**, February 27, 2010

For more information please go to www.friendsofmanito.org

About Manito Park

The Parks and Recreation Department maintains Manito Park's 78 acres of native and cultivated landscape and 20 acres of world class botanical gardens. Comprised of five major garden areas, the Nishinomiya Tsutakawa Japanese Garden, Duncan Garden, Rose Hill, Lilac Garden and Ferris Perennial Garden, Manito Park is nationally recognized for its diverse horticultural displays. In 2007, Rose Hill was named number one in the nation by All-America Rose Selections (AARS), a nonprofit association dedicated to the introduction and promotion of exceptional roses. Central to the Park is the Gaiser Conservatory where beautiful flowing displays change seasonally.

About Spokane Parks and Recreation

City of Spokane Parks and Recreation is responsible for the professional management and prudent caretaking of more than 4,100 acres of developed parks and conservation land. The Golf Division maintains and operates four championship municipal golf courses, including Indian Canyon, Downriver, Esmeralda and the Creek at Qualchan. Park Operations has responsibility for the maintenance of all park land and park facilities in the City of Spokane including Riverfront Park, Manito Park, Gaiser Conservatory and the many city-wide gardens, Finch Arboretum and the Urban Forestry Program. The Recreation/Entertainment Division offers classes, special events, athletic leagues and activities for youth, teens, adults, seniors and persons with physical and mental disabilities. It also operates Riverfront Park attractions, activities and events including the Spokane Falls SkyRide, the Loeff Carrousel and IMAX Theatre, and provides support for community centers, senior centers, the Northeast Youth Center, Corbin Art Center and outdoor swimming pools. For more information please visit spokaneparks.org.

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