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THE FRIENDS OF MANITO SPRING PLANT SALE

Saturday, June 12, 2010 at Manito Park

The Friends of Manito (TFM) will hold their annual spring plant sale a week earlier this year. TFM is celebrating its 20th anniversary of Plant Sales and support, and dedication to beautiful Manito Park.

As usual, the sale will be located in the maintenance yard, east of Gaiser Conservatory on Saturday, June 12th. Members can shop at 8 am Saturday. The sale is open to the public at 10 am (or join TFM, shop early and get the very best selection). The sale is open until 4 pm.

Highlights:

- **For the first time, MC/Visa cards will be accepted.**
- Great selection of Garden Art made by our volunteers
- Complete plant list is on-line, for your early shopping convenience at www.thefriendsofmanito.org

About the Friends of Manito (TFM)

Founded in 1990, The Friends of Manito is a non-profit group that supports Manito Park by providing funds for improvements and general enhancements of the Park. This is accomplished through two major fundraising projects each year - two plant sales, one in the spring and one in the fall, with a tropical plant sale in February. Approximately 100 volunteers work from April to mid-September to prepare and host these events. For more information please visit the Web site at

www.thefriendsofmanito.org or call the TFM office at 456-8038 for a detailed list and description of sale plants.

About Manito Park

The Spokane 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. Manito Park was officially established in April 1904, and has evolved from an undeveloped recreational area with a few flower beds, picnic spots and a zoo to one of Spokane's primary showplaces. Other Manito Park features include: Mirror Pond, a favorite of those who enjoy watching ducks and other water fowl; the Park Bench Café, open in season for light meals; the Loop Drive and Bridge offering majestic views of the Rose Garden; Upper and Lower Playgrounds – a favorite gathering spot of children; and the large basalt rock office building constructed in 1912. 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, 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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