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**DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN CELEBRATES FALL 2007
WITH FAB FESTIVALS, EXHIBITS & ANNUAL PLANT SALE**

WHAT: Visit the Desert Botanical Garden this fall and enjoy a variety of festivals, cultural celebrations, fabulous exhibits and the Garden's annual fall plant sale. The festivities begin September 22 with the opening of the Picasso: 25 Years of Edition Ceramics and culminate on November 11 with Chiles & Chocolate, a culinary festival. There are a variety of activities for everyone to enjoy this fall at the Garden. Fab Fall is presented by APS.

NEW! *Picasso: 25 Years of Edition Ceramics / Ottosen Gallery*

September 22 – November 18, 2007

This exhibition presents a selection of 65 of the ceramics created by Pablo Picasso in collaboration with George and Suzanne Ramie and the artisans at the Madoura pottery workshop in Vallauris, Southern France, between the years of 1947 and 1971. Pablo Picasso was long intrigued by ceramics. After seeing the works of the Madoura potters at a crafts fair in 1946, he asked the Ramies, who operated the studio, to provide him with the opportunity to work with ceramics. The Ramies set aside studio space for Picasso to pot whenever he had the opportunity. This exhibition was curated by Gerald Norland, noted author and independent curator, and former director of the San Francisco Art Museum, The Milwaukee Art Museum, and The Wright Gallery, UCLA. PICASSO: 25 YEARS OF EDITION CERAMICS: From the Edward Weston Collection, Los Angeles, CA. exhibition and museum tour were organized by Landau Traveling Exhibitions of Los Angeles, CA. Free with paid Garden admission.

Childhood Dreams / Patrick Dougherty Sculpture in the Garden

Continues until May 2008 / Free with paid Garden admission.

In February 2007, Patrick Dougherty constructed a site-specific installation at the Desert Botanical Garden. His large-scale, temporary sculptures are built on-site from willow saplings. The forms are often worked into an existing architectural structure in such a way as to suggest a reciprocity between contemporary structures and a more ancient and direct way of building.

***Mariposa Monarca* - Monarch Butterfly Exhibit / Marshall Butterfly Pavilion**

September 29 – November 11 / Open Monday – Friday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Once again the Desert Botanical Garden is pleased to present *Mariposa Monarca*. Come stroll through the best butterfly habitat in the Southwest and be immersed among hundreds of colorful, fluttering monarchs. A tagging demonstration will be held each week of the exhibit on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. as part of the Southwest Monarch Study, a research project tracking the migratory patterns of monarchs across Arizona. **Reservations for tagging at monarchs@dbg.org or call 480-481-8128. Free for members. \$2 for non-members 3 years and older, with paid Garden admission.**

Fall Plant Sale

Saturday / October 13 / 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. AND Sunday / October 14 / 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

No admission charge to enter the Fall Plant Sale.

The Desert Botanical Garden Plant Sale is a one-stop shopping experience featuring the largest variety of arid-adapted plants available in one location. Garden volunteers, horticulturists and professional landscape designers are all on hand to answer questions, assist in plant selections, and offer advice. Purchase pottery and other delightful garden accessories from specialty retailers and visit the Farmer's Market. There is also a used book sale offering a wide variety of subjects with all proceeds benefiting the Desert Botanical Garden Library.

The Great Pumpkin Festival

October 19, 20 & 21 / 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Your search for the perfect pumpkin is over. Visit the Garden's very own pumpkin patch, where each day the first 1,000 children (ages 12 & under) can pick their own free pumpkin. Hayrides out to the pumpkin patch are available for \$1, with paid Garden admission. Children can enjoy face painting, the Amazing Bale Maze, balloon artistry, pumpkin decorating and carving demonstrations, and much more.

Día de los Muertos Celebration

October 27 – 28 / 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Experience Dia de los Muertos – a festive and colorful celebration of traditional Old Mexico and learn about the ancient ceremony honoring departed loved ones. Celebrate with delicious Mexican food and pastries, live entertainment such as a ballet folklórico, mariachis and the *Calacas*. Fun family activities include marigold seed planting creating paper flowers or *papel picado* (paper cut-outs) and a Frida Kahlo activity. Local Latino artists will demonstrate and sell Mexican art and curios in the Garden's Mercado.

Native American Recognition Days

November 3 – 4 / 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

In celebration of Native American Recognition Days' 25th anniversary, the Garden will host a festival dedicated to Native American performance art. The weekend will highlight two featured acts on Ullman Terrace accompanied by several other musical performances throughout the Garden's trails. Enjoy Casper and Might 602 (Native American Reggae) November 3, 12 – 2 p.m.; and Clan/Destine (Native American Rock/Acoustic/Reggae) November 4, 12 – 2 p.m.

Chiles & Chocolate Festival

November 10 – 11 / 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Alluring aromas and flavors will fill the air during this culinary festival. See hot and spicy chiles roast before your eyes, sample delicious chile and chocolate products from local vendors, purchase unique Southwest gifts, and enjoy cooking demonstrations. Entertainment includes Spanish Flamenco dance and Latin jazz.

WHERE: Desert Botanical Garden (in Papago Park)
1201 North Galvin Parkway
Phoenix, AZ 85008

ADMISSION: \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors (60+), \$5 for students (13-18 years-of-age and college with proper ID), \$4 for children 3-12 years-of-age. Children 2 and younger and Garden members are admitted free.

INFO: For additional information call 480-941-1225 or visit www.dbg.org

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