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## IT'S A FABULOUS FALL AT DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN!

**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 5 with the opening of the *The Spirit of the Saguaro* photography exhibit and culminate on November 2 with final day of *Mariposa Monarca*. There are a variety of activities for everyone to enjoy this fall at the Garden.

### **NEW! Spirit of the Saguaro / Ottosen Gallery**

**September 5 – October 19, 2008**

The Desert Botanical Garden is proud to present an exhibition of photographs from Arizona photographer Holly Metz. The large black and white images, taken in the desert, celebrate the beauty and uniqueness of the ancient desert plant. Free with paid Garden admission.

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

**September 27 – November 2, 2008 / Open Daily – Friday: 9:30 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. 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](mailto:monarchs@dbg.org) or call 480-481-8128. Free for members. \$3 for non-members 3 years and older, with paid Garden admission.**

### **Fall Plant Sale**

**Saturday / October 18, 2008 / 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. AND Sunday / October 19, 2008 / 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 24, 2008 / 9:00 a.m. – noon AND October 25 & 26 / 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Your search for the perfect pumpkin is over. Visit the Garden's very own pumpkin patch, where each day children 12 & under can choose their own free pumpkin. Children can enjoy face painting, the Amazing Bale Maze, balloon artistry, pumpkin decorating and carving demonstrations, and much more.

**\$12 Non-member adult; \$6 Non-Member Child (age 3-12); \$2 Members (ages 3 and up) Free for children under 3.**

**Ottosen Entry Garden Opening November 2008**

**Open daily from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.**

The Ottosen Entry Garden officially opens this November with new visitor amenities and creates more drama and beauty by opening the vista to the beautiful Papago Butte. This new introduction area will highlight the sculptural quality of plants set against iconic local landscape features like Papago Park red buttes, distant desert mountains, and the river beds and canals that cut through the Valley floor. Free with Garden admission or membership.

**Due to the installation of *Chihuly: The Nature of Glass*, the Garden is cancelling the following events for 2008 only:**

- Dia de los Muertos Celebration – November 1 & 2, 2008 – Cancelled for 2008
- Native American Recognition Days – November 8 & 9, 2008 – Cancelled for 2008
- Chiles & Chocolate Festival – November 15 & 16, 2008 – Cancelled for 2008

**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](http://www.dbg.org)

**ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE WITH MEMBERSHIP OR ADMISSION, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

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