

Here's a travel idea for fall

Some of you may be traveling south soon and may want to get in on the exciting things happening at Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, Ga., 70 miles south of Atlanta.

This is a beautiful resort that was built in the 1930s when Cason Callaway found an area where the lovely and rare plumleaf azalea, Azalea prunifolia, flourishes. It is only within a 100 mile radius. He purchased the land and additional acreage, and continued to develop it with new plantings, lakes and pine forests.

After years of development Callaway Gardens now boasts golf courses, sailing, swimming and fishing lakes and all kinds of flora and fauna. Hiking trails are designed to show off these abundant plantings.

I understand these gardens are beautiful in their own way at any time of the year. Other attractions include a flying circus and free symphony orchestra performances in May and September.

THE GARDENS are owned and operated by the Ida Cason Callaway Foundation, a nonprofit educational, horticultural, and charitable organization. Its wholly owned subsidiary, Gardens Services, Inc., a business corporation, operates the recreational, lodging and retail facilities at Callaway.

In 1984 the John A. Sibley Horticultural Center opened. It has many, many plants and topiary figures under the latest greenhouse coverings. The center uses moveable glass doors which adjust to weather conditions and expand the interior into the exterior and make a continuous garden. A waterfall has been incorporated into the center.

Now, this month a wonderful new attraction, the Day Butterfly Center is opening on Sept. 25. It is named for Cecil B. Day, whose widow encouraged Callaway Gardens personnel to make this center a place for all to enjoy.



down to earth

Marty Figley

At the Garden Writer's Symposium we were privileged to get a behind-the-scenes look at the structure and the butterfly "nursery" where exotic butterflies are hatched.

The glass-and-steel frame building is an 8,000-square-foot tropical conservatory which will become the home for butterflies from the tropics. Educational displays and a theater will help visitors learn about these lovely creatures.

VISITORS WILL BE able to walk into this innovative structure (there are just a few butterfly houses in the

world) and perhaps be delighted when a gorgeous creature lights upon the hand for a short visit.

The sound of a waterfall will provide continuous background "music" to the soft butterfly and hummingbird sounds in the center. Lush tropical foliage will be planted to enhance the setting and provide food for the butterflies.

Outdoors, a butterfly garden featuring native plants will give visitors ideas to take home so that they can create a butterfly garden of their own. Next spring we will discuss particular plants and instructions to help you in that endeavor.

Italian chamber group to perform

Trio Doppler, an Italian chamber ensemble, will make its Detroit debut at the Michigan Gallery, 2681 Michigan Ave., Detroit at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 2 and 3. Its appearance here is in cooperation with the Consulate of Italy in Detroit.

The Trio, two flutes and piano, was founded in Rome in 1978. It is named after composer Franz

Doppler. Its main purpose is to expose audiences to contemporary Italian music and to popularize unjustly forgotten romantic works. The program will consist of works by Doppler, Venturini, Kuhlau, Curinga and Verdi.

Trio Doppler has made concert tours of Europe, performed in South America and Africa and made recordings.

Tickets, \$12 each, may be reserved by calling Michelle Spivak, Michigan Gallery, 961-7887, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Seating is limited.

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