

New garden shows plants of Americas

The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens will celebrate the dedication and grand opening of its new signature Gateway Garden Saturday, July 27.

The eagerly anticipated garden is distinctive on this continent and will present a rare opportunity for visitors to see plants of the Americas.

After the dedication at 10 a.m., the day will include numerous activities beginning at noon and ending at 5 p.m. Among the activities are a children's botanical discovery room (noon to 5 p.m.), docent-led tours of the gardens and trails (noon and 4 p.m.), herbal taste testing (noon and 4 p.m.), a New World plant lecture (1 p.m.) and storytelling for children (1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.). New World refreshments will be available to buy.

The Gateway Garden grand opening and the festivities taking place throughout the day are free and open to the public. For information, call the Botanical Gardens at (313) 938-7081. The Matthaei Botanical Gardens is at 1800 N. Dixboro Road, 1/2-mile south of Plymouth Road and 1/2-mile east of US-23.

The theme, "New World Plants: Journeys Through Horticulture and Civilization," establishes this garden as distinctive and unusual. The garden will feature and display some of the best perennials and annuals that trace their nativity to the Americas.

All of the material in the Gateway Garden was originally native to the New World and was thus known only to pre-Columbian peoples. The flowering plants chosen by Gardens assis-

tant curator David Michener were selected to produce vibrant peak bloom times from mid-summer to early fall.

The garden's main central circular planting is a 40-foot pinwheel of plants consisting of Salvia, Nicotina, Coreopsis and Petunia. These four plants were chosen because of their four different pollinating systems. The red salvia is pollinated by hummingbirds, the white nicotina by moths, the yellow coreopsis by bees and the purple petunia by butterflies.

Surrounding the central circular planting are four beds of annuals, juxtaposing form, foliage and color. Among the featured plants are cloome, cosmos, dahlias, marigold, nasturtiums, potunias, several different tobaccos and verbenas.

The upper beds are planted with an

assortment of American perennials and annuals, creating a sweeping mass of pattern, color and texture. The perennials include boltonia, coreopsis, echinacea (coneflower), eyanthium (Joe-Pye weed), filipendula (Queen of the Prairies), helianthus (sunflower), helenium (anezeweel), monarda (bee-balm), phlox and phusostegia (obedient plant). These plants were chosen to create a near eye-level display for both children and adults.

Native American flowering trees and shrubs were selected to enhance the two larger beds closest to the building and include matching pairs of Yellowwood trees (*Cladrastis*), Fringe Trees (*Chionathus virginicus*), Bottlebrush Buckeye (*Aesculus parviflora*) and a base planting of prostrate junipers (*Juniperus horizontalis* "Wilton").

Paper doll convention set in Troy July 26-28

The Paper Doll Queens and Kings of Metro Detroit will host the 22nd national convention of paper doll artists and collectors Friday-Sunday, July 26-28, at the Troy Marriott Hotel.

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the automobile in America, the theme will be "The Fabulous Fashions of Motown," featuring styles that have appeared in automobile advertising through the years. Cynthia Musser,

author of a reference book on paper dolls, will examine the history of autos and fashions.

The convention sales room will be open to the public 2-5 p.m. Saturday, July 27. The admission fee of \$3 will permit visitors to browse through thousands of antique and contemporary paper dolls and to view the newest work of members of the Original Paper Doll Artists Guild.

The Detroit area club, organized 10 years ago as The Paper Doll Queens by a small group of women artists and collectors, chose its name to honor Queen Holden, a popular paper doll artist of the 1930s and 1940s whose work is highly prized by collectors. The current membership of 20, including two men, is proud of its many talented artists, one of whom draws for a national magazine, and its members

with very special collections, such as the Woolworth dolls of the early 1900s.

Because there is no national organization of paper doll collectors to manage the conventions, the planning of the annual meetings must be done on a volunteer basis by local clubs, a system that has resulted in more than 20 years of gatherings.

For information on the convention or local club, call (810) 651-4629.

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