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Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum

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Presenting the 2007 "Science of the Seasons" holiday display

When: Wednesday, November 28, 2007 through Tuesday, January 1, 2008

Where: Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor

Time: Open Daily, except Mondays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Matthaei Botanical Gardens 2007 Holiday Conservatory Display, "Science of the Seasons" will feature plants from Central, South America, Madagascar, and Asia which bloom under shorter daylight conditions. The most common examples of plants that have this reaction to light, called photoperiodism, are poinsettias, holiday cacti, and mums, which is why we find our homes decorated with these beautiful plants during the holiday season.

This year's dramatic display will feature a Poinsettia tree, over 8 feet tall, which holds 100 pots of poinsettias. An additional 200 pots of poinsettias will surround the tree and lead visitors on a holiday trip throughout the Matthaei Botanical Garden's Conservatory.

For more information, call (734) 647-7600, or visit MBGNA's website <http://mbgna.umich.edu>.

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The Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum (MBGNA) is 720 combined acres of gardens, trails, woods and prairie. With events, programs, classes, and activities, MBGNA is open every day of the year for visitors, with the Matthaei Botanical Garden visitor center closed on Mondays, and the Reader Center at the Nichols Arboretum closed Saturdays and Sundays. The Gardens are located at 1800 N. Dixboro Road. The Arboretum is located at 1600 Washington Heights.

Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum is owned by the University of Michigan, and celebrated its centennial anniversary this year. The mission of MBGNA is to promote environmental enjoyment, stewardship, and sustainability through education, research, and interaction with the natural world.