



**Greater Des Moines
Botanical Garden**

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Botanical Garden Dome Gets a Summer Glow Up

(Des Moines, Iowa) July 11, 2024 — Des Moines' East Village will shine brighter on the evening of July 11 when the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden illuminates its dome with colorful lights for the first time in the nonprofit's history.

Thanks to generous donations to the Botanical Garden, specialty lighting solutions from Musco Lighting have been installed around the dome. Now, they will be turned on the evening of July 11 to draw attention to one of Des Moines' most beloved attractions.

"There have been plenty of times where we've lit the dome from inside," said Kim Perez, President and CEO of the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden. "But never have we taken bright and bold inspiration from our flowers and plants and put them on the outside of our facility in the form of lights."

The inaugural dome lighting will take place at dusk, as tunes from the Surf Zombies' "[Music in the Garden](#)" concert winds down. Guests will give a countdown as the lights go up.

"It may seem like a small thing, but we are excited to see the dome get a colorful glow up," Perez said. "It's another way to denote the Botanical Garden as a point of connection for many, whether it's for education, entertainment, inspiration or relaxation."

Guests can enjoy the Botanical Garden for seasonally longer hours on Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Wednesday-Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and weekends 9 a.m.-4 p.m. From the outdoor playscape to indoor rare species and a wide variety of classes and events, the Botanical Garden has something for everyone.

About the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden

The Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden is more than a dome, it's **the connection point** between plants, people and the natural world. It's a place where you can **be who you are, do the things you love** and **spend time** with the people who matter most. A place where anyone can explore, create, connect, and **find their true nature**. This urban oasis, located in downtown Des Moines, is a nonprofit that keeps growing because of the support of its

members and volunteers. Located amidst a vibrant cityscape and lovely river views, the 12-acres of gardens are teeming with thousands of native plants and exotic greenery from across the world. Its verdant offerings include a soothing waterfall and pond, one of the country's most extensive bonsai collections, and brilliant seasonal blooms galore. No matter the season, the Botanical Garden provides a range of fun, signature events and classes in an always friendly climate. In operation since 1979, it features an 80 feet tall geodesic-domed conservatory that includes a living wall and 18 outdoor gardens interspersed with sculptures, a serene water garden, regal rows of shade trees, walking paths, a stunning orchid collection, vibrant rose garden, unique Asian-style garden and much more.

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