



# FREDERIK MEIJER Gardens & Sculpture Park

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## **2011 PLANT SHOW SCHEDULE**

### **Orchid Show, January 22 – 23**

*Saturday, 9 AM – 5 PM; Sunday, 12 PM – 5 PM*

*Special Photographers' Hour: 11 am-12 pm Sunday*

Escape the cold and enjoy stunning displays of orchids and incredible orchid blooms at the annual Orchid Show, a collaboration with the Grand Valley Orchid Society. Purchase orchids directly from the growers, attend a free lecture, pose for a picture in front of the orchid pyramid and enjoy displays of floral arrangements and photography. Unique to the show are tours at 2 pm both days, an orchid scavenger hunt and an art station where kids can express their creativity (1–4 pm both days). Admission is free.

#### **Orchid Talks**

Saturday           **1 pm** How to Select and Care for an Orchid

**2 pm** Orchid Repotting Made Easy

**3 pm** What's Bugging Your Orchids?

Sunday             **1 pm** How to Select and Care for an Orchid

**2 pm** Orchid Repotting Made

### **Michigan All-State Bonsai Show, May 14-15**

Come see a variety of bonsai, from some of the finest in the state to younger trees in earlier stages of training. Throughout the weekend bonsai artists will demonstrate how to prune, wire and repot a tree so it resembles a very old tree growing in nature. Discover "viewing stones" or suiseki—rocks that suggest mountains, islands or caves—and cast a vote for your favorite bonsai for the "People's Choice Award." A large selection of bonsai trees and supplies will be available for purchase. A complete schedule of events will be available at a later date.

### **Iris Show, May 28-29**

Presented by the Iris Club of West Michigan, this year's show features hundreds of specimen iris blooms displayed in vases and arrangements. Discover a wide range of colors and forms, including the large and showy tall bearded, Siberian and species irises. Members from the Iris Club of West Michigan will be available to answer all of your questions about growing irises. A complete schedule of events will be available at a later date.

### **Spring Rose Show, June 18-19**

Enjoy hundreds of specimen rose blooms, including miniatures, hybrid teas, old garden roses and floribundas. Vote for the most fragrant rose and find fresh ideas on how to use roses in arrangements. Beginners are welcome to enter flowers in the "Novice Class." If it's advice you're seeking, Grand Valley Rose Society members will be on hand to answer your questions and provide tips. A complete schedule of events will be available at a later date.

### **Standard Flower Show, July 8-10**

### **Daylily Show, July 9**

Like a daylily, this show lasts for just one day! Grand Valley Daylily Society displays hundreds of specimen blooms; miniatures, spider forms as well as some of the newest varieties. Vote for your favorite new daylily

and have your questions answered by the experts. A complete schedule of events will be available at a later date.

**Dahlia Show, August 27-28**

From dinner plate-sized blooms to tiny button forms, be amazed by the huge range of colors, types and sizes of dahlia flowers. Join the Grand Valley Dahlia Society for a “Show Highlights” tour at 2 pm each day and discover some of the most unique, unusual, and impressive flowers in the show. Learn what the judges look for when awarding ribbons. Grand Valley Dahlia Society members will be on hand to answer all of your dahlia growing questions. A complete schedule of events will be available at a later date.

**Fall Rose Show, September 3-4**

Hosted by the Grand Valley Rose Society, this show features some of the finest fall roses. Vote for the most fragrant rose and see hundreds of specimen blooms along with rose flower arrangements. Rose Society members are eager to answer any questions about growing roses. A complete schedule of events will be available at a later date.

**Fall Family Day & Herb Festival, September 17-18**

Join us for fun and engaging family activities as we celebrate fall and the many uses for herbs. Members of the Midwest Michigan Herb Association provide an assortment of herb products to taste, conduct on-going demonstrations, and answer your questions about growing and preserving herbs. Local vendors provide unique and home-grown herb-related items for sale in our barn. Kid’s art activities are available in the Children’s Garden. A complete schedule of events will be available at a later date.

**Fall Bonsai Show, October 15-16**

West Michigan Bonsai Club will display a variety of bonsai, from well established older specimens to recently trained younger trees. Local vendors will be on hand, offering a variety of hard-to-find tools, supplies, books and plants. A complete schedule of events will be available at a later date.

Please Note

All dates and titles are subject to change. To confirm information, or to obtain additional information and images, contact Amy Sawade at 616-975-3155, or [asawade@meijergardens.org](mailto:asawade@meijergardens.org). Exhibitions are free with admission to Meijer Gardens. Hours are Sunday, 12:00 PM–5:00 PM; Monday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM; Tuesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM; Wednesday-Saturday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM; unless otherwise noted.

**About Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park**

One of the world’s most significant botanic and sculpture experiences, Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park serves more than a half-million visitors annually. Meijer Gardens was recently ranked in the top 100 most-visited art museums worldwide by *Art Newspaper*, the leading publication in global art news. The 132-acre grounds feature Michigan’s largest tropical conservatory; one of the largest children’s gardens in the country; arid and Victorian gardens with bronze sculptures by Degas and Rodin; a carnivorous plant house; outdoor gardens; and a 1750-seat outdoor amphitheater, featuring an eclectic mix of world-renowned musicians every summer. The internationally acclaimed Sculpture Park features a permanent collection including works by Rodin, Oldenburg, Moore, Bourgeois, and Plensa among others. Indoor galleries host changing sculpture exhibitions with recent exhibitions by Picasso, Degas, di Suvero, Borofsky and Calder. For more additional information, please visit [www.MeijerGardens.org](http://www.MeijerGardens.org)

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