

Flora in Winter

Thursday, February 1 — Sunday, February 4, 2007

Worcester Art Museum and Tower Hill Botanic Garden collaborate to host *Flora in Winter 2007*, the premier floral design event of the year. Skilled artisans from across New England create clever, provocative interpretations at both venues. It is a succulent feast for the eyes and spirit in the middle of winter.

In mid-January, Worcester Art Museum members will receive a *Flora in Winter* program book, containing everything from special events to the Museum map with arrangement locations. Be sure to bring it with you when you visit. Additional program books will be sold at the Museum for \$10 during the *Flora in Winter* weekend.

Flora Euphoria at the Worcester Art Museum

Thursday, February 1, 6-8:30 pm

Renaissance Court/Galleries

No RSVP required. Free for WAM Members;

7 THBG Members; \$15 for Nonmembers.

Join us at the Museum Thursday night and enjoy the flowers at their freshest. Breathe in the fresh smell of spring, wander the galleries, visit with friends, or just be inspired! Live music, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar add to the evening's festivities.

Demonstration and Luncheon: Creating Theme Based Arrangements at Tower Hill Botanic Garden

Friday, February 2, 12-2 pm

\$18 THBG or WAM Members; \$22 Nonmembers.

For reservations call 508.869.6111 x36.

Special luncheon and flower arranging demonstration with popular instructor Donna McDonald. Space is limited.

Demonstration: Interpretive Challenge Class at the Worcester Art Museum

Friday, February 2, 3-5 pm

Discovery Gallery

No RSVP required. \$5 Fee in addition to Museum Admission.

Watch and learn as a select group of arrangers craft beautiful floral designs inspired by an ancient mosaic. The finished arrangements will be on view to enjoy for the duration of *Flora*.

Candlelight Concert: Cole Porter Songbook at Tower Hill Botanic Garden – SOLD OUT

Friday, February 2, 7:30 pm (snow date, Saturday, February 3)

\$20 THBG or WAM Members; \$25 Nonmembers.

For tickets call 508.869.6111 x36.

Students of the Boston Conservatory, as well as Jan Seymour perform.

Doors open at 6:30 pm for browsing and complimentary hors d'oeuvres by Twigs Café and a cash bar.

Demonstration: Arranging Flowers with Treasures at Home at the Worcester Art Museum

Saturday, February 3, 3 pm

Conference Room, Higgins Education Wing

No RSVP required. \$5 Fee in addition to Museum Admission.

Arranger Ginna Thoma reveals great ideas used by professionals (and flower enthusiasts alike!) to create floral masterpieces at home.

Flora: "Beyond the Seen" at the Worcester Art Museum

Sunday, February 4, 11 am – 4 pm

Museum Library

Free with Museum Admission.

Worcester Art Museum and Audio Journal are joining forces to make the popular *Flora in Winter* arrangements accessible to people with visual impairments. A tactile table with live flowers, greens, and other floral materials will be available in the Library.

A Cappella Concert at the Worcester Art Museum

Sunday, February 4, 3 pm

Renaissance Court

No RSVP required. Free with Museum admission. The *Master Singers To Go* will provide ambience for the final afternoon of *Flora in Winter*.

Flora in Winter Hours

Worcester Art Museum

Thursday, 11 am - 5 pm

Museum reopens from 6-8:30 pm for *Flora Euphoria*.

Friday, 11 am - 5 pm, Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm*

Sunday, 11 am - 5 pm

*There will be no free admission at the Worcester Art Museum Saturday morning, February 3 (except for Museum Members). Free Saturday mornings from 10 am – noon will resume following *Flora in Winter 2007*.

Tower Hill Botanic Garden

Thursday through Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm

Flora Tours

Public Tours will be offered at the Museum and Tower Hill and are free with general admission, no RSVP required. Tours are as follows:

Worcester Art Museum

Friday, February 2 12:30, 1, 1:30, 2 pm

Saturday, February 3 11, 11:30 am, 1, 1:30, 2, 2:30, 3 pm

Sunday, February 4 12:30, 1, 1:30, 2 pm

Tower Hill Botanic Garden

Friday, February 2 1 pm

Saturday, February 3 1, 3 pm

Sunday, February 4 1, 3 pm

For private tours for groups of 10 or more, please call:

Worcester Art Museum 508.799.4406, x3130

Tower Hill Botanic Garden 508.869.6111, x25

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