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A great line-up of activities you won't want to miss at the Montréal Botanical Garden

Montréal, May 9, 2005 – Summer is coming and the Botanical Garden has prepared all kinds of fun things for you to do. Come learn some secrets of sake, take a new look at the Shade Garden and explore the Arboretum with the family!

What's new

Saké, at the Japanese Pavilion, from May 15 to September 25
Sake, an intimate part of Japanese culture, has been enjoyed since time immemorial. The exhibition shows how this famous rice alcohol is made and consumed. Step into the cultural,

religious and social world of Japan as you explore

Sake Tasting At the Japanese Pavilion

In collaboration with SAQ
Sundays and Thursdays
From 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Starting June 19 until September 4

(Except August 21 during La Fête des enfants)

NEW!

the role of sake.

Garden of Shade, Garden of Light, at the Shade garden, June 9 to September 25

Photographer Marie-Jeanne Musiol invites you to look at plants from a different angle. Admire some one hundred images showing the energy halos surrounding plants.

Innu utinniun, in the First Nations Garden, May 28 to September 5

NEW!

A look at memories of the land, in collaboration with the Uashat mak Mani-Utenam Innu community.

If you missed them last year, don't worry! The Flower Power and Rice: Culture and Delights exhibitions are back this year, pleased to announce. You'll be pleased, we're too!

Rice: Culture and Delights, at the Chinese Garden, May 15 to August 28 Rice is an essential foodstuff for half the world's population, and a central part of Chinese civilization. Learn how Chinese ingenuity is applied to growing rice, and wonder at the many varieties available!



Flower Power! in the Main Exhibition Greenhouse, June 11 to September 5. In the late 1960s, "Flower Power" was a slogan that nourished our imaginations and spirits. But whether they are youth protest symbols, sources of food or romantic offerings, flowers have had power over us for centuries. Come see for yourself.



Courtyard of the Senses, June 18 to September 5 Guided tours from Tuesday to Sunday. Sniff, touch and savour ... with your eyes closed!

Special Kéroul mention at the Grands prix du tourisme 2004

Guardians of the Forest, at the Tree House, until October 31

Come learn about the fires, insect pests and diseases threatening Quebec's forests, and meet the people who sometimes risk their lives protecting our vast wooded domains.

Tree Rally: A great way for the whole family to explore the Arboretum (self-guided, 40 minutes). Take a tour of our recently redeveloped pond, too.

Our Thematic and Cultural Gardens

Our thematic and cultural gardens host a wide range of activities throughout the summer, from guided tours to cultural activities and exhibitions.

Free guided tours

Outdoor gardens or exhibition greenhouses, every day at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

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Chinese Garden, Tea Garden (Japanese Pavilion), First Nations Garden. May 15 to June 17: Saturday and Sunday, starting at 11 a.m. June 18 to September 5: every day, starting at 11 a.m.

For our complete program, visit our Website: www.ville.montreal.gc.ca/jardin

Launch of the Insectarium program, on June 7, 2005 www.ville.montreal.gc.ca/insectarium

15 years of amazement

<u>Hours:</u> The Montréal Botanical Garden and Insectarium are **open daily** from May 15 to October 31, 2005, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Until 9 p.m. from September 9 to October 31, 2005).

<u>Admission</u> (including access to the exhibition greenhouses, outdoor gardens and Insectarium): Adults: \$11.75, seniors and students: \$9.00, children 5 to 17: \$6.00. Free for ages 4 and under. Discounts for Access Montréal cardholders.

The Montréal Botanical Garden is located at 4101 Sherbrooke Street East.

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