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Visit Miami Beach's Backyard

— *Weekly Farmer's Market, Beer Garden Pop-up and Saturday Yoga* —

Miami Beach, FL – The Miami Beach Botanical Garden (MBBG) has announced their upcoming seasonal events and activities. On Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., join artisanal makers, bakers, growers and creators as they feature one-of-a-kind, locally-made goods during the new Farm and Artisanal Market. Guests will have the opportunity to shop and sample treats as they relax with friends in the magical outdoor setting.

Edukos Beer Garden Pop-up and Fundraiser will take place on Sunday, October 23, 2016. This event will include a rare beer sampling and snacks menu, with over 10 beer options and a four-course menu by Chef Jose Marmol. To purchase tickets visit www.mbgarden.org, all proceeds support the MBBG.

If relaxation and meditation are more your taste, the Botanical Garden features weekly Wednesday meditation classes and Saturday yoga. Meditate under the lush and vibrant foliage of the garden and discover your own purpose for being. This class is accessible to all skill levels, with all donations going to support the garden.

“Despite the unfortunate brief closure of the garden, we’d like residents and visitors to know how seriously we take the issue of mosquito borne disease in our city,” said Miami Beach City Manager Jimmy Morales. “We’ve worked aggressively to eliminate all traces of the mosquito carrying the virus, and invite everyone to come back and enjoy Miami Beach’s backyard.”

In early September, the Miami Beach Botanical garden closed temporarily to allow the city to conduct mosquito mitigation. This closure period allowed for Miami-Dade County to implement alternative spraying of larvicide (BTI) and adulticide. The treatment has effectively eliminated

the mosquito population, and mosquito control officials continue to monitor their traps. Joyfully, the resident bees, butterflies, fish and turtles are all flourishing.

As part of these mosquito mitigation efforts, the garden's collection of bromeliads was removed and currently specialists are working on determining the best plants to replant in these areas.

In collaboration with Raymond Jungles Inc. and the City of Miami Beach, efforts are being focused on the inclusion of native plants and sea water tolerant plantings. The hope is to expand horticulture diversity and maintain the botanical garden's award winning elegant tropical design. The botanical garden has already received generous donations from area gardens including Montgomery Garden, Vizcaya Gardens and Fairchild Tropical Garden to name a few.

The Miami Beach Botanical Garden is open Tuesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and located at 2000 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach 33139. Entrance is free. For more information, visit www.mbgarden.org.

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