

SHAW NATURE RESERVE

Spring 2014

Dear area photographer:

Shaw Nature Reserve is a beautiful site for photo shoots, be they senior pictures, family groupings, or wedding photos. To make your photo shoot a pleasant experience, however, there are policies that are important to understand.

Shaw Nature Reserve is a part of the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis. Income from admission fees and sales of memberships is vital to maintain this 2400 acre property. We are not a state or city park and do not receive any tax money.

It is essential that every visitor pay the daily fee or purchase a membership which entitles you to unlimited visits.

Daily admission fees: \$5.00 general admission; \$3 for students (13+) and seniors (65+); free for children 12 and under

• Members of the Missouri Botanical Garden and passholders for Shaw Nature Reserve are free. See enclosed brochure for details of various membership levels and benefits for you and your business.

<u>We ask every visitor to check in at the Visitor Center</u> – to pay or show membership card, so that we can accurately track attendance and provide any direction you might want or need.

Once you and your clients are at the Reserve

- Park only in designated areas
- Please, stay on paths in the Whitmire Wildflower Garden
- Do not move outdoor benches
- Do not pick any flowers or grasses
- Do not block access to buildings or trails

Smoking and the consumption of alcohol are not permitted anywhere on the property

Since a wedding party can take on a life of its own, we are adamant that all rules regarding wedding photography are followed. Wedding photography information and pricing is enclosed. Forms can also be found at <u>www.shawnature.org</u>, Visit Shaw Nature Reserve, Quick Link to Photography.

Please feel free to call me with any questions about possible photo shoots.

Sincerely,

Helen McCallie