“LANERN FESTIVAL: ART BY DAY, MAGIC BY NIGHT”
By the Numbers

3 – Number of days of the Grand Opening Weekend celebration, May 26-28.

55 – Number of evenings the Missouri Botanical Garden is open late for the “magic by night” exhibition experience, Thursdays through Sundays, May 31-July 29; nightly, August 1-19.

26 – Number of lantern sets on display during “Lantern Festival: Art by Day, Magic by Night.”

22,000 – Number of meters of specially-treated silk required to make the Lantern Festival sets (over 72,000 feet).

3,000 – Approximate number of meters of gold trim used in the 26 lantern sets.

80 – Number of large tins of glue used to adhere silk pieces to the steel armature of the lantern sets.

40 – Number of tons of metal forming the 26 lantern sets.

40,000 – Approximate number of porcelain dishware pieces in the Porcelain Dragon set.

4 – Number of containers of lantern materials shipped by boat to the U.S.

20,000 – Number of square feet of tent space covering the on-site artisan work area.

33 – Number of Chinese artisans in residence at the Missouri Botanical Garden during April and May for the exhibition installation.

9 – Number of Chinese street artisans in residence all summer long at the Missouri Botanical Garden.

1 – The number of tons of white rice the Chinese artisans will eat during their stay in St. Louis.

1 – Number of chefs required to prepare meals for Chinese artisans in residence.

17 – Number of acres the lanterns sets are spread across Garden grounds.

11,000 – Approximate number of light bulbs used to illuminate the lanterns at night.

15,000 – Total number of all types of light pieces used to illuminate the lanterns at night.

12 – Number of meters the Heavenly Temple is tall (three stories).

4 – Number of Terracotta Warrior lanterns greeting visitors at the Linnean Plaza entrance.

4,600 – Number of plastic bottles recycled to create the Sail Boat lantern set.
2009 – The year the Missouri Botanical Garden started planning for Lantern Festival.


65 – Price of a regular Missouri Botanical Garden membership. Join or renew your Garden membership on site during Lantern Festival and receive free same-evening admission for two adults and children ages 12 and under, plus enjoy discounted evening tickets of $15 for adults and $5 for children (ages 3 to 12) for the remainder of the exhibition (the number of member-rate tickets available for purchase is based on the level of membership).

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Thursday through Sunday evenings, May 31 through July 29
Nightly seven days a week, August 1 through 19
6 to 10 p.m. (last entry at 9 p.m.)

$22 adults
$10 children (ages 3-12)
$15 Missouri Botanical Garden members
$5 members’ children

For more information, contact the Public Relations Department at (314) 577-0254 or (314) 577-5141 or check the Garden’s Lantern Festival website at www.mobot.org/lanternfestival. For 24-hour recorded visitor information, call (314) 577-5100 or 1-800-642-8842 toll free.

The Missouri Botanical Garden’s mission is “to discover and share knowledge about plants and their environment, in order to preserve and enrich life.” Today, 153 years after opening, the Missouri Botanical Garden is a National Historic Landmark and a center for science and conservation, education and horticultural display.

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