Grow your love of gardening by becoming a member today!

With a Friends membership you can:

♦ Cultivate Friendships
♦ Discover new horticultural experiences
♦ Develop your knowledge, understanding, and appreciation for nature's beauty
♦ Meet like-minded 'Friends' who share your passion for horticulture
♦ Explore volunteer opportunities with our events
♦ Enjoy Friends program evenings featuring exciting and informative guest speakers

Benefits of Membership

Bi-monthly newsletter always filled with interesting gardening information

Friends members benefit from great discounts from a number of participating local businesses
**Who We Are**

The Friends—a volunteer charitable organization founded in 1988, who fundraise in the community and partner with individuals and organizations to promote horticultural interests and activities.

**Our Objectives**

- To encourage interest in the science of botany and the art of horticulture
- To focus awareness on our natural environment and its necessary conservation
- To encourage environmental education and practices
- To organize and sponsor horticultural events to benefit our community
- To provide a public forum for horticultural and botanical interests, groups, and individuals
- To support the enhancement of the Assiniboine Park Conservatory and public parks and gardens
- To promote the vital role that a butterfly conservatory would play in our cultural and horticultural community.

**Funding Objectives**

- To contribute to the building fund for the Butterfly Conservatory to be built as an adjunct to the new Conservatory at Assiniboine Park
- To support horticultural education projects.
- To contribute to horticultural displays and projects in Manitoba

**Activities**

- Program evenings dedicated to the how-to’s of gardening for the novice gardener
- Exciting and informative guest speakers
- Participation and support of horticultural events of our associates
- Support of Manitoba Master Gardener program

**Visit our website**

For our event information

Website calendar for associate and community events and Master Gardener Program course schedule

**Our Events**

**Seedy Saturday February 2012**

Find inspiration for your garden, learn about local biodiversity and global conservation issues, and take part in the community seed exchange

**Gardening Saturday March 31, 2012**

A day filled with gardening workshops and demonstrations for the novice and experienced gardener, plus a trade-show filled with gardening related vendors

**Mother’s Day Plant Sale May 6, 2012**

A tradition for 20 plus years, this is the place to find that special plant and to speak to other gardening enthusiasts

**Garden Tours July 2012**

Our summer event highlighting the best of Winnipeg and Manitoba gardens

**Festival of Trees and Lights Nov 25th to Dec 11th, 2011**

Our opportunity to connect with the greater community, the Festival is a highlight of the festive season in Winnipeg