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Norfolk Botanical Garden Celebrates Everything Eagles!

2012 EAGLE FESTIVAL and SYMPOSIUM

Announcement

(Norfolk, VA) – On Saturday, May 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Norfolk Botanical Garden (NBG) will host the first **Eagle Festival** –celebrating everything eagles! The festival showcases this American national symbol with the help of many local, regional and national wildlife and eagle experts. The event will also include demonstrations, arts and crafts, live music, food and a live appearance from “Buddy,” an eagle ambassador hatched at the Garden, as he makes his first public appearance at the Festival!

Eagle artists and crafters, including wood carvers and photographers will share their talents, while the sounds of The Doc Robin Band will entertain and set the tone for this festive atmosphere. You don’t want to miss getting inside of a life-sized eagles nest made just for the Festival! Enjoy fun family activities, door prizes and great food items provided by participating vendors.

Guests will enjoy wildlife demonstrations with live animals and birds by the Virginia Zoo and the Wildlife Center of Virginia. Special presenters at the Eagle Festival will include Greg Bockheim, executive director of the Virginia Zoo and Edward E. Clark, president of the Wildlife Center of Virginia. Guests are encouraged to bring their cameras, ask questions and enjoy an up-close and personal experience with the eagles. Radio station Eagle 97.3 will also broadcast live during the festival.

Running simultaneously is the Eagle Symposium. For registration and fee information, visit <http://www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org/programs-events/calendar/events/645>

About Norfolk Botanical Garden

Norfolk Botanical Garden represents an oasis of over 30 theme gardens encompassing 155 beautiful acres. From stunning plant collections to *WOW- World of Wonders: A Children’s Adventure Garden*, this diverse natural beauty can be explored by tram, boat, or walking tours. The Garden is accredited by the American Association of Museums, is recognized as a Virginia Historic Landmark, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and is managed by the Norfolk Botanical Garden Society in cooperation with the City of Norfolk. Norfolk Botanical Garden is dedicated to enriching life by promoting the enjoyment of plants and the environment through beautiful gardens and education programs. Admission is \$9 for Adults, \$8 for seniors and military, \$7 for ages 3-17, 2 and under are free. For more information, visit www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org