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Announcement

(Norfolk, VA) –Join Norfolk Botanical Garden (NBG) and the Beekeepers Guild of Southeast Virginia for the 2014 Virginia Honey BEE Festival – **Create a BUZZ....BEE Green!** Help us celebrate National Honey Bee Day on Saturday, August 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year's message is to help the community understand the critical role of bees and to encourage home and business owners to incorporate bee friendly plants in their landscapes and to use organic pesticides versus traditional pesticides with harmful chemicals. We need these pollinators and they need us to protect them! Buzz on over the Norfolk Botanical Garden for a fun-filled day!

Garden guests will enjoy children's activities, demonstrations, honey & bee vendors (including handmade jewelry and ceramics), refreshments, door prizes, live music, food, honey samples, a costume parade and much more! Come see the inside a real life bee hive and purchase your own bee friendly plants. Kids that come dressed as a bee get a free honey stick!

The Honey Bee Festival is included with Garden admission and will take place on the Baker Hall Visitor Center terrace. Fall in love with bees and create a buzzzzzz of your own! To learn more about the Beekeepers Guild of Southeast Virginia, visit <http://beekeepersguild.org/>

During your visit, learn about another pollinator, the monarch butterfly. The monarch is in desperate need of our help!

The Garden launched its summer exhibit **Mission Monarch: Project Milkweed**, sponsored by Capital Group Companies with activities supported by the Gary Fund, Hampton Roads Foundation and is open through September 21, 2014. The summer exhibit focuses on the life and issues of the monarch butterfly population. You can help monarch butterflies by planting one milkweed, the only food source for monarch caterpillars! The summer exhibit includes a 600ft Monarch Migration flyway, butterfly house, Monarch Mountain, a 14 ft caterpillar and more!

The Garden is truly a masterpiece with wildlife emerging and flowers blooming daily.

For more information, visit www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org

About Norfolk Botanical Garden

Norfolk Botanical Garden represents an oasis of 52 themed 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 Alliance of Museums, is recognized as a Virginia Historic Landmark, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, a Virginia Green attraction, and is managed by the Norfolk Botanical Garden Society supported by 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 \$11 for adults, \$10 for seniors and military, \$9 for ages 3-17, 2 and under are free. For more information, visit www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org

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