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NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDEN LIGHTS UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS *The 16th Annual Garden of Lights kicks off with new 'Million Bulb Walk'*

NORFOLK, VA (October 13, 2010) - As the holidays get closer, the staff at Norfolk Botanical Garden (NBG) is working harder. They are getting ready for the 16th Annual Garden of Lights, premiering on Thanksgiving Day, the brand new 'Million Bulb Walk,' and a variety of holiday family programs that are sure to delight Hampton Roads.

Garden of Lights returns this year on Thanksgiving Day through January 2, 2011. Guests will drive through this breathtaking light display, featuring the popular tangled spider web, an enchanting starry night, and a fire breathing dragon the kids will love. Dozens of LED light-wrapped trees will also be on display in a fashion NBG is famous for. Take part in the creative display from 5:30pm to 10pm Sunday through Thursday for only \$10 per car or enjoy it Friday and Saturday for \$15 per car.

New this year to NBG is the exclusive, first time opportunity to walk through 2 miles of a million twinkling lights. The Million Bulb Walk is happening for one night only, November 19, 2010 from 5:30pm-8pm. This fundraising event costs \$50 per person and includes a night of live music, dancing, wine, and hors d' oeuvres in the beautiful Rose Garden Hall. Reservations are required by November 19 and spots are quickly filling up. You can make your reservation by calling (757) 441-5830 ext. 319. Adults only please.

Board the Polar Express this holiday season at NBG! The fun kicks off on November 29 from 6pm-8pm with the members-only 'Polar Party!' Children of all ages will enjoy cookie decorating, crafts, classic holiday music, a tram ride through the lights, and a visit from the man himself, Santa Claus! Register your child by calling (757) 441-5830 ext. 338.

After the Polar Party kickoff, the Polar Express will take off nightly through the Garden of Lights display after visitors listen to a spirited reading of *The Polar Express*. Hot chocolate and tasty cookies will be served and kids will make a fun craft. Conductors are standing by to take your reservation! Join them November 30-December 23 at either 5pm or 5:30pm for only \$10 per person.

For a complete list of holiday happenings and programming at Norfolk Botanical Garden, call 757-441-5830, email education@nbgs.org, or find us on the web at www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org.

Capture the wonder of the season with family and friends at Norfolk Botanical Garden and let our tradition become your tradition.

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