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Myriad Gardens' Crystal Bridge Conservatory South Lobby Undergoing Renovations

Renovation project set for 30 year-old downtown icon

Oklahoma City, OK -- Today marks the renovation of the South Lobby space of the Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory at Myriad Botanical Gardens. While the south lobby closes today, the Crystal Bridge will remain open for visitors through the north entrance facing Sheridan street Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Scheduled for completion in November, this includes renovation of the lower level spaces in the Crystal Bridge to function as classrooms for students from John Rex School, beginning with 80, sixth graders who will start school at the Gardens in August.

The renovation also features the creation of a new classroom for horticultural programs, and renovation of the south visitor lobby to make it a more attractive, functional and useable space for Gardens programs and rentals.

"We believe this investment in the continued improvement of Myriad Botanical Gardens will further its mission to showcase plant collections and spark an interest in, and understanding about, plants and gardening while providing a beautiful green space for the community to enjoy," said Maureen Heffernan, executive director of Myriad Botanical Gardens. "It will enable the Gardens to compete with, and complement, other new cultural and visitor destinations in downtown Oklahoma City and thrive for generations to come."

In 2018, Myriad Botanical Gardens is celebrating its 30th anniversary year. Opened in 1988, Myriad Botanical Gardens is a 15-acre botanical garden and urban green space that improves the quality of life for all ages and walks of life in Oklahoma City.

About the Crystal Bridge

The Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory's unique design has earned attention and praise in the architectural community. It is 224 feet long, 70 feet in diameter, and is covered by 3,028 sections of translucent, double-layered acrylic panels. The Conservatory includes 13,000 square feet of plant display area in two distinct climates: the Tropical Wet Zone, which is at the south end and is watered daily; and

the Tropical Dry Zone at the north end which receives water from April through September, followed by drought from November through March. Some 2,000 varieties of plants and a 35-foot waterfall round out the spectacular features of the Conservatory.

The Myriad Botanical Gardens is one of Oklahoma City's most beloved public spaces, offering its visitors a 15 acre natural escape in the very heart of downtown. A half-acre children's garden, an off-leash dog park, event center space, splash fountains, and paths for walking and jogging provide guests young and old with a place to seek solitude with nature, or seek community and the company of others. Additionally, the Myriad Gardens offers a variety of events and horticultural education programs for adults and children.

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