
SUNNYSIDE THYMES

Volume 31, Issue 8

“Helping Others Grow”

August 2022

Botanical Gardens to Love

By Rosa Hutchins, SMG Member

Finally! Traveling is full speed ahead with many places to see. One of them is heading north to the windy city of Chicago. Not just for shopping, but to take in their magnificent “Chicago Botanical Garden”. It is necessary on your list of things to do.

It is located in Glencoe, Illinois, which is about a 5-1/2 to 6 hour drive away but will be worth it - even with these ridiculously high gas prices! The Chicago Botanical Garden is a 385 acre living plant museum. It was created in 1965 from an unlikely site of polluted land but was not open to the public until 1972.

It currently is open daily except for Christmas, but check on their website (www.chicagobotanic.org) just to make sure there are not any changes. An admission fee not to exceed \$35 started in 2022.

The garden features 27 display gardens in four natural habitats. It also features the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Plant Conservation Science Center.

It has outstanding garden designs, and offers educational opportunities with degree programs at the School of the Botanical Gardens including but not limited to the L.E.A.P. PhD Program, University of Chicago Committee on Evolutionary Biology PhD Program, and University of Illinois Chicago Ecology & Evolution Group PhD Program. Plus, it offers certificate programs on things of interest such as Photography, Garden Design, Botanical Arts and several more.

The gardens have over 2.5 million plants and has a very active program in research, education and public outreach. It attracts nearly a million visitors each year, is Chicago’s seventh largest cultural institution and the 12th largest tourist attraction.

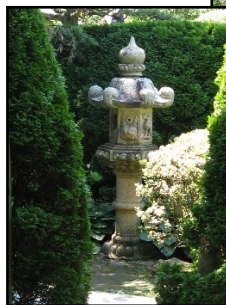
The Chicago Botanical Garden is owned by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and managed by the Chicago Horticultural Society.

In the past, it has received the award for Garden Excellence and was chosen as one of 10 “great places” for providing food locally, excellence in design, education and outreach.

It has something of interest for all members of your family. A must see place to visit; I’m adding it to my Bucket List of places to visit after learning about so many interesting and educational things to do there.

References: www.chicagobotanic.org, Wikipedia, Museums USA, Planning.org and Forest Preserve District of Cook Co.

All photos: Colleen Craven



Japanese Gardens

