KEEPERS of the DREAM: Restoring the Singing Tower
When Edward Bok wrote in the forward of his book *America’s Taj Mahal*, “The gardens are the stuff of which dreams are made,” he must have known the profound effect his lasting gift would have on visitors in the future. Many tell us how their childhood experience visiting the Gardens long ago created a lasting memory. Some came with parents on a weekly basis in a ritual after-church picnic; others may have only come once on a family vacation. A friend told me that as a young girl growing up in Michigan she had a photo of the Singing Tower hanging in her home and often wondered where it was. Was it some ancient temple deep in the forest? Who built that beautiful building and what did it honor? My friend went on with her life and retired in Sebring. To her surprise, that ancient temple of her childhood dreams was standing in a subtropical forest near her new home.

One of the world’s greatest architectural treasures with its surrounding gardens was created to honor Bok’s grandparents and their love of beauty. It is a place to celebrate what is good in the world and the best of what man can be. The inner sanctum of the temple, inside the Founder’s Room, is adorned with a high arched ceiling, stone carvings, tile mosaics and fine iron work. Carved above the fireplace are the words given to him by his grandmother by which Bok lived his life, “make you the world a bit better or more beautiful because you have lived in it.”

The value of exposing children to beauty is incalculable. Whether it is in art, architecture, music, home, community or school, beauty is internalized by children and will have a positive influence for a lifetime. Bok Tower Gardens is as much a place as it is an idea and a philosophy. I invite you to share that philosophy with a child or a friend throughout the new year.

David Price, President
1 President David Price welcomed WUSF’s classical music host Bethany Cagle back as the emcee of Sunset & Symphony. We also hosted eight travel writers from throughout the United States and Canada for a picnic during the concert. The media event was one of four familiarization tours during 2009 that resulted in national, state and local coverage garnering approximately $2.5 million in non-paid editorial for the Gardens and Polk County. We’ve received the following major media coverage:

2 TV host Karen Creed and her crew from Dublin, Ireland showcased the Singing Tower on her show, “Unravel Travel,” also watched by 19 million viewers in Dubai, United Arab Emirates;

3 The new luxury lifestyle magazine “Blu Tampa Bay” that featured the Gardens in a 10-page photo essay;

4 A two-hour special on Fox 13’s “Good Day Tampa Bay” made it a GREAT DAY for Christmas at Pinewood when hundreds of visitors arrived to follow in Charley Belcher’s footsteps;

5 Orlando Sentinel garden writer Tom MacCubbin promoted us on his “Better Homes and Gardens” network of 22 radio stations statewide. In addition to offering Friendship Passes as contest prizes, Tom urged his listeners to give the Gardens as holiday gifts which helped increase our membership to almost 4,200!

Thanks to all our media friends for continuing to spread the word. If you have a friend in the media, please recommend the Gardens as a potential feature story.
ART EXHIBITS

Orchids in Paint

Artist Gary Gessford’s larger than life paintings of orchids explode with color through the interplay between color, light, form and texture. From Paris, France to Germany, Florida and Washington, D.C., Gary has painted, taught, lectured and exhibited for more than 30 years. He trained at the Ringling School of Art, Corcoran School of Art, Georgia State University and the University of South Florida.

“Orchids in Paint” art exhibit open through January 28 in the Visitor Center.

Bok Tower Gardens is offering three-day workshops for intermediate & advanced students of watercolor, acrylic and oils. These workshops have limited enrollment so sign up early!

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Floral Painting Workshop with Gary Gessford

March 12 – 14 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Learn how to create compositions for floral paintings, get the most out of color in flowers. How to photograph and sketch from life, and then turn them into paintings.

Architecture in Landscape Workshop with Gary Gessford

May 21 – 23 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Paint textures and details in architecture using Mediterranean-style Pinewood Estate and the Singing Tower as your subject.

For registration information visit us online or contact us at 863.734.1221

“The interplay between the color, light, form and texture of the subject moves me. How I feel when those inspirations flow out through my medium onto the canvas or paper captivates me always. My artwork goes much deeper than the surface of what one may see.”
**Watercolor On Thursdays Art Classes**

January 28 through April 14

Sebring artist Owen Jolly will teach new techniques, strengthen drawing skills and get your creativity flowing with on-location and studio work, demonstrations and constructive critique. Still life, floral, landscape and portrait subjects will be included. Classes are held mostly indoors. Beginner and intermediate classes available.

For more information visit us online or contact us at 863.734.1221

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**Arthur Morris**

One of America’s top nature photographers and writers, Arthur Morris will display a stunning collection of his bird photographs. Artie is an official Canon photographer and a member of its prestigious “Explorers of Light” campaign. His photographs have been published in hundreds of magazines, books and calendars. He is the author of “The Art of Bird Photography.”

**David Price**

Bok Tower Gardens’ president David Price is a self-taught artist whose bronze sculptures capture the form and function of anatomy and convey the attitude of the subject. His art and 26-year career in public gardens was inspired when, as a child, he visited Brookgreen Gardens in South Carolina and saw the stone and bronze sculptures displayed in a garden setting.

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**Meet the Artists: Saturday, January 30**

Reception & Gallery walk: 6 - 7 p.m.
Slide-lecture: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Book signing: 8:30 - 9 p.m.

**Limited seating. Pre-registration required. Call 863.734.1221.**

“Birds as Art” & Winged Creation art exhibits open January 30 – April 1 in the Visitor Center.
Edward Bok designed the Singing Tower as a place like no other that would stand the test of time. But after 80 years, rust is tarnishing his dream. Crafted from natural materials of Georgia marble, brick and coquina, the Singing Tower was built to weather all the elements. Today, water poses its greatest threat. Rust has corroded the steel structure that supports the massive colored tile grilles surrounding the carillon. The eight cast iron grilles, created by J.H. Dulles Allen of Enfield Pottery and Tileworks, are 35 feet tall, 10 feet wide and six inches thick. Glazed ceramic tiles are embedded on the front of each panel.

Both the front and back sides are filled with mortar. Started in 1927 and dedicated on February 1, 1929, the 205-foot-tall structure is undergoing the final phase of a four-part restoration project. The work on two of the eight grille panels on the northeast and east sides is part of a pilot restoration project that will help determine how the other six grilles will be restored in the future.
Visitors will be able to see the swinging scaffold erected on the outside of the Tower. Inside, workers will remove brick and stone surrounding the steel frame to see the extent of the deterioration caused by rust. The steel frame will be repaired or replaced and painted before the brick and stone can be reset. The cast iron grilles will be cleaned and repainted. At the top of the Tower corroded columns and beams supporting the carved marble parapet panels also will be replaced. The parapet panels can be seen between the marble heron spires.

The 60 bronze carillon bells and frame must be covered with plastic to protect the mechanisms from dust and debris. Carillon concerts will continue to be heard at 1 and 3 p.m.

In the 1960s, a roof to cover the carillon bells and mechanism was built along with several work areas including a maintenance shop on the fourth level, carillon library on level five and a recording studio on the sixth level. Repairs also were made to correct coquina stone movement along the 11 horizontal beam levels.

Since the 1990s, there have been four phases of restoration. Phase I completed the repointing of mortar joints of all the exterior marble from the very top to the base. Phase II corrected corrosion on the horizontal beams. An Impressed Current Cathodic Protection (ICCP) system was installed during Phase III to stop corrosion by reversing the flow of electrons from the steel. The current Phase IV pilot project will be completed in early 2010.

New York-based Robert Silman Associates Structural Engineers conducted architectural forensic research for more than a year before Structural Preservation Systems (SPS) was selected. Other SPS restoration projects include New York City’s Guggenheim Museum, Miami’s Freedom Tower and The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art along with the Cà d’Zan Mansion in Sarasota. Repairs will be underwritten by a $350,000 grant from Florida’s Bureau of Historic Preservation Division of Historical Resources which will be matched by private funds.

As keepers of Edward Bok’s dream, the work to preserve this National Historic Landmark is complex and challenging. As keepers of Edward Bok’s dream, the work to preserve this National Historic Landmark is complex and challenging. Strict guidelines must be followed according to the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for Historic Preservation. Although the timing during our peak visitation season is not ideal, the project had to be done now or risk losing the funding due to grant deadlines.
Knoll Returns to Ancient Sandhill Roots

When you wind along the entrance road to the Gardens, watch for big changes taking place on a 27-acre tract of land located before the parking area. The Knoll, as it’s referred to, was previously a sandhill forest for thousands of years and a citrus grove until the hard freeze of 1989. The area is being restored to a native longleaf pine habitat through funding from a $44,000 grant from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service through the Partners for Fish & Wildlife program, and a $15,000 grant from the Elizabeth Ordway Dunn Foundation.

“We’re seeding native sandhill species on the north 15 acres first and the south 12 acres will be restored next year,” explains Katrina Noland, Gardens’ land steward.

“Supplemental irrigation will be installed for temporary use during the next six months to make sure the area gets enough water.”

One of the most endangered ecosystems in the world, a sandhill habitat has an open canopy of widely spaced longleaf pine and a few sparse turkey oaks with a dense carpet of wiregrass, other native grasses and wildflowers.

“The restoration project involves sowing about 50 seeds per square foot on the bare ground,” explains Nancy Bissett, a Davenport botanist and natives expert, hired to help with the project. “The plants will bloom into a variety of colorful wildflowers including blazing star, Florida paintbrush, yellow buttons, October flower, palafoxia and garberia as well as native grasses and small flowering shrubs.”

Future plans also include planting endangered species such as the Florida Jujube (Ziziphus celata). Thought to be extinct until it was rediscovered over a decade ago, it is only one of the rare sandhill plants found on the ridge and nowhere else in the world.

Standing on top of the Knoll is a dead pine tree, called a snag, which was “planted” to provide a perch for raptors. Kestrels, red-tailed hawks, bald eagles and great horned owls routinely use it as a perch to watch for prey.

Saving Lakela’s Mint

Cheryl Peterson, Conservation Manager

The Rare Plant Conservation Program has completed a five-year grant from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to help save one of Florida’s rarest mint species, Lakela’s Mint (Dicerandra immaculata) from extinction.

Only one population of six colonies, with a total of 6,000 plants, existed in a three mile stretch of Atlantic coastal scrub habitat. Millions of years ago, this habitat was formed by rising and falling sea levels. Today, many species are found nowhere else in the world, and are declining because these uplands are also prime locations for development and citrus groves.

Over the past three years, volunteers have helped collect seeds and biological data on these plants. Cuttings taken from wild plants were brought back to our greenhouse for propagation to transplant back into the wild. More than 1,500 plants were propagated to create the new population introduced in St. Lucie County. New seedlings indicate the population will be self-sustaining and grow over time. With several thousand seeds from all known colonies in our storage, the future is bright for Lakela’s mint.
I am so pleased to join the staff as director of Development & Membership! I have come at such an exciting time in the Gardens’ history, and look forward to meeting you.

As I walk through the Gardens and talk to our members, I have learned that many of you were first brought here by friends, your parents or grandparents. With that in mind, I’d like you to consider “sharing the gift” by bringing someone new to the Gardens this coming year, or better yet, gifting those close to you with a membership to Bok Tower Gardens.

Our recent events at the Gardens were a great success, in part thanks to our generous sponsors:

**Live at the Gardens**
Chalet Suzanne Restaurant & Inn, WEDU (Marion Yongue), Bob Evans Restaurant, Crazy Fish Restaurant, The Apothecary Shop, Dr. Roy Z. Braunstein, Kohl & Co., Lake Wales Veterinary Hospital, Sorensen & Schade Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep, Marion Nelson Funeral Home, Best Western Admiral’s Inn, Terrie Lobb Catering and Allen & Co.

**Boktoberfest**
Family of Mary Combs & Urban Trust Bank - Media Partner: Lake Wales News

**Sunset & Symphony**
Citizens Bank & Trust, Florida Refuse, Girl Scouts of West Central Florida & Lake Wales Medical Center - Media Partner: WUSF

**Christmas at Pinewood**
Progress Energy & Winter Haven Hospital - Media Partners: The Ledger & WEDU

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Welcome to Joan Thomas as director of Development & Membership. A Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) with more than 20 years of fundraising experience in cultural and educational institutions, Joan was selected from dozens of candidates following an extensive search. Her previous positions include campaign administrator for Wingate University in North Carolina, director of development for the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra, the Kalamazoo Symphony in Michigan and the Charlotte Symphony in North Carolina, where she was responsible for all individual and institutional fundraising programs.

In addition to directing a program with nearly 4,200 members, Joan will be responsible for applications for federal, state and private grants, annual fund drives, event sponsorships and donor relations. The classically-trained pianist and her husband John are enjoying their new home in Lake Wales.

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Special thanks to the following donors of Florida native plants and property owners who allowed Bok Tower Gardens to survey for native plants October through December 2009:

- Adventist Health Systems, Lake Placid
- Family Dynamics, Inc. President Bruce Duncan, Clermont
- Highlands County Natural Resources Dept., Sebring
- IND EX, LLC, Tomoka Heights, Lake Placid
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- The Nature Conservancy, Altamonte Springs
- Pinellas County Parks Department, Largo
- Southwest FL Water Management District, Brooksville
- Darrell & Annette Littell, Zolfo Springs
- U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Lake Wales Ridge National Wildlife Refuge, Sebring
- Highlands County Natural Resources Department, Sebring
Tillandsia

*Tillandsia* sp.

*Tillandsia* are epiphytes, plants that grow on another plant but are not parasitic, and need no soil because water and nutrients are absorbed through the leaves. The roots are used as anchors only. Some *Tillandsia* bloom on a regular basis. *Tillandsia* also are commonly known as air plants or Spanish moss.

Tree Dahlia

*Dahlia imperialis*

The Tree Dahlia plant isn’t actually a tree, but can grow up to 20 feet tall. *Dahlia* are tuberous perennials that grow from stems which are thick and bamboo-like. The large flowers bloom from arching flower sprays which face downward as if the blooms are looking down at the garden from above.

Camellia

*Camellia* was named by botanist Carl Linnaeus in honor of Jesuit botanist and missionary Georg Joseph Kamel who served in the Philippines during the 1600s. Linnaeus, the creator of the system of taxonomy, chose the name for the genus of this tree to honor Kamel’s contributions to science. *Camellias* are evergreen shrubs or trees native to eastern and southern Asia and are widely grown for their flowers. While almost 3,000 cultivars and hybrids are grown for ornamental purposes, the tea plant is possibly the most famous member of the *Camellia* genus.

Brazilian Red Cloak

*Megaskepasma erythrochlamys*

Brazilian Red Cloak grows well in bright shade or partial sun conditions and can grow up to 15 feet tall. The plant’s large oval green leaves are beautiful even when the plant isn’t in bloom. The Brazilian Red Cloak’s blooms are large showy flowers that last throughout the winter months.
Carillonneur Performs in Canada

By invitation of the Canadian Government, Singing Tower carillonneur Bill De Turk presented a carillon recital and master class on the Peace Tower carillon at the Houses of Parliament in Ottawa for the first annual Percival Price Symposium. That same evening he presented a lecture at the University of Ottawa, “Percival Price: Mentor for the North American Carillon World.”

Price was the first Dominion Carillonneur of Canada in 1927, performing on the Peace Tower carillon. Years later he accepted the position of University Carillonneur for the University of Michigan. Bill was Price’s last carillon student.

The Symposium was an opportunity to infuse new interest in the rich heritage of the Peace Tower carillon. There were 17 official registrants plus others (Canadian, American, European) who participated and considered it “quite a good first event.”

The Guild of Carillonneurs in North America was created at the Peace Tower in 1936. The host for that gathering of carillonneurs as well as a founding father of the Guild was Percival Price.

WEDU Be More Awards Finalist

Our Boktoberfest Plant Sale has been selected as one of five finalists in the 4th annual WEDU Be More Award™. Known as the “Academy Awards for Nonprofits,” organizations were nominated from thousands of eligible groups in ten categories. In addition to the award, “Be More Informed,” we were nominated for the new award for culturally-based organizations, “Be More Enriched.” More than 70 non-profit organizations applied for top honors in nine award categories, one of which includes the “WEDU Be More Award™ Non-Profit Organization of the Year.” In addition to an awards ceremony, WEDU produces an hour-long primetime televised program, the “WEDU Be More Inspired Special.” More than 5,500 visitors enjoyed the inaugural Boktoberfest event which will be held again on October 16, 2010.

Voted Florida’s Best Garden

Bok Tower Gardens has been voted Florida’s “Best Garden” by readers of Florida Monthly® magazine. Honorable mention, which we’ve received in the past, went to Marie Selby Botanical Gardens. Launched in 1981, Florida Monthly® has grown to more than 800,000 readers. The annual “Best of Florida” awards program began in 1995. Today, there are more than 140 categories that receive about 600,000 votes with 60 percent submitted online.

“Florida has some of the most outstanding people, places, events and attractions in the country,” explains E. Douglas Cifers, publisher. “Since no one was telling their story, we thought having our readers vote for their favorites, as a third party endorsement, would give these great institutions well deserved recognition.”

Online voting is already underway for this year’s awards. Visit floridamagazine.com to cast your vote.

In Memory of D. Burke Kibler III

Our longtime friend, supporter and board member D. Burke Kibler III passed away in December at the age of 85. Renowned as a fighter with a keen intellect and strong determination, we will always remember Burke as a loyal gentleman and class act whose ethics and values helped guide our board of directors for 29 years. Chairman emeritus of Holland & Knight, the law firm he helped create, Burke was awarded the Bronze Star with “V” device and the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster for his distinguished service in World War II. The University of Florida graduate was an advocate for higher education, and received numerous awards and commendations for his achievements. He served on the Board of Regents of the state university system, the Florida Council of 100, the governor’s advisory board, and many other educational, government and non-profit boards and commissions. We extend our condolences to his wife Carolyn Ewing Kibler and his four children, David B. Kibler IV, Thomas Bryant Kibler, Jacquelyn Thompson and Nancy Dew Ross, and his six grandchildren. We will miss him.

David Price, President
The Year of the Carillon

William De Turk, Director of Carillon Services

The carillon world is celebrating its 500th anniversary! In 1510, a musician devised a simple way of connecting a keyboard to the clappers of bells in a tower in Oudenaarde, Belgium. For the first time, bell music, complete with expression, could be played for market day, church and civic occasions. This kind of carillon music can still be heard today throughout Belgium, the Netherlands and parts of France.

Unlike Europeans, Americans have only become acquainted with this musical instrument in recent times. The first modern carillons appeared in North America in 1922 in Toronto, Canada and Gloucester, Mass. The Bok Singing Tower carillon was completed in 1928. Although many Americans think of the carillon as a newer instrument, it is now 500 years old.

Winter Haven Hospital

In 1926, a year before Edward Bok started building his Singing Tower, Winter Haven Hospital (WHH) opened its doors. Since then, both non-profit organizations have become two of the area’s leading institutions.

“Our shared historical roots helped shape the foundation of this community,” comments David Price, Gardens’ president. “We also share a vision for the future to improve the quality of lives by exceeding expectations.”

The largest private employer in East Polk County provides more than 2,500 jobs and has been recognized as one of the county’s best places to work. WHH has won numerous national awards for quality care and services, including the prestigious Magnet hospital status. The 527-bed hospital is affiliated with the University of Florida College of Medicine/Shands Healthcare. It is the home of Bostick Heart Center, the Cassidy Cancer Center, the Regency Center for Women and Infants, the Stroke Center and the Joy-Fuller Rehab Center, which are both nationally accredited.

“With state-of-the-art medical care, cutting-edge technology and equipment, and top quality education, we provide compassion, innovation and trust in all that we do,” explains Lance Anastasio, WHH president and chief executive officer. “We’re proud to be sponsors of Christmas at Pinewood and Sunset & Symphony, and we look forward to more opportunities to partner together in the future.”

William G. “Bill” Burns, who chairs the Gardens’ board of directors, also serves on the Winter Haven Hospital Foundation board of trustees.

Visit www.winterhavenhospital.org for more information.
### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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<td><strong>Easter Sunrise Service</strong>&lt;br&gt;Greet the dawn of this special day with the music from our carillon and the Lake Wales Chorale. Free admission from 6 to 8 a.m. Enjoy a delicious Easter buffet in the Blue Palmetto Café for an additional fee.</td>
<td>April 4 at 7 a.m.</td>
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#### Sign Up Online!

Visit boktowergardens.org to sign up for monthly updates of what’s new at the Gardens.

Some events require an additional ticket for entry. For questions visit us online, or call 863.676.1408.
We salute the new and returning members of our board of directors!

Richard D. Wood Jr.
Dick is chairman of the board of Wawa, Inc. A cousin of Grahame Wood, founder of Wawa Food Markets, he joined the company as general counsel in 1970. He became president in 1977 and chief executive officer in 1981, the position he held until his retirement in 2004.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, Dick served as law clerk in the Federal Court of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for the Honorable Francis L. Van Dusen and worked in the law firm of Montgomery, McCracken, Walker and Rhoads in Philadelphia.

Dick also serves on the Pardee Resources Company board. Past directorships include: Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (emeritus), Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, CEO Council for Growth, QuikTrip Corporation, Greater Philadelphia First, CoreStates Bank, N.A. He is a past board chairman of the National Association of Convenience Stores, PQ Corporation, Riddle Memorial Hospital, and Gulph Mills Golf Club (past president).

Derek Dunn-Rankin
Derek is chairman/CEO and majority stockholder of Sun Coast Media Group, Inc. Publishers of Florida’s Charlotte Sun and Venice Gondolier Sun, Sun Coast Media acquired weekly papers in Lake Wales, Frostproof, Bradenton, Fort Meade and Lake Placid in 2007.

Derek began his newspaper career delivering the Miami News when he was 11. After graduating from Rollins College and working as a reporter for the St. Petersburg Times, he went over to the business side of the newspaper industry at the Miami News, then in North Carolina and Virginia.

The Venice Gondolier, which he purchased in 1977, has frequently been rated Florida’s best weekly newspaper. After purchasing the Charlotte Sun in 1979, it’s now the fastest growing daily newspaper in the United States.

Derek also serves as CEO of DayStar Communications, a competitor telephone company that began providing broadband and voice services to businesses in the Venice, Punta Gorda and Port Charlotte areas.

A. Bronson Thayer
Former board chairman and board member for 22 years, Bronson has returned after taking a year-long sabbatical. Bronson is chairman of Bay Cities Bank in Tampa and a Harvard-educated investment banker whose financial acumen helped the Gardens’ endowment more than triple in size.

Former chief executive officer and chairman of First Florida Bank, Inc., Bronson serves on the board of West Central Florida’s PBS Station WEDU, is the international chair of the Tampa Bay Partnership and is director emeritus of the Earthwatch Institute.
Own Your Very Own Singing Tower!

The Tower & Garden Gift Shop has two new products featuring the Singing Tower. The new Singing Tower Replica, eight inches high and two inches in diameter at the base of the Tower, is a one-of-kind treasure that took years to develop and produce. From the tile grilles to the Great Brass Door, to the herons on the octagonal corners on the top of the Tower, the detail on this stunning poly-resin replica is amazing. Supplies are limited. Call 863.678.1159 to purchase yours today.

Stay warm this winter with the Singing Tower throw blanket. The 100 percent cotton tapestry blanket is 54” x 70” with fringed edges featuring the image of the Singing Tower in beautiful colors. Wrap yourself around the words of Edward Bok including his renowned motto, “Make you the world a bit better or more beautiful because you have lived in it,” and his lesser known quote, “Give to the world the best you have, and the best will come back to you.”

New Self-Guided Tours of Pinewood Estate

Many more visitors will be able to tour Pinewood Estate this season with our new offering of self-guided home tours. Visitors will receive a program upon entry to Pinewood Estate containing historical information about the home. Pinewood Estate docents also will be available throughout the home to interact with visitors and answer questions about Pinewood Estate and its furnishings. Tours will be available every day from noon to 4 p.m.

New Teacher Curriculum

Tools for Teachers is a new curriculum guide available for teachers that will turn the Gardens into a living classroom. With two curriculum levels for K – 5 grades, the activities meet the Sunshine State Standards and Polk County Learning Maps. Designed to encourage cross-curriculum teaching, the guide will serve as a foundation of learning for students before, during and after their visit to the Gardens. Teachers will be able to adapt activities and lesson plans to the needs of their students and may download a free copy by visiting www.boktowergardens.org/education. More than 130 Polk County teachers were given a free annual membership, breakfast and special tours to help them become better ambassadors for Bok Tower Gardens.

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1. More than 5,500 visitors enjoyed our first annual Boktoberfest Plant Sale held in October.

2. Alpine Express, a four-member, lederhosen ensemble, got the crowd into the Boktoberfest spirit with German tunes and sing-alongs.

3. A young boy was dressed in lederhosen in celebration of the Boktoberfest Plant Sale.

4. Visitors enjoyed the beautiful weather by picnicking on the Great Lawn during the 2009 Sunset & Symphony with the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra.

5. More than 15 varieties of poinsettias were on display this December during Christmas at Pinewood Holiday Home Tour.

6. More than 200 volunteer “Angels” help decorate and guide visitors through the Christmas at Pinewood Holiday Home Tour each year.