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A HEALING NATURE

Botanical Photography on Display June 21 - August 24, 2003

June 19, 2003 - Washington, D.C. - Botanical photographs are featured in a new exhibit by accomplished Philadelphia photographer Patricia Gunter. *A Healing Nature* will be on display in the West Gallery of the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory June 21 through August 24, 2003.

The photographs in the exhibit are the result of what Gunter refers to as her continuing quest for a balanced perspective on life and a “spiritual grounding.” Though she recognizes the important medicinal uses of many plants, she also believes that plants can soothe, transform, and renew through their color, form, and scent. The photographs are evocative of Gunter’s emotional and visceral response to both their beauty and this “healing nature.”

The color and black-and-white images were inspired by plants seen in the public and private gardens nationwide that Gunter visits in her frequent travels. The framed prints are available for sale and will remain on display in the West Gallery through August 24, 2003.

The United States Botanic Garden Conservatory is open to the public, free of charge, every day of the year from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Conservatory is located at 100 Maryland Avenue, SW, at the foot of the U.S. Capitol. Visitors are encouraged to take Metrobus and Metrorail. Further information is available by calling 202-225-8333 or visiting our web site at www.usbg.gov.

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