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Brookgreen Gardens Celebrates 80th Anniversary

Murrells Inlet, SC- In 2011, Brookgreen Gardens celebrates the 80th anniversary of its founding by adding new special events and a new “walking program” for health conscious visitors. The walking program includes a map and guide with a menu of four walks that range from a quick 15-minute “Zoo Strut” to a 2.7 mile “Beyond the Garden Stroll”. The maps and guides are available in the Welcome Center and are free with garden admission.

Other 80th Anniversary events this spring include a butterfly talk at 1 p.m., Friday April 1, in the Wall Lowcountry Center and a talk on Saturday, April 2 at 1 p.m. in the Wall Lowcountry Center Auditorium by sculptor-in-residence Greg Wyatt, one of Brookgreen's 2011 Master Sculptors. On April 16, the sculptor Simon Kogan, who created the 2011 Brookgreen 80th Anniversary Medal, will give a talk at 5:00 in the Wall Lowcountry Center Auditorium. The lectures are free with garden admission.

For a complete listing of the 80th Anniversary special events visit www.brookgreen.org.

“As we celebrate the 80th Anniversary of Archer and Anna Hyatt Huntington’s founding of Brookgreen Gardens, we are especially thankful for the support and appreciation for this extraordinary place by the local community and from visitors across the country, “said Bob Jewell, President and CEO. “For the pasts 80 years, the beauty of the gardens, the natural surroundings, and the animals in their native habitats have awed millions of visitors.”

Brookgreen Gardens, a National Historic Landmark and non-profit organization, is located on U.S. 17 between Myrtle Beach and Pawleys Island, South Carolina, and is open to the public daily. For more information, consult our web site at www.brookgreen.org or call 800-849-1931.