

Brookgreen Gardens' *Whispering Wings Butterfly Experience* Re-Opens April 1 with a Butterfly Lecture and Butterfly Brunch!

Murrells Inlet, SC, March 30, 2011

Brookgreen Gardens' *Whispering Wings Butterfly Experience* is scheduled to open daily from 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. beginning Friday, April 1 2011 through the end of October.

Visitors to the gardens may enjoy a “kick-off” Brunch at the Pavilion Restaurant from 10 – 11:30 a.m. The Butterfly Brunch will include admission to *Whispering Wings* and entry for a “special” butterfly prize drawing at the end of the day. After brunch there is a lecture on butterfly conservation at 1 p.m. in the Wall Lowcountry Center Auditorium where guests will learn the latest measures being taken to protect these delicate creatures. The lecture is free with garden admission.

This seasonal exhibit features a lush garden filled with tropical plants where hundreds of butterflies soar through the air. Monarch, Zebra Longwing, Polydamas Swallowtails, Pipevine Swallowtails, Spicebush Swallowtails, Julias, Buckeyes, Queens, Painted Lady, and American Lady are just a few of the species that call *Whispering Wings* home. Dozens of other species will be added throughout the summer and fall. *Whispering Wings* contains a pupae emergence room where visitors may observe the transformation from chrysalis to adult butterflies. Interpretive signs throughout the exhibit and benches provide a restful place to watch their delicate beauty in flight. The exhibit is open daily from 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 - adults and \$2 - children, for a 30 minute timed visit in addition to garden admission.

Brookgreen Gardens, a National Historic Landmark, accredited out door museum, and non-profit organization, is located on U.S. 17 between Myrtle Beach and Pawleys Island, South Carolina, and is open daily to the public.