

Brookgreen Gardens' Whispering Wings Butterfly Experience to Open April 1, 2010!

PAWLEYS ISLAND, SC, March 23, 2010 - Scheduled to open Thursday, April 1 2010, Brookgreen Gardens' *Whispering Wings Butterfly Experience* will house dozens of species of butterflies native to the Southeast. The butterfly house will open daily to the public through October and will re-open the in the spring of 2011. "The new Butterfly House supports Brookgreen's mission to exhibit and educate visitors about the animals, ecology, and plants of the Southeast" said Bob Jewell, President and CEO of Brookgreen Gardens. "It is part of our strategic plan to share with the public new elements that are part Brookgreen's multi-faceted mission."

Minnesota based, Spineless Wonders, who specializes in "turn-key" butterfly exhibits throughout the country, will build the 78 feet by 36 feet structure which will include a planted butterfly garden area, water features, ambient sound system, lighting, graphics, all native plants and all required USDA permits.

Funding for the new butterfly exhibit was provided through a generous gift from The Friends of Brookgreen Gardens.

Admission to *Whispering Wings Butterfly Experience* is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children in addition to regular 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. Admission prices in 2010 are \$12 for adults (13-64) \$10 for seniors (65 and up) \$ 6 for children (4-12) and children three and under are free. For more information, visit our web site at www.brookgreen.org,

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