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## **Young construction professionals to build star shaped Plant Workshop for Sensory Garden**

*Pittsburgh, PA - May 4, 2015* – On Friday, May 8, 2015, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the Carpenters Union and the Master Builders' Association will host the Annual Carpenters Design/Build Competition & Open House. Talented young professionals from the construction industry will build a five point star shaped Plant Workshop for the new autism-friendly Sensory Garden at the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden. Each team consists of a young architect, a young constructor and an apprentice.

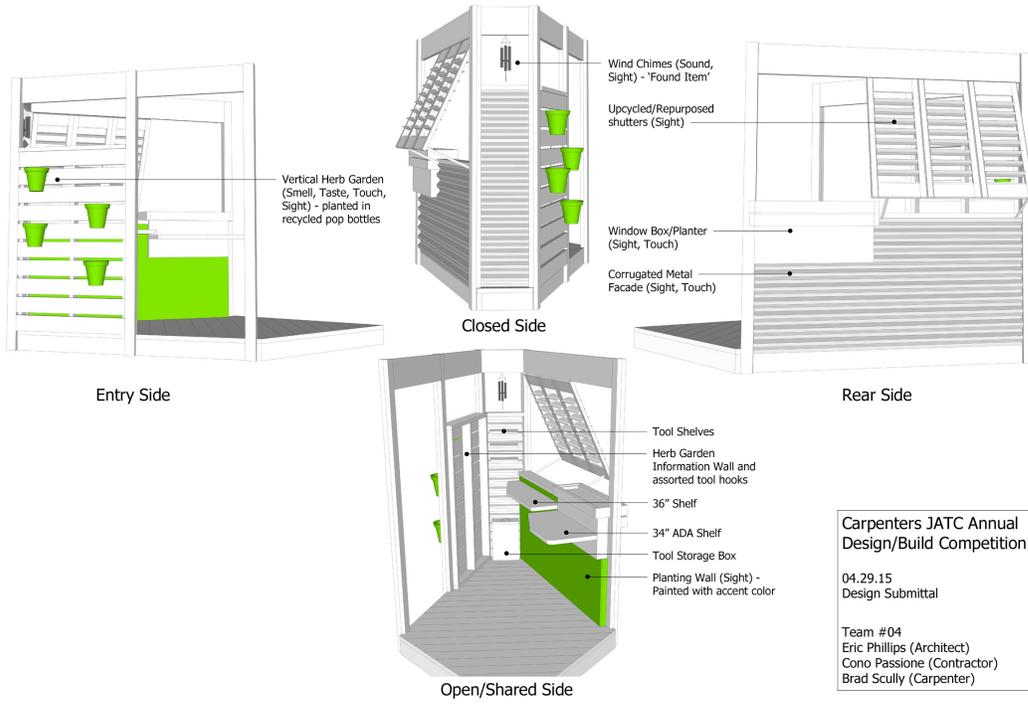
The event takes place at the Carpenters Training Center, 652 Ridge Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tours of the Carpenters Training Center will be available throughout the day so that guests can get a better understanding of the skilled workforce that is relied upon to build our region. For directions, please visit the Carpenters website: <http://www.kmlcarpenters.org/home.html>.

### **About the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden**

The Pittsburgh Botanic Garden, located just 10 miles from downtown Pittsburgh, offers visitors the opportunity to reconnect with the beauty of our region. The Garden inspires people to grow through immersion in a world of natural outdoor wonder to nourish mind, body and spirit. The first 60 acres consists of more than three miles of woodland trails, a stunning meadow with over 550 native white dogwood trees and a serene lotus pond. Once complete, the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden will be the fifth largest botanic garden in the U.S. at 460 acres and will include 18 distinct gardens, celebration venues, a visitor center and a center for botanic research. For more information please visit [pittsburghbotanicgarden.org](http://pittsburghbotanicgarden.org).

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**Carpenters JATC Annual Design/Build Competition**

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