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Pittsburgh Botanic Garden Receives FedEx Ground Grant for Tree Village Embellishments

Pittsburgh, PA., March 22, 2015—The Pittsburgh Botanic Garden has received a grant from FedEx Ground to add finishing touches to its new Tree Village in the Garden’s European Woods.

The Tree Village was created from the trunk of a massive 200-year old white oak that was brought down in a spring storm in 2015. The trunk was subsequently cut into three lengths, which were then placed upright onto stone plinths and topped with thatched roofs.

The FedEx Ground grant will be used to create decorative doors and other whimsical embellishments for these structures, further delighting visitors who come upon the Tree Village in the European Woods.

“The Pittsburgh Botanic Garden is grateful for the generosity of FedEx Ground and for helping to complete the Tree Village,” said Greg Nace, President of the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden. “It’s been great to develop a partnership with FedEx Ground,” he continued, “their employees have held several extremely productive work days at the Garden so it’s very special to receive this financial investment in the Garden as well.”

A story about the creation of the Tree Village is available at <http://pittsburghbotanicgarden.org/forest-houses-topped-with-thatched-roofs/>.

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.

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