



Customized Garden Benches at Mead Botanical Garden

A meaningful and long-lasting way to pay tribute to the special people, organizations and events that shape and enrich our lives.

A customized garden bench at Mead Botanical Garden is a lovely way to commemorate a special occasion or to honor those you hold near and dear. The customized bench program also provides you with a special opportunity to support Mead Botanical Garden while giving visitors with a comfortable place to relax and enjoy nature.

About the Garden Bench Program

MBG has reserved a number of lovely locations in the Garden for customized benches. Each bench is 6 feet in length and comes with a personalized bronze plaque. Messages on the plaque may recognize a specific person or persons by name or highlight a special event. The 10" long plaque allows generous space for your special message or for the bench donor to be acknowledged.

Customized benches are available for a tax-deductible donation of \$3,500 to Mead Botanical Garden. This donation includes the bench, the customized plaque and installation. You may hold a dedication ceremony or gathering in the Garden following the bench installation.

Bench Program Policy and Application Procedure

Mead Botanical Garden, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, gratefully accepts charitable donations in support of the Garden, including gifts made through its Customized Bench program.

- ❖ **Making a Bench Donation** - Those wishing to donate a garden bench are asked to submit a completed **Garden Bench Application**. Once the application and \$3,500 donation are received in full, the bench and accompanying plaque will be ordered. Contributions to Mead's bench program are considered charitable donations; they do not entitle the donor to ownership of the bench or the customized plaque.
- ❖ **Plaques** - Each bench includes a customized bronze style plaque forged with your special message, text or passage. Plaques may have up to four (4) lines of text with a maximum of 28 characters per line. The recognition plaque may honor loved ones who have passed away. All messages are subject to the approval of Mead Botanical Garden. No logos, advertisements or promotions are permitted on plaques.



- ❖ **Location** - The MBG staff will work with you in selecting a choice bench location within the Garden. Because of the evolving nature of the Garden, MBG retains the right to relocate a donated bench. In such an event, the Garden staff will attempt to contact the donor to discuss alternative locations. MBG will endeavor to find a mutually agreed upon location, but reserves the right to make the final decision about bench relocations.
- ❖ **Installation** - Donors will be notified when the bench and plaque are available for installation. The staff will work with the donor to set a date for a ceremony or gathering following the installation.
- ❖ **Bench Life Span** - The bench donation will last for the projected life span of the bench (10 years). MBG will make reasonable effort to maintain the bench in beautiful condition throughout the projected life of the bench. After 10 years, the bench location will become available for renewal. The original donor will be given the first opportunity to renew the bench location for the cost of a renewal donation. Donors who anticipate renewing the bench donation for another 10 years have the obligation to update MBG on any change of contact information. If the original donor opts to not renew within 60 days of the contact, the donated bench and/or plaque may be removed or reconditioned or it may remain in place, at the discretion of Mead Botanical Garden. MBG is not responsible to replace benches that are destroyed or experience damage during natural events such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and falling trees.

For more information about Mead Botanical Garden's Bench Program or questions about making a bench donation, please contact Mead Botanical Garden at 407-765-6323 or email us at executivedirector@meadgarden.org

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity in supporting Mead Botanical Garden.



Customized Garden Bench

Thank you for your interest in supporting Mead Botanical Garden through the Customized Garden Bench Program. Upon receipt of this completed application, a member of the Mead Botanical Garden staff will review your application and contact you to discuss bench locations and your support for the Garden.

Donor contact information: please print

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/state/zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Bench Donation: (subject to change)

Each bench donation is **\$3,500**. The bench and plaque will be ordered once your application has been approved and the full donation has been received.

Please **make checks payable to:**

Mead Botanical Garden

P.O. Box 1227

Winter Park, FL 32789

For credit card donations, please request a credit card donation form.

Plaque Personalization:

On the lines to the right, please print EXACTLY what you wish your message to be.

Messages may be up to **4 lines, a maximum of 28 characters per line.**

Count all spaces and punctuation as 1 character.

All messages are subject to the approval of Mead Botanical Garden.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

Would you like to hold a gathering or ceremony following the bench installation? YES NO

Benches typically will be available for installation within 8 weeks of the order being placed.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand Mead Botanical Garden's Customized Bench Program Policy.

Name (printed)

Signature

Date



For more information, please contact Cynthia Hasenau, Executive Director, at 407-765-6323 or executivedirector@meadgarden.org

MBG reserves the right to remove or relocate benches when they interfere with safety, maintenance, or planning/construction activities. Donors will be contacted for alternate location options. At end of each bench life cycle (10 years), the donor will be contacted with replacement options.

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