



Customized Garden Bench Program

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

Thank you for your interest in a customized bench. 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 to your heart. A bench donation also provides those who love Mead Botanical Garden (MBG) the opportunity to support the Garden and provide visitors with a comfortable, restful 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 style plaque. The 10" long plaque allows generous space for your special message or for MBG to acknowledge the bench donor. Messages may recognize a specific person or persons by name or highlight a special event.

Customized benches are available for a tax-deductible \$2,400 donation to Mead Botanical Garden. Your donation includes the bench, a customized plaque and installation. Donors are invited to 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 nonprofit organization, gratefully accepts charitable donations in support of the Garden, including gifts made through its Customized Bench Program. Proceeds support children's nature education, garden improvements and engaging enrichment programs.

- ❖ **Making a Bench Donation** ~ To donate a garden bench, please begin the process by calling the Garden's executive director at 407-765-6323, then submitting a completed **Garden Bench Program Application** with the bench donation in the amount of \$2,400. Contributions to Mead's Bench Program are considered charitable donations, and do not entitle the donor to ownership of the bench or the customized plaque. Once your application is approved and bench donation is received, the bench and the customized plaque will be ordered.
- ❖ **Plaques** ~ Each bench includes with a customized bronze style plaque that can be forged with a message. 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, share an inspirational quote or commemorate a special occasion. All messages are subject to approval of Mead Botanical Garden. No logos, advertisements or promotions of any kind 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 the event a bench is to be relocated, MBG staff will attempt to contact the donor to discuss alternative locations. MBG reserves the right to make the final decision about bench locations.
- ❖ **Installation** ~ Donors will be notified when the bench and plaque are available for installation date. A ceremony or gathering at the time of installation is permitted. The staff will work with the donor to set a date.
- ❖ **Bench Life Span** ~ The bench donation will last for the projected life span of the bench (10 years). At that time, the bench location will become available for renewal. Donors who wish to renew the bench donation are asked to advise MBG on any change of contact information. The original donor will be given the first opportunity to renew the bench location with a subsequent renewal donation. 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 will make a reasonable effort to maintain the bench in beautiful condition. MBG is not responsible, however, for natural events such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and falling trees which damage or destroy the bench.

For more information about Mead Botanical Garden's Customized 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 Program Application

Thank you for 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 contact you to discuss bench locations.

Donor contact information: please print

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/state/zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

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, letters and punctuation as one character each.

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

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

Benches typically will be available for installation within 6-8 weeks.

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

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 renewal/replacement options. Mead Botanical Garden, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization chartered in July 2003. A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION (#CH36315) AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL-FREE (800-435-7352) WITHIN THE STATE. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA.