



Idaho Botanical Garden

Children's Adventure Garden Project

As 2010 begins, the Idaho Botanical Garden is pleased to have completed much of the base work for the new garden.



INLA members have been an important partner in the development of this Garden. What was a simple area of raised beds overgrown with Trees of Heaven has been transformed.



The structure of this magical garden is now in place, including pathways, irrigation work, and turf areas.



Some structural elements have been installed as well, such as a bronze sculpture, known to many as the “boys in the swing”, that had been inside the Boise Town Square Mall, was rescued from the scrap metal pile and subsequently donated to the Children's Garden.

We are now concentrating on detail work, including planting and individual bed design. The Children's Adventure Garden is intended to be a place that is visual and sensory, with materials that are not required to tightly adhere to a specific collection definition by species or variety. Instead, the desire is to have plantings that reflect interesting textures and colors and are compatible with small children (durable, non-toxic or allergenic).

A tentative tree and shrub list has been prepared. The Idaho Botanical Garden greatly appreciates the generous support of the INLA in sourcing the materials needed to complete this list.

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Please visit our website www.idahobotanicalgarden.org, and click on “The Gardens” for an updated list of project needs.

Thank you!