

A new tranquil and serene addition to the Frederik Meijer Gardens is opening next month after four years in the making

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Subject: Frederik Meijer Gardens new exhibit: The Richard & Helen DeVos Japanese Garden

Eva—

I thought you might be interested in a story about what is going on around Frederik Meijer Gardens! Next month, on April 1, we are having a grand opening of our new Japanese Garden exhibit. The newsletter was already sent out to our garden's members but now we are looking to get the word out to the rest of the community.

I noticed you cover a lot of stories about things going on in West Michigan, especially anything that involves giving back to the people of GR and the greater areas. As our way of giving back, the Garden has been working on a tranquil and serene Japanese garden for over four years now and it is finally finished! It is called The Richard & Helen DeVos Japanese Garden.

If you would like, I can arrange for you and any of your team members to come to the Garden before our grand opening and to meet with Fred and Lena Meijer, who came up with the idea to add the exhibit to the Garden. You would have ample opportunity to interview and walk around with them in the new garden. I would love for you to check out the link I've attached below that has highlights of new artwork pieces as well as the new flora that has been added.

<https://www.meijergardens.org/attractions/japanese-garden/>

If there is anything you think you would need in order to do this story, please let me know! For instance, any anecdotes or features from those who have been working on the new garden.

Thank you for considering the idea!

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