



**Last Weekend to See *Flora of the Philippines* Display at The Leaf  
– Biomes will be Closed March 18-20 for Display Change –**

**For immediate release:** Winnipeg, March 15, 2024 – The Assiniboine Park Conservancy is reminding visitors that the biomes at The Leaf will be closed for a scheduled display change from Monday, March 18 to Wednesday, March 20.

The upcoming weekend (March 16-17) will be the last opportunity for Leaf visitors to enjoy the *Flora of the Philippines* display, which was inspired by the lush tropical forests that define the country's breathtaking landscapes. The final day of the display will be marked with special programming including traditional Filipino dance, music, and storytelling. Activities will take place on Sunday, March 17 between 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. and are included with regular admission to The Leaf. Tickets can be purchased online in advance to ensure availability at time of arrival.

During the biome closure (March 18-20), the Babs Asper Display House will be completely transformed in preparation for the opening of *Brasil Moderno*, a new display inspired by the tropical landscapes of Brazil and the work of renowned Brazilian landscape architect and environmentalist Roberto Burle Marx. The new display will run from Wednesday, March 21 to Sunday, May 26.

"Roberto Burle Marx is recognized in Brazil and around the world for his unique approach to design, characterized by bold shapes, vibrant colours, and the use of native Brazilian plants," said Gerald Dieleman, Senior Director of Horticulture, Assiniboine Park Conservancy. "Our new display is a tribute to his legacy and the contributions he made to the conservation and appreciation of Brazil's rich botanical heritage."

Due to the display change and other horticultural and maintenance work taking place during the biome closure, the coffee bar and gift shop at The Leaf will also be closed on March 18 and 19. The coffee bar will re-open on March 20. The gift shop will resume regular operations on March 21.

The biome closure will not impact Gather Craft Kitchen & Bar. The restaurant will remain open daily offering lunch and dinner service.

For more information about The Leaf and Gather Craft Kitchen & Bar, please visit our websites:

- [assiniboinepark.ca/leaf](https://assiniboinepark.ca/leaf)
- [gatherattheleaf.ca](https://gatherattheleaf.ca)

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