



VILLA TERRACE
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RENAISSANCE IN BLOOM

Villa Terrace Celebrates Garden Opening with Free Admission Sunday, June 6, 2010

Milwaukee, WI – The Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum, 2220 N. Terrace Avenue, Milwaukee, is proud to announce the opening of the *Renaissance Garden* on Sunday, June 6 at 1:00 p.m. In celebration of the occasion, the museum will extend **FREE ADMISSION** to all visitors from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. (normally \$5/adult, \$3/student & senior). Festivities include a musical kick-off by the *Gaudete Brass Quintet*, opening ceremony, garden tours, and more! Contact the Villa Terrace at (414)271-3656 or visit www.cavtmuseums.org for more information.

Garden Opening Highlights:

10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Café Sopra Mare – Mercury Courtyard

Featuring the musical talents of the Gaudete Brass Quintet

1 p.m.

Opening Ceremony – Terrace

with musical kick-off by the *Gaudete Brass Quintet*

1 – 5 p.m.

Museum open

*Current exhibition – Dan Nauman : Expressions In Iron
through June 27, 2010*

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About the Villa Terrace Renaissance Garden

The inspiring Renaissance Garden graces the yard of Villa Terrace as it sweeps down to Lake Michigan and recreates the classic elements of a 16th century Tuscan landscape, while accommodating the vagaries of the Wisconsin Climate. Originally designed by Rose Standish Nichols in collaboration with the Villa's architect David Adler, the garden was completely restored to its original beauty in 1997. Landscape Architect Dennis Buettner along with the dedicated *Friends of Villa Terrace* focused on the classical elements of the original landscaping plan and brought this gem back for the community to enjoy.

Points of interest:

- A dramatic "water staircase" - the classic *Scaletta d'Aqua* - flowing down past three terraces of flowering crabapple trees to a *Vasca* (a fishpond historically used to keep the day's catch fresh)
- Two secret gardens and a thicket
- Grassy spaces and benches, bordered with culinary and medicinal herbs, potted citrus trees, unusual plantings, dwarf fruit trees and statuary
- Monumental wrought iron "Neptune" Gate inspired by master craftsman Cyril Colnik

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