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Clerk to Perform Wedding Ceremony on Valentines Day in One of the County's Most Romantic Spots

CLEARWATER - Once again, numerous couples will join together at the picturesque Florida Botanical Gardens in Largo for one group wedding ceremony to be performed by Clerk of the Circuit Court, Ken Burke, on Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14, 2010, the Clerk's Office has announced.

This is the fourth year the Clerk's Office is hosting this event, which has become a County tradition. The Clerk's Office is officially closed on Sundays, but romance doesn't take time off, so Burke decided to still hold the event. Once again the single ceremony uniting multiple couples in marriage will be held in the Florida Botanical Gardens' Wedding Garden.

"The 40 couples who simultaneously exchanged vows in the one marriage ceremony last year adored the idealistic wedding setting, said Burke. The sculptures, mosaic artwork, topiary and rose gardens come together to create a breathtaking setting nestled right in the heart of Pinellas County."

The Clerk has waived the normal \$30 fee to perform the marriage. Standard marriage license fees will still apply. To participate, couples must sign up at any Pinellas County Clerk's office by Monday, February 8, 2010.

The number of couples may be limited due to space. Marriage licenses must be applied for between December 21, 2009, and February 11, 2010, in order to participate on the February 14, 2010, wedding date.

The one ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. in the Wedding Garden at Florida Botanical Gardens, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo. Couples will receive a special, commemorative Marriage Certificate, which will be mailed within one week from the date of the ceremony with the official certificate of marriage. All couples should arrive at the Botanical Gardens by 1 p.m. on the day of the event with their marriage license and identification.

For more information regarding the process and locations to apply for a marriage license, contact Recording Services at 727-464-3008, or visit the Clerk's website at <http://www.mypinellasclerk.org>. For more information about the Wedding Garden and/or the Florida Botanical Gardens visit <http://www.flbg.org>.

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