

**United States Botanic Garden:
“Simply Sublime: Orchids in an Art Deco Garden”**

**Date: Saturday, January 21, 2005
Time: 9:15AM**

After our successful, but outdoor night photography Field Trip to the Washington mall and monuments in December, it's time to move to warmer surroundings indoors. Our January field trip provides photographic opportunities at one of Washington's more interesting (and warm) buildings – the United States Botanic Gardens Conservatory.

As noted on their website, “Enter the Conservatory’s Garden Court and journey through time to the high style and simple elegance of the 1930s. Awaiting you is a fantasy garden of orchids where sleek, geometric, art deco obelisks provide the perfect foil for these extravagant flowers. Wrought in aluminum of arches, parallel lines, and repeated hierarchical rhythms, the garden structures focus your attention on the nuances of color, fragrance, and curve. Indulge yourself, for our orchid garden will bloom in a continuous unfolding pageant of color, winter into spring.”

The recently renovated conservatory will be opening its orchid display and we will be there. Be sure to bring your creativity and BOTH your wide-angle and macro lenses.

Field Trip schedule for Saturday, January 21st:

9:15AM Leave	Car Pool from Vienna Metro Parking lot (usual location)
10:00AM - 12:00PM	US Botanic Gardens (245 First Street SW · Washington, DC)
12:30PM - ~1:30PM	Lunch location TBD
1:30PM - ~2:30PM	Washington Mall (around U.S. Capital Building)

Interested in more orchid photography, check out the Botanic Garden's web link
<http://www.usbg.gov/education/events/Photographing-Orchids.cfm>

Driving directions will be available at the Vienna Metro Parking lot. Please contact Bill Kyburz at wkyburz@cox.net with any questions.