



BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS



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Birmingham Botanical Gardens Celebrates 40th Anniversary of Earth Day

BIRMINGHAM, AL – Birmingham Botanical Gardens' 13th annual Earth Day at The Gardens is Sunday, April 25 from 1-5 p.m. Earth Day at The Gardens is a celebration of the diversity of Alabama's biological life—Alabama ranks fifth in the nation in biodiversity—as well as the diversity of cultures of the people from across the globe who now call Birmingham home. More than one billion people across the globe are expected to honor the 40th anniversary of Earth Day this April.

Earth Day at The Gardens offers an afternoon of hands-on learning activities to help educate the public about modern environmental issues. Dozens of local environmental organizations will set up interactive activities designed for people of all ages, including children, adults and families. The Roaming Dome, a traveling planetarium from Huntsville's Sci-Quest Hands-on Science Center, will be open all afternoon. The inflatable mini-auditorium features digital presentations and movies, such as *Earth's Wild Ride*, *Secret of the Cardboard Rocket*, *Molecularium: Riding Snowflakes*, *Force 5*, *The Night Sky* and *Saturn and the Ring World*.

Other highlights include presentations from Zulu Dancers of the Umdabu Dance Company, a Children's Drum Circle from Rhythm Synergy in Atlanta, an Australian Didgeridoo performed by Neal Ross. Technical Knock Out (TKO) will be collecting used and unwanted electronics (except TVs) in the parking lot at The Gardens; more information is available at www.technicalko.net.

Earth Day at The Gardens is made possible in part through grants from Legacy, Inc. For more information about Earth Day at The Gardens contact Henry Hughes at 414.3951 or hhughes@bbgardens.org.

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About Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Birmingham Botanical Gardens is Alabama's largest living museum with more than 10,000 different plants in its living collections. The Gardens' 67.5 acres contains more than 25 unique gardens, 30+ works of original outdoor sculpture and miles of serene paths. The Gardens features the largest public horticulture library in the U.S., conservatories, a wildflower garden, two rose gardens, the Southern Living garden, and Japanese Gardens with a traditionally crafted tea house. Education programs run year round and more than 10,000 school children enjoy free science-curriculum based field trips annually. The Gardens is open daily, offering free admission to more than 350,000 yearly visitors.