



BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS

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Birmingham Botanical Gardens Celebrates With Annual Dinner

(Birmingham, AL)—Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens hosts the 44th Annual Dinner January 15, a special evening reflecting on 2008 and honoring those that made the year such a success. Executive Director Fred Spicer will present a slide show highlighting major projects completed and a review of current master planning efforts. The ‘Evening of Tribute’ also looks forward to 2009 with the introduction of new board members, including incoming President, Dr. Thomas G. Amason, Jr.

All members of Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens are invited to the 7 p.m. event, catered by Winfrey Occasions. Leaf & Petal at The Gardens will host a reception for Gardens members at 6 p.m., featuring light appetizers and refreshments. Members can reserve their seats for the Annual Dinner, which are \$35 per person, by calling 414.3965 or by going online to www.bbgardens.org.

The 2009 Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens’ Board of Directors are: President Thomas G. Amason, Jr., President-Elect Henry Ray, Immediate Past President Morris C. Benners, Richard “Pokey” Adams, Laurie Allen, Billy Angell, Lyndra Daniel, Stewart Dansby, Richard E. Davis, James F. Hughey Jr., Margi Ingram, Fred Keith, Sheryl Kimerling, Mike Malone, Reese Murray III, Tricia Noble, Kathryn Porter, Kimberly J. Rogers, David L. Silverstein, Diana R. Slaughter, Janet Taylor, Scott Walton, Louis Willie, III, and Louise A. Wrinkle.

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 a Japanese garden 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 325,000 yearly visitors.