



BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS
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47th Annual Members Celebration Set for January 19

Paulette Van Matre to discuss The Gardens' relationship with Magic City Harvest

BIRMINGHAM, AL – Formerly known as the "Annual Dinner," Birmingham Botanical Gardens' 47th Annual Members Celebration will be held on January 19, 2012. Executive Director of Magic City Harvest, Paulette Van Matre, will be the featured speaker, sharing her organization's relationship with The Gardens. Each year, The Gardens donates almost two tons of vegetables from the Bruno Vegetable Garden to Magic City Harvest, helping feed Birmingham's hungriest.

Members of The Gardens are asked to RSVP by January 13. Tickets are \$20 per person and include a cocktail party, with hors d'oeuvres catered by Kathy G., which will begin at 5:30 on January 19. Following will be the member's meeting and featured speaker. To RSVP or for more information, call Shelly McCarty at 205.414.3965 or email at smccarty@bbgardens.org.

About Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Birmingham Botanical Gardens is Alabama's largest living museum with more than 12,000 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.