



BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS



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**Birmingham Botanical Gardens Celebrates Five Years of Antiques at The Gardens**

**BIRMINGHAM, AL** – The fifth annual Antiques at The Gardens is slated for Friday, October 1 through Sunday, October 3. Continental and American furniture, antique silver, jewelry, paintings, lighting, china, Oriental rugs and more will fill the Garden Center at Birmingham Botanical Gardens. The glamorous Sterne Agee First Look party commences the weekend's events on Thursday, September 30 from 7-10 p.m. The exclusive black tie party gives guests a chance to shop before the sale opens to the public Friday morning.

The Designer Preview, sponsored by *flower* magazine, is a special event Friday, October 1 from 9-10 a.m. for interior designers, architects and decorators. Guests may bring up to two clients to enjoy a light brunch and shop before the doors open. The Red Diamond Lecture Series features lectures from world class speakers at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. later that same day.

Native Alabamian DeJuan Stroud takes the stage at 10:30 a.m. Born in Andalusia, Stroud is a well-known floral arranger and event planner who now calls New York City home. His event design firm, DeJuan Stroud, Inc., is in Manhattan's Tribeca district. His work has been the subject of articles published in *The New York Times*, *Martha Stewart Weddings*, *Southern Accents*, *Modern Bride*, *House Beautiful*, *House & Garden*, *Grace Ormond Wedding Style*, *New York Magazine*, *Elegant Bride* and *People Magazine*.

Miles Redd, rising star in interior design, follows Stroud with a lecture at 1 p.m. His talk, "Decorating in a Cold Climate: A Field Guide for Showing Yankees How It's Done," draws on his Southern heritage and his design experiences in New York. Miles describes his style as "cozy grandeur," a blend of traditional elements, Southern hospitality and modern flair. As a speaker, Redd is famous for his quick-wit and charm. His work has been showcased in a plethora of publications that include *New York Magazine*, *Vogue*, *House Beautiful*, *Elle Décor*, *House & Garden*, *W* and *Country Life*.

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## **Antiques at The Gardens Schedule**

### **Public Show Hours**

Friday, October 1 | 10-5 p.m.  
Saturday, October 2 | 10-5 p.m.  
Sunday, October 3 | 1-5 p.m.

### **Special Events**

#### **Sterne Agee First Look Party**

Thursday, September 30 | 7-10 p.m.

#### *flower* **Designer Preview\***

Friday, October 1 | 9-10 a.m.

#### **Red Diamond Lecture Series**

Friday, October 1  
DeJuan Stroud – 10:30 a.m.  
Miles Redd – 1 p.m.

Proceeds from Antiques at The Gardens support educational programs at Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Since 2006, Antiques at The Gardens has raised more than \$1.3 million for The Gardens. For more information about Antiques at The Gardens contact Shelly McCarty at 205.414.3965 or [smccarty@bbgardens.org](mailto:smccarty@bbgardens.org), or visit [www.bbgardens.org/antiques](http://www.bbgardens.org/antiques).

### **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.