



## BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS

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### **Birmingham Botanical Gardens New Master Plan Unveiled**

Public presentation slated for Thursday, March 25

**BIRMINGHAM, AL** – Birmingham Botanical Gardens is hosting a public presentation of its new Master Plan on Thursday, March 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Linn-Henley Lecture Hall at The Gardens. Scott Scarfone, principal of Oasis Design Group, the Baltimore-based landscape architecture firm hired in 2007 to develop the plan, will present the 2010 Master Plan. Birmingham Botanical Gardens' Executive Director, Fred Spicer, will also be on stage to assist Mr. Scarfone and answer any questions.

The Gardens' new Master Plan addresses new opportunities for education programming and a multi-faceted sustainability initiative that touches on better resource management, expanded living collections, stormwater management and improved accessibility. Everyone interested in The Gardens' past, present or future development is encouraged to attend. The presentation is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. Call Shelly McCarty at 205.414.3965 to RSVP or for any questions.

#### **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.