



BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS

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Fall Plant Sale Set for October 16-17

Best Time to Plant in Alabama is Now

BIRMINGHAM, AL – Birmingham Botanical Gardens' Fall Plant Sale will be held in Blount Plaza at The Gardens on Saturday, October 16 from 9-5 p.m. and Sunday, October 17 from noon-4 p.m. "October brings cooler air, which helps maintain good soil moisture, and hardy plants are entering dormancy, which means no stress from planting," says Fred Spicer, The Gardens' executive director. "Autumn kicks off the ideal time to plant in Alabama—and it's much more pleasant to work outdoors now with milder temperatures, crisp air and fewer bugs!"

Thousands of plants will be for sale all weekend, including annuals, biannuals, fall lettuces, bedding plants, camellias, daylilies, herbs, hostas, irises, natives, perennials, trees, shrubs, ferns and more. In addition to this broad selection, the two-day sale is also a great opportunity to get free, expert advice from dozens of garden-savvy volunteers working at each plant booth.

Fall Plant Sale is free and open to the public, just as Birmingham Botanical Gardens are 365 days a year. Proceeds from the sale benefit the The Gardens' mission to promote public knowledge and appreciation of plants, gardens and the environment. For more information contact Special Events Coordinator Shelly McCarty at 414.3965 or smccarty@bbgardens.org.

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.