



BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS

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**Gardens' Junior Board Partners with YPBirmingham
Monthly Mingle slated in search of 2011 nominees**

BIRMINGHAM, AL – Birmingham Botanical Gardens' inaugural Junior Board will host YPBirmingham's Monthly Mingle on Wednesday, July 7 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at The Gardens Café by Kathy G. The free event is open to all young professionals, featuring drink specials, a networking game to break the ice, and giveaways. The Gardens will also be unveiling new memberships designed especially for young professionals and college students.

The Junior Board, which held its first meeting in February, is planning for the future by partnering with Birmingham's largest network of young professionals to seek out potential new board members, volunteers and advocates. The group is tasked with creating an annual event at Birmingham Botanical Gardens that will serve as both an awareness campaign and a fundraiser.

"Partnering with YPBirmingham just makes sense," says Michael Hansen, public relations coordinator at Birmingham Botanical Gardens. "We created the Junior Board to bring a group of young, diverse and talented professionals into the fold at The Gardens, adding to our already stellar base of volunteers, members and donors."

YPBirmingham was founded in 2007 "to inform and engage the young professional population in the Birmingham metro area." Monthly Mingles are held the first Wednesday of each month, highlighting a local non-profit to showcase opportunities for involvement and other issues.

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.