



BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS



FRIENDS OF BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS
JUNIOR BOARD

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Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens' Junior Board Seeks Candidates for 2011

BIRMINGHAM, AL – Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens' Junior Board is currently seeking nominees for the 2011 year. The group launched February 23 at Jackson's Bar & Bistro in Homewood's SOHO Square by holding a happy hour meet-and-greet with Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens' Board of Directors and staff. The Junior Board was created to awareness among young professionals for The Gardens' events and education programs.

The Junior Board recently hosted YPBirmingham's Monthly Mingle at The Gardens Café by Kathy G. More than 150 young professionals came to the free event, which featured tapas, drink specials, a networking game to break the ice and giveaways. Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens also unveiled new memberships designed especially for young professionals and college students.

The Junior Board is tasked with creating an annual event at Birmingham Botanical Gardens that will serve as both an awareness campaign and a fundraiser. The group began making plans for an event in 2011 at its most recent meeting on July 20.

Nominations for The Junior Board are accepted all year and will be voted on by the current board at a meeting in October. Anyone interested in nominating themselves or a colleague should contact Public Relations Coordinator, Michael Hansen at 205.414.3960 or mhansen@bbgardens.org; more information is available on The Gardens website, www.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.