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Cocktails in The Gardens Goes Green August 12

Events continue in September, October

BIRMINGHAM, AL – Nearly 500 guests filled the Hill Garden at Birmingham Botanical Gardens on Thursday, August 12 for the launch of the 2011 season of Cocktails in The Gardens. FisherGreen, a new band started by local musicians Chad Fisher and Heath Green, thrilled the audience with soulful originals and classic rock covers. Occasions by Wynfrey catered the event, themed “It’s All About The Green,” with complementary hors d’oeuvres as well as a cash bar with signature cocktails, wine and beer. Décor by Kirsti provided decorations to match the green vibe.

The events are designed to raise awareness of The Gardens’ programs and opportunities among young professionals, students and the young at heart. The next Cocktails in The Gardens is Thursday, September 9 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the Hill Garden. The theme that night is “Down Home Delights,” with Southern rocker Hunter Lawley entertaining the crowd and Spiked Lemonade as the signature cocktail. Hunter is known for his energetic stage presence and unmatched sense of humor. The final event is slated for Thursday, October 14 with Bonus Round performing at the “Autumn Harvest Festival.” Tickets are \$15, but members of The Gardens get in free.

Proceeds from the events support Birmingham Botanical Gardens’ education programs and its mission to promote public knowledge and appreciation of plants, gardens and the environment. Sponsors of the 2010 Cocktails in The Gardens series include Occasions by Wynfrey, 103.7-The Q, James Avery, Fox 6, RealtySouth Young Realtor’s Council, Southeastern Attractions, Blonde Salon and Spa, Décor by Kirsti, *Birmingham* magazine, *Over the Mountain Journal*, *280 Living* and Mia Moda. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit at www.bbgardens.org/cocktails.

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.