



Columbus Botanical Garden

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Columbus Botanical Garden Hosts Volunteer Open House Opportunities Exist in Education & Social Programming, Indoors & In the Gardens

Columbus, Ga., March 5, 2018 -- To fulfill its strategic goal to become a great garden, Columbus Botanical Garden (CBG) is hosting a Volunteer Open House on March 15, 2018 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Columbus Botanical Garden's Adams Farmhouse located at 3603 Weems Road.

"In line with CBG's premise that great cities have great gardens, CBG recognizes that great gardens have great volunteers," said CBG Interim Executive Director Bruce Howard. He continued, "Columbus Botanical Garden is eager to welcome new volunteers to our Botanical Garden Family to enhance our already talented and committed group of volunteers. Volunteers provide the positive fuel and energy we need to execute our many events and programs, and they are indeed CBG's number one asset. All their diverse talents are welcome and needed. From welcoming people in the Farmhouse to special events for the community, helping in the vegetable garden, planting flowers, assisting with adult education symposiums and children's classes, there is something for everyone who loves a garden. Come check us out at the CBG Volunteer Open House!"

Columbus Botanical Garden 2018 Events

<i>Easter Egg Hunt</i>	Sunday, April 1
<i>"BloomFest": Spring Plant Sale and Garden Market</i>	Friday & Saturday, April 6 & 7
<i>"Cocktail Gardening"</i>	Friday, May 11
<i>DayLily Festival</i>	Saturday, June 2
<i>Garden Gala</i>	Tuesday, October 16
<i>"Foliage, Flowers & Fun" Fall Plant Sale and Fall Festival</i>	Saturday, October 27
<i>Christmas in the Garden</i>	Sunday, December 2

About Columbus Botanical Garden

Nestled in North Columbus amid shopping and eateries, Columbus Botanical Garden operates as a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to develop gardens, protect woodland, and provide educational programs that stimulate the imagination and deepen our understanding and appreciation of nature. This preserved jewel of pine and hardwood forest is a remnant reminder of the native Central Georgia landscape that is becoming more scarce as the region continues to develop. Since its founding in 1999 with a gift of acreage and buildings from the children and families of Lillie Belle Kimbrough Adams and later approved by the Columbus City Council, Columbus Botanical Garden (CBG) has been the steward of a 23-acre rolling property located about 6 miles northeast of downtown Columbus. With its recent expansion to 36 acres, CBG now encompasses four developed acres, and there are additional plans for further development with its \$10 million "Growing Towards Greatness" Capital Campaign.

For more information on how you can participate in programming, volunteer or donate, please visit www.columbusbotanicalgarden.org, follow us on Instagram @Columbus_Botanical_Garden, like us on FaceBook at www.facebook.com/columbusbotanicalgarden, contact our offices at 706.327.8400, email us at contactus@columbusbotanicalgarden.org or visit our offices at 3603 Weems Road, Columbus, Ga. 31909.

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