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Jazzed Up February at Huntsville Botanical Garden brings tastes and sounds of Mardi Gras to Huntsville

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (January 20, 2025) – Jazzed Up February: Mardi Gras at the Garden comes to Huntsville Botanical Garden (HBG) on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 7 – 10 p.m. Back for its second year, this enchanted evening promises culinary delights, “Big Easy” atmosphere, and the energy of live jazz.

Guests will enjoy a Mardi Gras-inspired dinner by Forever Grateful, featuring mouth-watering dishes like gumbo and jambalaya that evoke flavors from the heart of New Orleans. Jazz music by the Moondust Big Band will set the tone for a night of dancing, fun, and festivity. Specialty cocktails crafted just for this elevated experience and vibrant Mardi Gras décor will bring the spirit of the French Quarter to life. The Huntsville Swing Dance Society will keep the rhythm going as the dance floor beckons guests to join in the revelries.

“After a successful inaugural Jazzed Up February event last year, we received feedback from many guests that they hoped we would do it again,” said HBG Director of Marketing Laura McPhail. “The Mardi Gras theme this year makes this a fun event perfect for sharing with a group of friends or your special someone.”

Jazzed Up February is reminiscent of a Mardi Gras ball conveniently located in Huntsville. It will be a night to remember, filled with glamour and a touch of New Orleans charm. Guests are encouraged to wear their finest attire—festive masquerade masks optional!—and come prepared for a truly celebratory evening.

Advance ticket purchase (HBG members \$140, non-members \$150) is required for this event, and are available at <https://hsvbg.org/calendar-event/jazzed-up-february/>. Tickets include New Orleans-themed buffet dinner, two glasses of wine per registrant, and live jazz music by the 18-piece Moondust Big Band. Additional cocktails can be purchased at the cash bar.

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About Huntsville Botanical Garden

Huntsville Botanical Garden is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that exists to connect people to plants in order to support a healthier quality of life for the region. Open year-round, the Garden contains diverse ecosystems to explore within its 118 acres. From grassy meadows to woodland paths, aquatic habitats to stunning floral

collections, the Garden invites guests of all ages to discover the beauty and wonder of the natural environment. For more information, visit hsvbg.org.