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Huntsville Botanical Garden presents richness of world cultures in one afternoon at inaugural *Cultures in Bloom* event

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — April 11, 2025 — On Sunday, May 4, 2025, from 1-4 p.m., Huntsville Botanical Garden invites guests to step into a global garden of connection and discovery at the inaugural *Cultures in Bloom* event—a joyful, family-friendly celebration of world traditions, flavors, and nature.

Set around the scenic shores of Little Smith Lake and Lake Lonnie, with entertainment at the Amphitheater, *Cultures in Bloom* brings the heartbeat of the world to the Garden through a vibrant showcase of international cultures. Guests can explore interactive cultural stations, enjoy traditional foods and drinks, and experience live music and dance from cultures around the world.

“*Cultures in Bloom* brings together the most powerful tools of connection that transcend language barriers—food, music, and plants,” said HBG Director of Communication and Guest Experience Laura McPhail. “This event is a celebration of diversity, shared humanity, and the natural beauty that binds us all.”

Guests can earn passport stamps with every new cultural encounter. Representatives from various North Alabama cultural organizations, including Hispanic, Latino, Filipino, Nepalese, Scottish, German, French, Pan-African, **and more** will be onsite to offer insights to their respective cultures. The City of Huntsville’s Office of Multicultural Affairs, Global Ties of Alabama, and the International Society of Huntsville will also be at the event.

Live Performances

Performances will take place on the Amphitheater stage throughout the afternoon, offering a lively mix of music, dance, and cultural expression:

- **1:05 p.m. – Filipino Heritage Group Dancers**
- **1:15 p.m. – Blanca Maymi**
- **1:50 p.m. – Latin Roots Folklore Dance**
- **2:00 p.m. – African Drumming**
- **2:30 p.m. – Latin Roots Folklore Dance (encore performance)**
- **2:40 p.m. – Historical European Martial Arts (HEMA)**
- **3:20 p.m. – Filipino Alabama Association Dancers**
- **3:30 p.m. – Frank Caravella**

From dynamic drumming and traditional dance to martial arts and musical performances, the Amphitheater will be alive with the energy and rhythm of cultures from around the world. *The performance schedule is subject to change; check the website for updates.*

Passport to Global Discovery

Every guest receives a themed passport based on ticket type.

- **Green Sips Passport (All Ages):** Includes 6 botanical tastings and stamps featuring floral symbols from each culture.
- **Global Sips Passport (21+):** Includes 6 botanical tastings and 6 alcoholic beverage samples—each representing a different culture.
- **Junior Explorers Passport (Ages 15 and under):** Offers hands-on activities and cultural discovery—no alcohol or botanical samples.

Green Sips and Global Sips passports include beverage samples, and all passports include Amphitheater entertainment and full Garden access. Full-sized beverages and food will be available for purchase from various food vendors.

Ticket Information

Tickets are available now at hsvbg.org/calendar.

Member Pricing:

- Green Sips Passport: \$19
- Global Sips Passport (21+): \$24
- Junior Explorers Passport: \$9

Non-Member Pricing:

- Green Sips Passport: \$32
- Global Sips Passport (21+): \$37
- Junior Explorers Passport: \$11

Day-of pricing remains the same. This event is rain or shine and tickets are non-refundable.

Vendors interested in participating must align with the cultural theme and apply via email at visitorprograms@hsvbg.org.

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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.