

# HUNTSVILLE BOTANICAL GARDEN

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Huntsville Botanical Garden's Festifall returns with vibrant experiences and natural delights**

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (August 15, 2024) – School is back in session and fall is right around the corner, which means it is time to mark your calendars and save the dates for all of the amazing events coming to Huntsville Botanical Garden in celebration of all things fall! Read about the various events and programs below, and be sure to [check the website](#) for details, ticket prices and registration.

- **Scarecrow Trail, Sept. 1 – Oct. 31, during Garden hours**
  - Featuring dozens of scarecrows provided by area businesses, organizations, and schools, your family will enjoy the elements of fun and whimsy these fairy tale-themed creations bring to the Garden. *Included with admission.*
- **Global Rhythm & Blooms, Thursdays in September, 5-7 p.m.**
  - This popular summer event series will conclude at the end of September. Take advantage of the waning light and celebrate cultures from around the world with food, drinks, and entertainment in the Cedar Glade.
- **Golden Hour, Fridays in September, 5-7 p.m.**
  - We're keeping it local on Friday nights in September with live local entertainment, food and drinks in the shade of the Cedar Glade.
- **Paint and Sip, Sept. 5, 5:30-7 p.m.**
  - Enjoy an evening of wine, light bites, and an instructor-led painting class with a Garden view from the Conservatory.
- **Fall Plant Sale, Sept. 19-21**
  - Shop at our fall fundraising plant sale and enjoy a selection of perennials, native plants, trees, shrubs, herbs, and pollinators while supporting the Garden! Check the [event calendar](#) for sale times.
- **Pooches and Pupkins, Sept. 19, 5-7 p.m.**
  - All dogs and their humans are invited to the Garden for a barking good time at the second annual Pooches and Pupkins event and parade! Meet vendors, pick up some fun swag,

meet other dog lovers, and compete for bragging rights and other fun prizes in the costume parade and contest.

- **Raptor Shows, Oct. 3, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.**
  - Don't miss this fantastic all-ages program and a chance to get up close and personal with awe-inspiring live birds of prey from the Auburn University Raptor Center. Discover their fascinating natural history and the crucial roles they play in our ecosystem.
- **A Killer 80s Homecoming: Murder Mystery Dinner, Oct. 11, 7-9 p.m.**
  - Step back in time to a high school homecoming like no other—one filled with mystery and suspense. Enjoy a delectable meal prepared by Romana J's and participate in an immersive theater experience. As the evening unfolds, you'll work with your table to uncover clues, solve puzzles, and unmask the culprit before it's too late. *Ages 21+.*
- **Little Monsters Mash, Oct. 12, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**
  - Bring your family for a day full of fun and festivities at Huntsville Botanical Garden's Little Monsters Mash! We've got a delightful lineup of activities that will entertain kids of all ages and create lasting memories for the whole family. Enjoy trick-or-treating, photo ops, live entertainment, education stations, pumpkin decorating, inflatables, games, food trucks, and a costume parade.
- **Small Steps Now, Big Blooms Later, Oct. 15, 5-6:30 p.m.**
  - Enjoy the next installation of our adult education series, Lite Bites and Garden Insights, with this presentation from HBG educator Rebecca Turk. She will talk about simple things to try in home landscapes this fall and winter that will yield large returns in the spring.
- **Festive-ALE, Oct. 18, 6-9 p.m.**
  - Raise a glass and join us for a night of craft brews and live tunes at the Garden's Festiv-ALE event! This is your chance to savor the finest local craft beers while enjoying the vibrant sounds of Huntsville's own musicians in a stunning natural setting.
- **BOOs and Beats, Oct. 25, 7-11 p.m.**
  - Who says Halloween is just for kids? Get ready for a spine-tingling night of fun at BOOs and Beats, the ultimate adults-only Halloween party at Huntsville Botanical Garden. It's a night of costumes, cocktails, and crazy beats you won't want to miss! *Ages 21+.*
- **Meow-o-ween, Oct. 28, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.**
  - Join us for a purr-fectly spooky celebration as we turn Meowy Monday into a Halloween extravaganza! Bring your feline friends and dress them up in their most boo-tiful costumes for a day of fun at the Garden. Enjoy a leisurely stroll through the garden's autumn beauty, snap photos of your costumed kitty against the vibrant fall foliage and connect with other cat lovers in the community.

Some events may require registration or an event ticket. Be sure to [check the website](#) for pertinent details, including the Garden's hours of operation, which change for available daylight hours in September and October.

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**About the Huntsville Botanical Garden**

Huntsville Botanical Garden is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that exists to connect people to plants 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](https://hsvbg.org).