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**‘Dating in the wild’ comes to Huntsville Botanical Garden at Spins & Sips: Singles Mixer & Dance**

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (August 9, 2024) – Are you single and wanting to mingle? Huntsville Botanical Garden (HBG) invites single adults to an evening of connection, fun, and dancing at the Spins & Sips: Singles Mixer & Dance. This lively event will take place in the Garden’s Isenberg Grand Hall, providing the perfect backdrop for a memorable night of mingling and movement on Aug. 30 at 7 p.m.

According to a recent report from the events platform Eventbrite, speed dating and other “dating in the wild” i.e., in person, singles events have been on the rise in recent years.

“Feeling drained by the constant swipe-and-scroll routine, Gen Zers and Millennials are craving something deeper — real, face-to-face connections that go beyond the digital realm,” the report notes.

Making those face-to-face connections is at the heart of the Spins & Sips event.

“With the recent influx of people moving into the area—especially young professionals—there is a need for easy, safe, and fun ways to meet people and make new connections,” said HBG Visitor Programs Coordinator Sharon Singletary.

The event is designed for those 21 and older, offering a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere for single adults looking to meet new people. The evening kicks off with engaging ice-breaker prompts to spark quick and interesting conversations. Guests will have the chance to connect with a variety of potential new friends—or even that special someone—in a fun and enjoyable setting.

After the initial mingling, participants can take to the dance floor, where instructors from Fred Astaire Dance Studio will lead them through some easy and enjoyable dance lessons. Whether seasoned dancers or novices, everyone is sure to get moving and grooving. Throughout the evening, guests can enjoy a

selection of delightful drinks and lite bites, provided by the Garden Café, keeping everyone refreshed as they spin, sip and connect.

“The Spins & Sips: Singles Mixer & Dance is a fantastic opportunity for adults to meet people in a fun, low-pressure environment,” said Singletary. “With our beautiful Garden as the backdrop, it’s the perfect setting for an evening of connections, dancing, and enjoyment.”

Tickets for Spins & Sips are limited, and pre-purchased tickets are required. Tickets are \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members, and can be purchased at [hsvbg.org/calendar-event/spins-and-sips-singles-mixer-dance](https://hsvbg.org/calendar-event/spins-and-sips-singles-mixer-dance). Tickets include lite bite refreshments (a cash bar will be available), interactive programming, dance lessons, and Garden admission. Guests are encouraged to wear comfortable attire for dancing. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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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).