



BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS

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Birmingham Botanical Gardens Extends Fall Plant Sale to Two Days

BIRMINGHAM, AL - Autumn is the best time to plant, so Birmingham Botanical Gardens has extended its Fall Plant Sale to two days this year. Sale hours are set for Saturday, October 17 from 9 a.m.-5p.m. and Sunday, October 18 from noon-4p.m. in Blount Plaza at The Gardens. The annual autumn event is a one-of-a-kind ritual for local gardeners, new homeowners and plant aficionados who come out to The Gardens to stock up on everything they need for their homes and gardens.

Fall Plant Sale is a family-friendly, volunteer-driven event with thousands of plants for sale, including annuals, biannuals, fall lettuces, bedding plants, camellias, daylilies, herbs, hostas, irises, natives, perennials, trees, shrubs, ferns and more. The Gardens' Horticultural Therapy program will also have mother-of-thousands and mother-in-law's tongue house plants for sale. The two-day sale is a great opportunity to socialize with members of local plant societies, offering some of the best bargains of the season. From novice to seasoned pro, shoppers can bring just about any gardening query and get them answered by some of the area's most knowledgeable plant buffs.

On that Saturday, The Gardens Café by Kathy G will be open from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and Leaf & Petal at The Gardens will be open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fall Plant Sale is a free, public event, just as Birmingham Botanical Gardens are free and open to the public 365 days a year. Proceeds from the sale benefit Birmingham Botanical Gardens' educational mission to promote public knowledge and appreciation of plants, gardens, and the environment. For more information contact Special Events Coordinator Shelly McCarty at 414.3965 or smccarty@bbgardens.org.

About Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Birmingham Botanical Gardens is Alabama's largest living museum with more than 10,000 different plants in its living collections. The Gardens' 67.5 acres contains more than 25 unique gardens, 30+ works of original outdoor sculpture and miles of serene paths. The Gardens features the largest public horticulture library in the U.S., conservatories, a wildflower garden, two rose gardens, the Southern Living garden, and Japanese Gardens with a traditionally crafted tea house. Education programs run year round and more than 10,000 school children enjoy free science-curriculum based field trips annually. The Gardens is open daily, offering free admission to more than 325,000 yearly visitors.