

2026
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ANTIQUES *at the* GARDENS

20TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW
OCTOBER 1 — 4, 2026

Enclosed is a simplified kit containing
information for the 2026 show at
the Birmingham Botanical Gardens

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM
PAST SHOWS



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Antiques at the Gardens, Birmingham's premier antiques show, benefits the mission of the nonprofit FRIENDS OF BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS.

What the Friends do ————— Protect, Nurture, and Share.

FRIENDS OF THE BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS play a vital role in supporting the Gardens' operational needs and ensuring the continued stewardship and enhancement of this beloved community treasure. As a free, public resource, the Gardens benefit greatly from Friends' leadership in conservation efforts and key improvement projects across its 67.5 acres. Through gardening expertise, monthly classes, and engaging activities, Friends also enrich and connect the community to the beauty and value of the Gardens.

HOW THEY DO IT

Educational Programming | Community Engagement | Garden Stewardship and Operational Support

WHY THEY MATTER

Educational Leadership | Environmental Stewardship | Economic Impact | Community Building

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A premier antique & design event —

JOIN the Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens for the 2026 Antiques at the Gardens show this fall! Created by a committee of 150 dedicated volunteers, Birmingham's premier antiques show includes talks by nationally and internationally acclaimed interior designers, floral designers, architects, and landscape architects.

The show also welcomes celebrated antiques dealers from across the nation offering furniture, fine art, vintage and fine jewelry, silver, rugs and textiles, home decor, and garden accessories.



The Event

GALA STATISTICS

ATTENDANCE

1,300+ Guests

OF CORPORATE AND INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS

350+



WEEKEND STATISTICS

ATTENDEES

4,000+ guests from
US, Canada, and Europe

LECTURE ATTENDEES

1,800+

MONTH OF EVENT SOCIAL ACCOUNTS

REACHED

44,742+

PROFILE VISITS

16,600+

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2026 EVENT CO-CHAIRS



MARGUERITE JOHNSON,
RACHAEL RUMMEL, JEREMY CLARK,
STEPHANIE LYNTON, JENNIFER ARD

Clockwise from top left.

2026 HONOREES



RICHARD KEITH LANGHAM
Interior Designer



BART MCCORQUODALE
CEO, McCorquodale Transfer



MARGOT SHAW
Owner, Flower Magazine

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2026 SPEAKERS



VEERE GRENNEY



DAVID NETTO



RICHARD BORIES &
JAMES SHEARRON



ROBERT RUFINO



BUNNY WILLIAMS &
ELIZABETH LAWRENCE



CHARLOTTE MOSS



AMY ASTLEY



ALEXANDER WIDENER



RUDY SAUNDERS



MAX SINSTEDEN



ANNIE MEYERS-SHYER



MISH TWORKOWSKI



MATTHEW CARTER



NATHAN TURNER



ANN MASHBURN



FRANCES SCHULTZ



ELIZABETH LOCKE



JENNIFER GRACIE

MODERATORS INCLUDE . . . MARGOT SHAW, STEELE MARCOUX, KAREN CARROLL, ANNE HARDY, *and* HUDSON MOORE

WE ARE HONORED to have had the opportunity to host a variety of incredible speakers over the past 19 years. They represent some of the fabulous talent that have shared their time and expertise to help the Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens raise funds to support the Gardens and the Friends' impactful programming.

MARTHA STEWART BOBBY MCALPINE LEWIS MILLER CELERIE KEMBLE ALEXA HAMPTON JAMES T. FARMER
MARTIN BRUDNIZKI CATHY GRAHAM CHRISTOPHER SPITZMILLER COREY DAMEN JENKINS JEFFREY BILHUBER MILES REDD SUZANNE TUCKER
KEN FULK GIL SCHAFER MARK D. SIKES

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What Antiques at the Gardens supports:

330K⁺ GARDEN VISITORS WELCOMED
ANNUALLY

67.5 ACRES OF GARDENS
5.5 ACRES ARE DEDICATED TO
NATIVE ALABAMA PLANTS

200⁺ EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
PROVIDED PER YEAR —
PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

2.5K POUNDS OF FRESH
VEGETABLES DELIVERED
TO LOCAL COMMUNITY
KITCHENS

36K PEOPLE SERVED THROUGH
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

2026 Show Schedule

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2026

Gala in the Gardens

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026

Shop the Show

Veere Grenney and Amy Astley
Red Diamond Lecture Series

David Netto *in conversation with* Richard
Bories and James Shearron
Red Diamond Lecture Series

Street Theater *A Story from The Current*
Robert Rufino *in conversation with*
Mish Tworkowski
Urban Electric Co.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026

Young Collectors Brunch and Panel
with Max Sinsteden, Alexander Widener,
and Rudy Saunders *in conversation with*
Michael Diaz-Griffith

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026 (CONT.)

Annie Meyers-Shyer, Matthew Carter, and
Nathan Turner *in conversation with*
Steele Marcoux

Ann Mashburn, Elizabeth Locke, Frances
Schultz, and Jennifer Gracie *in conversation*
with Karen Carroll

Floral Workshop *with*
Shean Strong

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

Bunny Williams and Elizabeth Lawrence
in conversation with Anne Hardy

Charlotte Moss *in conversation*
with Margot Shaw



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