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# Huntsville Botanical Garden swings into summer with 'In Full Swing' exhibit

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (June 8, 2022) – The Huntsville Botanical Garden will open on Friday "In Full Swing," an exhibit featuring over 40 swings of all shapes and sizes spread throughout the Garden. The exhibit invites guests to slow down and spend time in nature in a fun, playful way.

"With In Full Swing, we wanted to provide guests with a new way to enjoy the Garden," said Sue Wagner, chief executive officer of the Garden. "There is something very nostalgic about a swing: no matter how old you are, it feels reminiscent of a childhood summer. We wanted to capture that joyful feeling and encourage guests to slow down, play and relax in the Garden, away from the hustle and bustle of their everyday lives."

The exhibits features 10 different types of swings, including:

- Tree swings that are tucked away in the forest of the Garden's Dogwood Trail
- Bed swings that are the size of a twin bed
- Baby swings for the Garden's littlest guests
- Gallery swings painted by local artists with designs inspired by nature
- A wheelchair-accessible swing

"It was important to us to create an exhibit that incorporated swings of all kinds, for guests of all ages and interests," said Rebecca Turk, director of learning and public engagement.

In Full Swing opens on Friday, June 10, and continues through October 31. The exhibit is included with regular daytime Garden admission and is free for Garden members. For more information, visit <a href="https://hxybg.org/lnFullSwing">https://hxybg.org/lnFullSwing</a>.

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## **About the Huntsville Botanical Garden**

The Huntsville Botanical Garden 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. In addition to public admission, the Garden offers exhibits, special events and STEM education programs for youth and adults throughout the year. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the Garden is an accredited botanic garden by Botanic Gardens Conservation International and an accredited arboretum by ArbNet, as well as a member of the American Public Gardens Association, the North American Plant Collections Consortium and the American Horticultural Society. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.hsvbg.org">www.hsvbg.org</a>.