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## Galaxy of Lights opens today at Huntsville Botanical Garden

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (Nov. 11, 2022) – <u>Galaxy of Lights</u> at the Huntsville Botanical Garden opens today, Nov. 11. Now in its 27th season, the annual holiday light experience will be open until Jan. 1, 2023, with both Walking Nights and Driving Nights.

This year, guests can enjoy more Walking Nights than ever before, along with new features and innovative lighting design.

Between both Walking Nights and Driving Nights, new features at this year's Galaxy of Lights include:

- A 150-foot tunnel of lights, comprised of over 40,000 channels of light.
- Lighting effects in and around the Damson Aquatic Garden.
- A display of 96 light poles, each 10 feet tall, programmed to dance to music in the Van Valkenburgh Daylily Garden.
- Over 300 RGB floodlights that emphasize the Garden's natural features and landscape.
- More than 10 illuminated swings spread throughout the experience.
- A professional photo opportunity in the Garden.

"We have been very intentional with our design of the Galaxy experience," said Rebecca Turk, director of learning and public engagement at the Garden. "Our goal is always to create an event that is surprising to every guest, no matter if it is their first time at Galaxy or if they come every year. We want to design a holiday experience that is truly unique to the Garden and to Huntsville."

On Nov. 11, in honor of Veterans Day, veterans will be offered a small token of recognition upon arrival, and all military personnel with valid ID will receive a free cup of hot cocoa.

Galaxy of Lights Walking Nights will take place Friday, Nov. 11, through Sunday, Nov. 27, and Saturday, Dec. 17, through Sunday, Jan. 1. Driving Nights will take place Thursday, Dec. 1, through Friday, Dec. 16. All ticket prices and information can be found online at <u>hsvbg.org/galaxy</u>. All proceeds from Galaxy of Lights directly support the mission of the Huntsville Botanical Garden, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Galaxy of Lights is presented by the Damson Automotive Group.

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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 <u>www.hsvbg.org</u>.