



MEDIA ADVISORY

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LANTERNASIA EXTENDS ONE WEEK!

Wildly popular exhibition draws record crowds to Norfolk

What: Norfolk Botanical Garden (NBG) will extend LanternAsia through Mother's Day due to the overwhelming popularity of this one-of-a-kind colossal exhibition. Nearly 90,000 people have experienced this internationally-renowned lantern showcase since its opening March 5, 2016. Guests of the Garden and LanternAsia have come from all parts of the United States, as well as Canada, Australia, and the United Kingdom. This is the largest fundraising event in the Garden's 78-year history!

During this time, Garden admission is \$12 per person (free for Members) from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., daily. After 5:00 p.m., admission is \$20 per person, members \$15. Non-members purchasing a daytime ticket can stay after 5:00 p.m. by purchasing an \$8 upgrade ticket. Visit lanternasia.org for more information including children's lower ticket rates.

Due to LanternAsia's popularity, we will only accept ticket sales at our on-site Visitor Center. The Garden's annual Spring Plant Sale will take place May, 6, 7 & 8 at no additional cost.

Who: Guests should visit the NBG Facebook page before their visit for nightly traffic updates.

When: Sunday, May 1 – May 8, Mother's Day. The Garden will open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Where: Norfolk Botanical Garden, 6700 Azalea Garden Road, Norfolk, Va. 23518

About Norfolk Botanical Garden

Norfolk Botanical Garden represents an oasis of 52 themed gardens encompassing 175 beautiful acres surrounded by water. From stunning plant collections to *WOW- World of Wonders: A Children's Adventure Garden*, this diverse natural beauty can be explored by tram, boat, or walking tours. The Garden is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, recognized as a Virginia Historic Landmark, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is a Virginia Green attraction, and is managed by the Norfolk Botanical Garden Society supported by the City of Norfolk. Norfolk Botanical Garden is dedicated to enriching life by promoting the enjoyment of plants and the environment through beautiful gardens and education programs.

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