



MEDIA ADVISORY

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MAYOR FRAIM WELCOMES CHINESE ARTISANS TO THE GARDEN

What: Norfolk City Mayor Paul Fraim and Councilman Paul Riddick, representing Norfolk Botanical Garden in the Ward 4 district, will welcome more than a 30 Chinese Artisans to Norfolk Botanical Garden as they construct the much anticipated **LanternAsia – “Art by Day, Magic by Night”** exhibition. Eighteen containers arrived full of exquisite larger-than-life lanterns and construction is underway. In March and April, the Garden’s landscape will transform with more than 30 colossal works of art. Due to the massive building and production of this international exhibition, the Garden is temporarily closed. Media representatives will have an opportunity to go behind the scenes for a look at the construction and design of LanternAsia - premiering in Virginia.

Who: Mayor Fraim and Councilman Riddick will formally welcome more than 30 Chinese Artisans to the City of Norfolk and Norfolk Botanical Garden.

When: Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. with a follow up behind the scenes tour for media representatives. **** (Media interested a more detailed behind the scenes construction tour, should make a request prior to February 25, 2016)****

Where: Norfolk Botanical Garden
6700 Azalea Garden Road
Norfolk, Virginia 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.