



## **News Release**

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### **Opening Night Party to Celebrate America's National Parks *and* Seattle's Most Beloved Park!**

*Tuesday, February 16, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
Washington State Convention Center, Seattle*

The [Northwest Flower & Garden Show](#) returns to the Washington State Convention Center from February 17 to 21, and once again the Arboretum Foundation will kick off the show with its annual [Opening Night Party and Auction](#). A fundraiser for Washington Park Arboretum, Opening Night is our region's most anticipated garden party!

On February 16, guests will enjoy libations, dinner, auctions to support the Arboretum—and an exclusive opportunity to preview the beautiful display gardens at the Garden Show the evening before it opens to the public!

**America's rich park heritage:** This year's Garden Show, themed "America the Beautiful," celebrates the 100th anniversary of the National Parks Service, and party guests will delight in 20 display gardens that capture the magic of our national parks and landmarks. They'll explore everything from an orchid garden inspired by Hawaii Volcanoes National Park to the Arboretum's entry, a moss-draped dioramic homage to the [Hoh Rain Forest](#).

**The Arboretum's rich heritage of support:** The party will also celebrate the generations of families that have preserved and enhanced Seattle's most treasured park—Washington Park Arboretum—for the past 80 years. Our honorary event co-chair will be Ann Pigott Wyckoff, whose family has had deep ties to the Arboretum since the late 1930s.

**Making a difference:** The party's live and silent auctions will provide important funds for sustaining the Arboretum. Guests will bid on distinctive dining and vacation experiences, unique tours of the region's most inspiring private gardens, specialty garden items, and much more. Every guest will have the opportunity to

participate in the “Make a Difference” portion of the auction and make a dedicated gift to the Arboretum.

**Auction highlights:** Party guests will bid on such items as a week-long beach vacation at the Crane Resort in Barbados, a week’s vacation in Maui at a private home near Keawakapu Beach, and luncheon at Windcliff—the Indianola home of plant guru Dan Hinkley—combined with a tour of the famed Heronswood garden he created.

**Tickets levels and benefits:** Patron-level and Benefactor-level tickets to the party cost \$250 and \$500, respectively. All guests will enjoy a hosted wine reception, a delicious plated dinner, and complementary parking in the Convention Center garage.

**Purchasing tickets:** For reservations, please call 206-325-4510 or visit [www.arboretumfoundation.org](http://www.arboretumfoundation.org). The final day of phone and online ticket sales will be Monday, February 2, so get your tickets now!

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