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Opening Night Party to Celebrate a “Taste of Spring” and Washington Park Arboretum

*Tuesday, February 21, 5:00 to 9:30 p.m.
Washington State Convention Center, Seattle*

Seattle, WA—The [Northwest Flower & Garden Show](#) returns to the Washington State Convention Center from February 22 to 26, 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 also our region’s most anticipated garden gala!

On February 21, guests will enjoy a festive 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!

“It’s one of the best ways to enjoy the Northwest Flower & Garden Show!” writes gardening celebrity Ciscoe Morris in *The Seattle Times*.

All about edibles: This year’s Garden Show is themed “A Taste of Spring” and will celebrate kitchen gardening and outdoor dining. Six acres of Garden Show displays will explore organic growing, sustainability, and variety of culinary experiences in the home garden. This includes the [Arboretum’s display](#), which is inspired by *Hanami*—the lively Japanese custom of picnicking under the cherry blossoms and welcoming the spring season.

Make 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.

Distinguished co-chairs: This year's honorary event co-chairs are longtime Arboretum supporters Allen and Elizabeth Moses. Allen is a notable Seattle architect whose firm, the Richardson Associates, designed many landmark projects in the city, including the Convention Center venue for our event. Elizabeth is an Arboretum legend! She has volunteered with us for 60 years, was the Foundation's second woman president, and has been instrumental in fundraising efforts for the Japanese Garden at the Arboretum.

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 and RSVP deadline: For reservations, please call 206-325-4510 or visit www.arboretumfoundation.org. The final day of phone and online ticket sales will be *Tuesday, February 7*, so get your tickets now!

Event sponsors: [Northwest Flower & Garden Show](#), [Saltchuk](#), [PACCAR](#), [K&L Gates](#), [AHBL](#), [NBBJ](#), [Berger Partnership](#), [Lesa Sroufe & Company](#), [Hoshide Wanzer Architects](#), [Ohno Construction](#), [Chateau Ste Michelle](#).

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