



MEDIA ALERT

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The San Antonio Botanical Garden reopens the gates on the day of its 40th Anniversary

The Botanical Garden reopens to visitors on Sunday, May 3

WHO: The San Antonio Botanical Garden is looking forward to reopening its 38-acre of nature space to visitors, members and the San Antonio community.

WHAT: Forty years ago, on May 3, 1980, the Botanical Garden was established as a 501(c)(3) with the mission to inspire people to connect with the plant world and understand the importance of plants in our lives. The Botanical Garden celebrates this milestone anniversary with the reopening of the garden gates after a temporary closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Botanical Garden reopens for business on Sunday, May 3.

Sabina Carr, San Antonio Botanical Garden CEO, states, "The health and safety of our visitors and employees is our top priority at the Botanical Garden. As such we actively consulted with the City of San Antonio officials, the Governor's Strike Force to Open Texas, and others to make the decision to reopen. We are excited to welcome everyone back to the garden and experience the peace and tranquility this 38-acre urban oasis has to offer; we want to be part of the healing process for our community."

Advance Ticket Reservation Required: To minimize physical contact and practice social distancing, the Botanical Garden will only be accepting advance ticket reservations made online at sabot.org. No tickets will be sold onsite. Daily tickets are timed entry and are limited in order to manage 25% capacity. Garden members will be asked to reserve free visits online as to help manage capacity.

Temporary Visitor Guidelines During COVID-19: In line with the latest guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Texas Department of State Health Services, and the City of San Antonio related to COVID-19, the San Antonio Botanical Garden kindly requests the support of visitors by adhering to the following protocols to protect their health and safety.

- Consider visiting another day should you not feel well or have symptoms of COVID-19.
- Practice social distancing by staying six feet apart from others.
- Use every day preventive measures (e.g. wash hands, cover coughs, etc.)
- Cloth face coverings are strongly encouraged.

Operational changes still in effect include the limiting of interactive spaces, including in-person tours, programs, classes, events and private rental use of facilities.

WHEN: Reopen for business on Sunday, May 3, at 9 a.m.
9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday – Friday | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday - Sunday

WHERE: San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place, San Antonio, TX 78209

HOW: Reserve e-tickets online at sabot.org

PARKING: Limited free on-site parking available.

About the San Antonio Botanical Garden:

The mission of the San Antonio Botanical Garden is to inspire people to connect with the plant world and understand the importance of plants in our lives. The San Antonio Botanical Garden features 38 acres of nature spaces located deep in the heart of San Antonio. Daily admission to the San Antonio Botanical Garden is \$15 adults; \$13 students, seniors, military; \$12 children age 3-13; \$3 Museums for All (with SNAP or WIC EBT card and valid ID). San Antonio Botanical Garden is located at 555 Funston Place at North New Braunfels. Parking is free. The Botanical Garden is open year-round except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. For more information, visit sabot.org or call 210.536.1400.

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