

Large-scale art in Wall Flowers: Botanic Murals exhibit opens at U.S. Botanic Garden

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Washington, D.C. - The U.S. Botanic Garden (USBG) presents a new exhibit *Wall Flowers: Botanical Murals* from January 31 through October 15, 2018. The exhibit features large-scale murals measuring as large as 16 feet, all celebrating plants.

Plants in murals communicate the aesthetic, ecological, and historic importance of plants in the urban environment. This exhibit features large-scale art by artists who specialize in public murals that beautify our cities. Their murals depict plants using bold colors and monumental scale. The exhibit fosters creative conversation and new ways to communicate the important roles plants play in our lives.

Art featured in the exhibit, with some of the plants featured in the artwork:

- "Then I Wished That I Could Come Back As A Flower," Nekisha Durrett. 8 x 16 feet
 - cotton, Spanish moss, lotus, cedar, eucalyptus
- "The Flowers In The Alley," Kellie Cox. 5 x 10 feet
 - sunflower, buttercup, dandelion
- "Hybrid Resilience," Kate Deciccio. 12 x 8 feet
 - bald cypress, sassafras, white oak, loblolly pine, black birch, bristly sarsaparilla
- "Seven Healing Plants," Gera Lozano. 5 x 10 feet
 - aloe, butterfly milkweed, yarrow, birdsfoot violet, hibiscus, California poppy, jack-in-the-pulpit
- "Empire," Gaia. 8 x 16 feet
 - pineapple, Provence rose
- "Untitled," Hamilton Glass. 5 x 10 feet
 - cherry blossoms

Throughout the exhibit run, the USBG will offer programs, workshops, lectures, and tours related to the exhibit, including opportunities to meet the artists, view the murals, and even participate in painting a new mural. Visit <http://www.USBG.gov/WallFlowers> to learn more about the exhibit and associated programs.

The U.S. Botanic Garden is open to the public, free of charge, every day of the year from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Conservatory is located at 100 Maryland Avenue, N.E. on the east side of the U.S. Capitol. Visitors are encouraged to use Metrobus and Metrorail. More information is available at www.USBG.gov

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- **Media photo folder** (exhibit photos and images of art)

About the U.S. Botanic Garden

The United States Botanic Garden (USBG) is one of the oldest botanic gardens in North America. The Garden informs visitors about the importance and diversity of plants, as well as their aesthetic, cultural, economic, therapeutic and ecological significance. With over a million visitors annually, the USBG promotes sustainable practices. The U.S. Botanic Garden is a living plant museum accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. www.USBG.gov

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